

2. Was this investigation conducted at the request of the citizens through their city council by Mr. W. F. O'Connor, K.C., acting for the Labour Department on the question of the high cost of living?

Mr. CROTHERS:

1. Mr. Henderson represented the Ottawa Dairy Company, Ltd., as their counsel, at an investigation into the cost and price of milk, held in January, 1917, before W. F. O'Connor, K.C., as an examiner under the Order in Council No. 2777, of November 10, 1917.

2. Yes.

ASSISTANTS TO FOOD CONTROLLER.

Mr. ROSS:

1. Has H. P. McCue been appointed to act in any capacity with the food controller, or in connection with the Government?

2. If so, in what capacity? What are his qualifications for such position and what is his salary?

3. Who are Messrs. Willison, Todd & French, appointed to assist the food controller, and what are their qualifications for this work?

4. Are such appointments, if made, in harmony with the national thrift and economy advocated by the Government and the food controller?

Mr. HUGH CLARK:

1. Not with food controller.

2. Answered by answer to No. 1.

3. W. A. Willison: Active in newspaper and educational work, connected with the News Advertiser of Vancouver, B.C. for some time, connected with the Toronto Daily News for several years as staff correspondent and associate editor, an accredited correspondent of the Toronto Daily News in London, England, for two and a half years during which time he was closely associated with the Canadian troops at the front, and made a special study of the educational and publicity work in connection with the food problem in Great Britain.

S. E. Todd, B.S.A.: Practical farmer, graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, district representative of the Department of Agriculture for a number of years, farm director of the public institutions of the province of Ontario for over five years, being in charge of the farms at the twelve provincial institutions. His work included purchase of large quantities of provisions, being in special charge of the meat supply and the public institutions abattoir, and the growing, storing, canning and preserving of fruits and vegetables and otherwise provisioning a population of upwards of eight thousand.

F. W. French: Employed in the Department of the Provincial Secretary, Ontario, for a number of years, studying and in-

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stalling office systems within the department, business manager of the Hospital for Insane at Whitby through a large part of the construction period, assistant director of Industries, Ontario Reformatory, Guelph, having charge of the reorganization of the various industries and the installation of modern cost-accounting systems throughout. Resigned his position with the Ontario Government to take up like work with Robert Simpson Company, Limited, at better pay, and was temporarily released by them to take up the present work, at as nearly as may be the same remuneration to him as was paid by the Robert Simpson Company.

4. Yes.

SONORA PREVENTIVE OFFICER.

Mr. SINCLAIR:

Why was a change made in the personnel of the Preventive Office at Sonora, Guysboro County, N.S.?

Mr. REID: In the interests of the public service.

RIMOUSKI PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEER.

Mr. LANCTOT:

1. What was the cost of the heating of the office of the engineer of the Department of Public Works at Rimouski, Mr. J. C. Taché, during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1917?

2. From whom was the coal and wood bought, and at what price per ton or cord?

Mr. ROGERS:

1. The department pays Mrs. J. C. Taché \$30 per month rent for office accommodation at Rimouski which includes the heating.

2. No information in the department.

Mr. LANCTOT:

1. How many employees are there in the office of Mr. J. C. Taché, engineer, at Rimouski?

2. What are their names, occupations and salaries?

3. Upon whose recommendation has each one of the said employees been appointed?

Mr. ROGÉRS:

1. 10 employees.

2. J. C. Taché, district engineer, \$2,800; L. G. Trudeau, senior assistant engineer, \$1,500; Alex. Bailey, assistant engineer, \$1,200; Maurice Leblanc, general foreman for Bonaventure Co., \$1,200; A. Lavoie, general foreman for Rimouski, County, \$1,200; Jerome Legare, draughtsman, \$1,100; Theodore Dery, junior assistant engineer, \$900; Miss E. Caron, stenographer, \$780; J. A. Turcotte, clerk, \$900; Ernest Bois, messenger, \$240.

3. No information in departmental records.