

tain O'Hara is paid properly for the services he performs for the country, and I would like some assurance from the minister that this man, who lives in Halifax, and has to look after his family and pay rent—and rent is very high in that city—is properly paid for his services. It is impossible for him to live on \$110 a month. It is unfair that he should not be paid a better salary. He is a good man, and should be properly paid for the services he rendered his country.

Mr. MARTELL: I want to reiterate what the hon. member for Lunenburg (Mr. Duff) has said in regard to Captain O'Hara. He happens to be a personal friend of mine, though a political friend of the hon. gentleman opposite, and it is seldom that hon. gentlemen will find me advocating the claims of political opponents. He is a very excellent man. Large amounts of money are spent for the purpose of instructing people in other arts, and it is only fair that a reasonable amount of money should be expended in teaching the young Nova Scotians the art of navigation. The constituency that I have the honour to represent, in the old days of shipbuilding in the province of Nova Scotia, built the largest sailing ship ever produced in the country. I need not mention the name, and we have a great number of sea captains in my constituency whom I happen to know. Captain O'Hara is probably about my own age, and when he was a boy he began as a sailor before the mast, went through the various stages a sailor is required to go through and holds a master mariner's certificate. I believe if you were to ransack the whole Dominion of Canada you could not find a man more competent to discharge the duties of an instructor in navigation and seamanship than Captain O'Hara, and I would beseech for him a fair consideration at the hands of the minister. I suggest that in arriving at a decision the minister should take the advice of his departmental officers, and not the advice of Griffenhagen and Young.

Mr. LAPOINTE: This matter is engaging the attention of the department, having been placed before the department a few days ago. I shall certainly not forget the remarks of my hon. friend in regard to Captain O'Hara.

Mr. MEIGHEN: If the minister purposes to have his department engaged in the individual cases of men who feel that they were not treated properly by the

Civil Service Commission, there will be ample for him to do, without any of the real work of his department being done at all.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I admit that.

Mr. MEIGHEN: So the minister's purpose is to deal with the unreal and not with the real. That is modern Liberalism, as I understand it. What I desire to call attention to is this: I am surprised that the minister did not state that Griffenhagen and Young and Company are not responsible for the classification. The responsibility for the classification rests with the Civil Service Commission. That commission had a Board of Hearing, before which all the officers could appear and make any case they cared to make, as respects any of their officials or clerks. That is where the classification question was decided. Griffenhagen arranged the mechanism under which the various officers would come, and what they did in that regard went again to the Civil Service Commission. We have had evidence of this already this session. One can never expect that the classification of anyone, when it comes to be arranged by the experts of the organization, will meet with the approval of all. Nevertheless, from the mouths of the Postmaster General, and as well from two or three other ministers, has come the frank confession that very large sums of money now left out of these estimates are left out just because of the work that Griffenhagen and Arthur Young performed.

Mr. KNOX: Did I understand the minister to say that we have an examiner at the port of Nelson?

Mr. LAPOINTE: There was one, but I see that the position is vacant.

Mr. KNOX: I hope the time will soon come when we will have an opportunity of making use of him in the district in Nelson. That is on Hudson bay.

Mr. TOLMIE: How often are these examinations held, and at what points in British Columbia?

Mr. LAPOINTE: I think my hon. friend made a mistake. I was referring to Nelson, B.C.

Mr. KNOX: I did not understand that Nelson, B.C., was a seaport.

Mr. LAPOINTE: It is a lake port. I remember having left Nelson, B.C., two