

Chairman, I object to that kind of thing. I have a right, as a member of this House duly elected, to address any public meeting without having an officer of the mounted police present to note what I have to say; much more have I a right to speak without an attempt being made to trap me into saying something that might be construed to be out of harmony with what he would consider to be the right policy to be presented in this country. It is that kind of thing to which I object and to which a large number of labour men object, and I should like here to voice their objection.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I must say to my hon. friend that as Minister of Justice I never received any such report against him. I am sure if any officers of the police attended meetings addressed by him they were edified by what he said, and far from being scandalized.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I hope they were. I have always been very glad personally to see them present, and to welcome them to my meetings. I hope to make them into thoroughly good labour supporters in the future. But that does not touch the point. It is not fair to a section of this community that is just as earnest and is doing just as good service to Canada as any other section, that they should be constantly under suspicion of being disloyal and they should be under certain surveillance by the police. I do not want to go into past history, but my statements are absolutely corroborated by the revelations of the trials which took place a few years ago in Winnipeg. We have that evidence as given before the courts, and the minister will not deny, if he looks into the matter, that very full reports concerning myself are in the Department of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Mr. MURDOCK: My hon. friend will admit that there were certain gentlemen in Winnipeg in 1919 who were worth watching and who were advocating principles entirely contrary to the laws of this country and not in the best interests of the citizenship of this country.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: And I was supposed to be one of them, a matter of which I am very proud.

Item agreed to.

Miscellaneous—expenses under the Canada Temperance Act, \$5,000.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): I have communications from some ex-service men in which they refer to the question whether a royal proclamation has ever been issued in regard to

pre-war defaulters who gave service overseas, which would restore them to their full citizenship, and, among other things, permit their names to be enrolled in the list of those who will be placed on the roll about to be placed in the tower of this House of Commons. I think it is a matter between the Justice Department and the Secretary of State.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I will submit the matter to the department concerned. It does not come under the Justice Department.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): Has the matter been considered by this government, and has it been considered by other nations?

Mr. LAPOINTE: It may have been considered, but not by the Justice department. As to other countries, I could not say.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): Will the minister consider it?

Mr. LAPOINTE: I will, certainly.

Item agreed to.

Public Archives, \$85,000.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: There is an increase of \$9,500. What is the reason?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: As my hon. friend knows, a new wing is being opened, and with the enlargement of the Archives building itself a good deal additional work is being undertaken. That is my understanding of it. A number of important original manuscripts have also been purchased both in London and in Paris.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: How much of it is new work and how much for manuscripts?

Mr. COPP: It is for salaries, permanent and temporary, outside service; statutory increases, travelling expenses outside of Ottawa, purchase of manuscripts, books and pictures.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I suppose that is as definite information as we can hope to get.

Item agreed to.

To provide for Canada's contribution towards the maintenance of the Permanent Secretariat of the League of Nations, \$163,656.38.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: We had a good deal of discussion at one time in connection with this item. I remember the time when there was very fierce criticism from this side of the House as to the amount of the subscriptions that were paid by the different countries. My idea always was that we paid too much. My own view always was that in connection with the immediate resources of the country, its population and the like, we