

Mr. DURANLEAU: The matter has not yet been settled.

Mr. MALCOLM: It is time it was, I should think.

Mr. DURANLEAU: Those who occupy a room in a hotel, having their own radio, pay the usual licence fee.

Mr. MALCOLM: No; I am referring to modern hotels which have radio equipment in every room. From a central receiving station the radio program is transmitted to every room in the hotel. What is paid by the hotel for having radio sets in a thousand rooms?

Mr. DURANLEAU: I am informed that there is only one central radio set. The Royal York in Toronto, for instance, pays only one licence fee.

Mr. MALCOLM: I submit that that is the best proof in the world that there should be a tax on tubes, in which case you are paid for the service you render.

Mr. MERCIER (St. Henri): Take the case of the Ford hotel in Montreal, which has 500 rooms.

Mr. FRASER (Northumberland): Who is the supervisor in the county of Northumberland, Ontario?

Mr. DURANLEAU: I have not the information here.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Who is the supervisor in the counties of Charlevoix-Saguenay?

Mr. DURANLEAU: I have not the name of the supervisor. I know he has sold two hundred licences.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Will the minister give it the next time the estimates are before the committee?

Mr. ILSLEY: May I ask whether the order in council has been passed allowing the members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police 40 cents per licence? I understood the minister to say that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had not been paid anything but will be paid 40 cents per licence. The question occurs to me whether they are being dealt with on the same basis as the supervisors, to whom licences are sold at \$1.60 each.

Mr. DURANLEAU: The order in council was passed about a month ago. It was already stated that they would get 40 cents per licence, which should go to their pension fund.

[Mr. Malcolm.]

Mr. ILSLEY: It is being paid to them as a direct payment out of the consolidated revenue fund?

Mr. DURANLEAU: It is paid out of the licence fee, and goes to their pension fund.

Mr. ILSLEY: Which is already in your possession.

Mr. DURANLEAU: I do not understand.

Mr. ILSLEY: Let me make it clear. To the supervisors, if I understood aright the minister's explanation, the government sells licences at \$1.60 each. Forty cents per licence is kept by the supervisor, which I suppose he is obliged to divide with the vendors. Is some different arrangement made with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police? Do they remit the \$2 per licence to the government, and are they now under the order in council to be paid back 40 cents?

Mr. DURANLEAU: I am told that the system has not started yet, but I understand they will pay only \$1.60 for the licence, and they have to remit to their pension fund 40 cents.

Mr. ILSLEY: What about those they have sold—six or seven thousand, according to the figures given.

Mr. DURANLEAU: The order in council is not retroactive.

Mr. ILSLEY: They get nothing for those?

Mr. DURANLEAU: They get nothing for those.

Mr. POULIOT: Whose idea was it to allow a different percentage to different people? Was it done under the instructions of the minister, or was it discovered by some official? There is discrimination in that.

Mr. DURANLEAU: There are not many different percentages of commissions. The dealers and the banks get 15 cents, about four thousand small post offices get 15 cents and the large post offices get 5 cents or 2½ per cent. The house to house collectors receive 40 cents.

Mr. POULIOT: They are like pedlers.

Mr. DURANLEAU: I would not call these men pedlers; their duty is to ascertain who have complied with the law and who have not, and they have power to issue licences.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): What is the total number of supervisors for the entire dominion?

Mr. DURANLEAU: We had 140 supervisors.