

Supply—Secretary of State

Mr. Regnier: I should like to tell the hon. member for Port Arthur that in St. Boniface we can print in French, and across the river in Winnipeg we can print in English, Ukrainian, German and any other language you want.

Mr. Fisher: I should like to point out that if the minister is interested in seeing printing done in St. Boniface, some arrangement might be made with the queen's printer by the Secretary of State. Obviously from these figures not much printing is getting far away from Ontario and Quebec.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall vote 321 carry?

Mr. Bourque: I think that what the hon. gentleman who spoke previously has said is entirely wrong. When I was in the printing trade—I retired in 1952—in the establishment I was with, and it was a French establishment, more than 75 per cent of our staff was English. I know of other places, English establishments, that have French staff. For instance, I am thinking of the *Gazette* in Montreal, one of the very best printing plants in Canada or on the American continent. I might say that I am sure their staff must be about 50 per cent to 60 per cent French in the printing department.

Item agreed to.

326. Printing and binding the annual statutes, \$35,000.

Mr. Fisher: I want to ask some questions in connection with the annual statutes. In addition to the full depository privileges accorded to libraries, would they receive these statutes automatically?

Mr. Courtemanche: Distribution of the statutes is made only by order in council after a list has been established.

Mr. Fisher: In other words, a library that is one of the approximately 400 that have full selection privileges or full depository privileges does not have the right to the annual statutes. Is that correct?

Mr. Courtemanche: Not as such, but if it is on the list established by decision of the cabinet, it is allowed to obtain a copy of the statutes.

Mr. Fisher: What list is this?

Mr. Courtemanche: I am told that the officials are ready to send the hon. member a copy of the order in council. The situation is as follows. Free distribution of the revised and annual statutes of Canada is regulated by the Publication of Statutes Act, chapter 230, R.S.C. 1952. Regulations governing the free distribution to authorized categories are

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contained in order in council P.C. 1953-609, dated April 27, 1953, as amended by P.C. 1953-1661, dated October 28, 1953, which also provides that the recipients may automatically receive a similar number of semi-monthly editions of the *Canada Gazette*, part II, printed in the same language.

Mr. Fisher: My point in connection with this matter is that the revised statutes plus the annual statutes to bring them up to date cost a considerable amount of money. There are a number of libraries—for example, I know of one that has been fairly recently established—that have selection and depository privileges now, but for such retroactive purchases they are up against quite a bill. I want to know the difficulties that will be in the way of such an institution acquiring these back files gratis in the way they acquire current publications.

Mr. Courtemanche: That would have to be done by decision of the treasury board in every case.

Mr. Fisher: On each individual case?

Mr. Courtemanche: Yes.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall vote 326 carry?

Mr. Pickersgill: I probably should have asked this question on vote 624, but perhaps the minister would not object to my asking it now. I should like to know what revenue has been received from the sale of publications in the most recent period.

Mr. Courtemanche: Last year the amount was \$853,171.95 less \$93,462.02, which was for advertising.

Item agreed to.

LEGISLATION

The Speaker of the Senate—

181. Allowance in lieu of residence, \$3,000.

The Deputy Chairman: This item may be found at page 37 of the blue book, with the details at page 266.

Mr. Chevrier: I do not know whether I am in order at this stage, but I think before I proceed I should say that it is a pleasure to have the Speaker of the house in a position where we can perhaps speak to him with more authority than we can when he is in the chair. I am sure none of us would wish to do other than treat him with the same equity that he metes out to us when he is in the chair, and my understanding is that as a rule the estimates of the Speaker do not take a long time to consider. But there are a number of points I should like to raise, if I may.