

Mr. BENNETT: Those are the words I used. Are they right or wrong?

Mr. DUNNING: They are not complete.

Mr. BENNETT: But they are part of the question.

Mr. DUNNING: They do not convey the facts at all.

Mr. ROWE (Dufferin-Simcoe): Who is reading them?

Mr. BENNETT: I admit that the minister of defence is a past master on that side of it. Now let us read the whole question.

Mr. DUNNING: That is better.

Mr. BENNETT:

1. Is there a Mr. Robinson employed as a carpenter at the signal corps, Barriefield, under the Department of National Defence?

2. If so, what days and hours has he worked?

3. What total remuneration has he drawn?

4. On whose recommendation was he employed?

Answers:

2. During the year 1935—67 days.

During the year 1936—36 days.

During the year 1937—11 days.

During the year 1938—7 days (as at March 25).

3. \$718.55.

4. Mr. A. E. Stansbury.

In reply to the next question, it appeared that Roy Graham is an employee of the signal corps, Barriefield. Question 4:

On whose recommendation was he employed?

Answer:

Mr. A. E. Stansbury.

The next question refers to an appointment recommended by the Ontario employment agency, and is with respect to William Fowler. The first question is:

Is William Fowler an employee of the signal corps, Barriefield, and if so, when was he appointed and on whose recommendation?

Answer: "Yes; appointed October—"

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, my right hon. friend, probably unintentionally, misread the question.

Mr. BENNETT: In what respect?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): He is "an employee at"; the right hon. gentleman said "of".

Mr. BENNETT:

Is William Fowler an employee at the signal corps, Barriefield, and, if so, when was he appointed and on whose recommendation?

[Mr. Dunning.]

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): That is correct now.

Mr. DUNNING: A difference of one word makes a lot of difference.

Mr. BENNETT: Answer:

Yes; appointed October 1, 1937; recommended by Mr. A. E. Stansbury.

2. If the present appointment was by the civil service commission, was he previously appointed by the department, and on whose recommendation?

Answer:

Yes; recommended by Ontario Employment Agency, 409 Bagot street, Kingston, Ont.

The next question has to do with the location of the electoral district in which the signal corps is located. When you turn the page you will find a similar question with respect of John Doyle, an employee of the signal corps, Barriefield.

4. On whose recommendation was he employed?

Answer:

Mr. A. E. Stansbury.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Once again my right hon. friend used the word "of." It should be "at."

Mr. BENNETT: Where?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Before "signal corps."

Mr. DUNNING: He said "of the signal corps" again. He is not an employee of the signal corps. He is employed at the signal corps.

An hon. MEMBER: The right hon. gentleman is an expert at that.

An hon. MEMBER: Withdraw.

Mr. BENNETT: "Is John Doyle an employee of the signal corps, Barriefield, under the Department of National Defence, or has he been an employee?"

Mr. DUNNING: "At" the signal corps.

Mr. BENNETT: The answer is:

During the year 1935—76 days.

During the year 1936—44 days.

During the year 1937—nil.

During the year 1938—10 days (as at 25th March).

And then the fourth question is:

On whose recommendation was he employed?

And the answer is "Mr. A. E. Stansbury."

Harold Johnston is the next employee referred to, and the answer to question No. 6, on whose recommendation he was appointed, is "Mr. A. E. Stansbury." The question was with respect to Harold Johnston, "an employee