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Mr. Knowles: About one-third of them thus far.

Mr. Abbott: No.

Mr. Knowles: This is an example of a brand new item.

Mr. Abbott: This is a new item because there was not a sufficient amount in the general vote of the Department of Justice to provide for these expenses; but the appointment of some of them to do this job requires no legislative authority.

Mr. Brooks: It is not a new committee?

Mr. Abbott: It is a new committee, yes.

Mr. Knowles: I have no objection.

Mr. Abbott: It was announced in the house.

Mr. Knowles: I just thought the minister should not argue against the debate that has taken place on several of these items.

Mr. Abbott: I would not have argued if my hon. friend had wanted to ask these questions. I repeat what I said at the outset, that most of the items here involve no new policy at all, and that is the case with this one.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940—

573. Administration—further amount required, \$571,625.

Mr. Knowles: What is the reason for this additional amount for the administration of the Unemployment Insurance Act?

Mr. Abbott: It is entirely an increase in salary costs.

Mr. Knowles: Is none of it involved in research on the possibility of increasing the rates of benefits paid under unemployment insurance?

Mr. Abbott: Not at all; all of it is a result of increases in salaries which parliament has authorized.

Mr. Noseworthy: Has the minister any figures to show what salaries are paid to the branch managers?

Mr. Abbott: I am afraid I have not here; I have only the totals.

Mr. Noseworthy: We shall be able to get that later?

Mr. Abbott: I have only the totals.

Mr. Brooks: I would like to ask the minister if there have been any increases in the staffs of the unemployment offices across the country.

[Mr. Abbott.]

Mr. Abbott: I understand there have been but I have not the details.

Mr. Brooks: This would be to pay for that, I presume?

Mr. Abbott: Yes.

LEGISLATION

579. General administration—estimates of the Clerk—further amount required, \$213,500.

Mr. Adamson: Can the minister explain the reason for this somewhat extensive increase amounting to nearly \$250,000?

Mr. Abbott: The additional expenditures are \$200,000 for the publishing of debates. It may be that debates are somewhat more extended than they used to be. Office stationery, supplies and equipment amount to \$13,500 making this total of \$213,500.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS

Dominion coal board—

582. Payments in connection with the movements of coal under conditions prescribed by the governor in council—further amount required, \$2,370,700.

Mr. Brooks: I would like to ask the minister whether this covers subventions and if he would give us a breakdown of the figures?

Mr. Abbott: Yes. The main estimates contain an item of \$6,078,300, and the main supplementary estimates an item of \$2,220,000 plus this item of \$2,370,700. The total of \$10,669,000 is broken down by provinces and I have the breakdown here. Nova Scotia, all rail, amounts to \$541,000; transshipped \$625,000—

Mr. Brooks: By that you mean subventions paid?

Mr. Abbott: Yes. That is the amount to be paid out of the treasury in connection with the movement of maritime coal. Water-borne costs amount to \$4,596,000; water-borne audit adjustment \$260,000; railway use \$1,555,000; New Brunswick all rail \$5,500; Saskatchewan all rail \$185,000; under Alberta: Ontario west \$42,000—that is the destination of the coal, of course—Ontario east \$373,000; railway use \$2,475,000; British Columbia, ships bunkers \$1,500 and export \$10,000; making a total of \$10,669,000, an increase over estimates already authorized of \$2,370,700.

Mr. Brooks: As I understand it New Brunswick gets \$5,500 out of approximately \$10 million?

Mr. Abbott: Yes.

Item agreed to.