

mately \$140,000; that is, including the whole thing. I have not the figures by me, but I think that what I have given is near the mark.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The minister is under the impression that it amounts to \$140,000?

Mr. ROWELL: Yes, covering both the re-classification and the re-organization of the Printing Bureau. That is my present impression.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think there were a number of experts retained by the Government in connection with the re-classification. Can the minister tell us what was paid to these men?

Mr. ROWELL: I have just given the figure. The full information has been given to Parliament already in answer to questions by some hon. members.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: A question was asked as to the personnel of this organization and where the experts came from, but I am not sure that the question I have just asked has been answered, and I should like to obtain the information.

Mr. ROWELL: That question was answered too. It was answered this session and at the previous session. The firm who were employed were Arthur Young & Company, whose headquarters are at Chicago.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The firm sent their men here. Who were the persons that came to Ottawa?

Mr. ROWELL: Mr. Myers was the man in general charge here throughout the period of re-organization, and Mr. Griffenhagen was the superior officer who came here and assisted from time to time in connection with the work. Under Mr. Myers there were, of course, the necessary associates to assist in carrying on the work.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Does the minister know what Mr. Myers' first name is?

Mr. ROWELL: No; I cannot recall it at the moment.

9 p.m. The CHAIRMAN: Shall the clause carry?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Not yet, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: The unanimous consent of the committee must be obtained if we are to enter upon a discussion which would be strictly relevant upon the Estimates but which is certainly irrelevant to

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the clause under consideration. The question as to who prepared the classification and what was paid for the work has undoubtedly no bearing on the clause now before the committee. The purpose of the clause is to make the salaries of civil servants retroactive.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I shall not press the question now, but I may intimate to the minister that we shall expect the information which is now sought when we come to consider the Estimates.

Mr. ROWELL: I shall be glad to give that information then. Had I expected that the question would be raised now I would have been prepared to answer it in detail.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Guysborough): I do not like the construction of subsection (3) which says that any moneys required to be paid for the purpose of carrying out the provisions "of the next preceding subsection" shall be payable out of any moneys appropriated by Parliament for the purpose. I do not think this subsection is necessary because we already have a section in the original Act providing for the payment of these employees. Section 24 says that temporary employees shall only be paid out of the moneys specially provided by Parliament for the purpose. That gives Parliament considerably more control than it would have under this subsection, and it is quite sufficient to cover all cases. I quite understand that the minister is providing for a certain class of people appointed within certain dates, and I am raising no question so far as that is concerned; but in regard to temporary employees in general, I think that section 24 of the Act is sufficient. We should not substitute for it a section which means pretty nearly the same thing but which is indefinite and does not give Parliament the same control as section 24.

Mr. ROWELL: My hon. friend refers to section 24. He will see that the section with which we are now dealing covers more than temporary employees; it deals with all employees in the public service, and the effect of the section is to make the classification apply from the year 1919 so as to give all employees in the public service the benefit of any increases in salary which the classification provides. The commission, after considering the matter, deemed it desirable to include a clause such as this. By reason of the amendment this subsection will have to be amended to read "Under the provisions of this section", instead of "under the provisions of the next preceding