

*By Mr. Laurin:*

Q. How many employees are affected?—A. Probably between three and four hundred, Mr. Laurin.

*By Mr. Chevrier:*

Q. For instance, those in the Soldiers Settlement Board.—A. Some of those would be included, Mr. Chevrier, and Public Works.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. In pursuance of Mr. Chevrier's question, what classes would these come in, would you outline those to the committee, and the department?—A. In the Department of National Defence, for example, there are a considerable number of such employees. The employees in question are principally caretakers of armouries, engineers, and storekeepers.

*By Mr. Chevrier:*

Q. And they have been there for a number of years.—A. Yes, in some instances for many years.

Q. And most of them are returned men.—A. A great many would be.

Q. Take, for instance, the historical section of National Defence.—A. I have a note here, Mr. Chevrier, of some clerical employees; they may be in that section.

Q. I am afraid they are not, and they have been at that work for a long time.—A. I might say that this is not a complete list of every employee. It is simply a compilation, with general information for the committee, and if the committee thought it would be desirable to have a complete list I will endeavour to secure it.

Mr. CHEVRIER: I think it would be very desirable.

The CHAIRMAN: If you make us up a complete list, Mr. Bland, and hand it in to the clerk it will be very much appreciated.

The WITNESS: Then in the Department of Marine there are a number of employees outside Ottawa who are mainly concerned with other works, of construction or repair, such as mechanical draughtsmen, repair men, construction foremen and that type of employee who have been in the service of the Department of Marine for, I should judge, anywhere from fifteen to twenty-five years.

*By Mr. Pouliot:*

Q. Are they seasonal employees?—A. No, sir, most of them are employed all year round. In the Department of Public Works there are a large number of such employees, chiefly in the classes of caretaker, cleaner, elevator operator, and stationery engineer. In the Department of Railways and Canals practically all the employees concerned are those on the staffs of the various canals.

Q. Temporary?—A. Well, for twenty years.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. The staffs on the canals?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. They would be like the regular employees?—A. Employees such as bridge men, dam-keepers, ferrymen, etc.

*By Mr. Chevrier:*

Q. Most of them have had much more than ten years of service?—A. Most of them were there prior to 1919. Then in the Department of Trade and Commerce there are a number of employees on the staff of the Board of Grain Commissioners who are in the same category. As I say, this is not a complete list because I have not circularized the departments.