

had a talk about some vacancy in the county of Annapolis, or perhaps in the town of Annapolis. I forget exactly what it was, but the appointment was not made permanent at that time. Somebody was acting temporarily, and there was some talk as to whether a returned soldier would be appointed if a returned soldier were found in Annapolis county. I have since then received a letter from a gentleman in the county of Annapolis—I am sorry that the hon. member for Annapolis (Mr. Davidson) is not here—stating that there were at least two returned soldiers in the county of Annapolis, well educated men, either of whom would be eligible and qualified to fill the office that is now temporarily filled. I would suggest to the minister that he might inquire from the hon. member for Annapolis, or from some private source, if there is a returned soldier in the county who would be a suitable man to fill the office.

Mr. REID: I will have that information at the same time.

Mr. BUREAU: Will this vote be applied to new appointments?

Mr. REID: Appointments will be made out of the general vote and this vote too. It is all added together.

Mr. BUREAU: Is this to be used for increases, or to pay the salaries of new employees?

Mr. REID: We are going to use it for increases.

Mr. BUREAU: The pay for overtime of officials is included in the ordinary estimates?

Mr. REID: Yes.

Mr. BUREAU: The minister said that three thousand civil servants received less than \$1,000 a year. What provision in the Civil Service Act does he desire to overcome by inserting the words "notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act?"

Mr. REID: You cannot pay a man more than a certain salary under the Civil Service Act.

Mr. MARCILE: The minister promised last winter to rectify an injustice done to Mr. Hamel, of Montreal.

Mr. REID: I think that since the discussion in the House I gave an increase to this gentleman. If I did not I will this time.

Mr. BUREAU: How many of the civil servants who are to receive increases out of

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this vote have reached the maximum of their class?

Mr. REID: I could not say offhand.

Mr. BUREAU: Will the overtime received by officials be reckoned as salary in deciding on the apportionment of the \$300,000?

Mr. REID: You have to take each case into consideration and do what you think is fair and right to those in each port. If in a port one man receives \$900 per annum and no overtime and another receives \$900 per annum and \$350 overtime, or \$1,250 altogether, if I had only a limited amount to divide, I would increase the man with the \$900 and try to help him out in these strenuous times.

Mr. SINCLAIR: A very obliging preventive officer, Mr. McCutcheon, was dismissed at a small port on the coast of my constituency, Sonora, and a friend of the minister's party was appointed in his place. I asked why the change was made and the minister replied that it was done in the public interest. I was not satisfied with this reply, because it was not done in the public interest but in the interest of the Conservative party in that district, which is a different thing altogether from the public interest. It would be more frank and honest for the minister to tell the exact truth and say that the man was dismissed in order to give a position to a friend of the party supporting my hon. friend.

Mr. REID: I think a return was asked for in that case. I shall bring it down. I do not see that I could have given any other answer than that it was done in the public interest, because it must have been in the public interest or it would not have been done.

Mr. CHISHOLM: Would the minister bring down the names of any preventive officers in Inverness county? I ask this because there was a preventive officer there until 1911. The position was then promised to six or seven men. None of those men knows whether the other fellow is appointed or not, and I cannot tell them. I should like to be able to settle the minds of these men on this point.

Mr. REID: I promised a minute ago that I would bring down a list of all the customs officials on the Outside Service. I will have the names of those in the province of Nova Scotia, and will be able to give the information when the item is before us again.