

*By Mr. Currie:*

Q. May we find out from you just how many employees are in the department, and how they are divided? You will have a memorandum of that. Let us get at the various sections.—A. The inside service is 1,028, the outside service is 9,500, and the rural postmasters 11,500.

Q. You have nothing to do with the rural mail carriers?—A. We do not consider them a part of the department; they are contractors.

Q. Now how are these divided? We are not bothering with the Ottawa service at all. The outside technical man is referred to in the Bill. Have you any technical men in your department to whom this Bill would apply—that is in the inside service at Ottawa?—A. We do not have many technical men, no.

Q. Professional or technical men?—A. No, we do not have them. We have none of them in our department.

Q. Except those that you make yourselves?—A. Yes, those we make ourselves in connection with our own work.

Q. You will notice in the Bill where it refers to postmasters whose remuneration consists in whole or in part of the percentage of receipts of the office. Do you think that they should come under the old system?—A. I think it would be better under the old system.

*By Hon. Mr. Calder:*

Q. What class is covered by that definition? Members discussing it in the House did not know what it meant.—A. It refers to rural postmasters paid out of revenue, not by Government contract.

Q. And that covers rural postmasters only?—A. Rural postmasters only.

Q. It would not cover village postmasters?—A. No, they are paid by the Government.

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Q. Is it not a fact that in most of the small towns they are all on a percentage or part percentage and part salary basis?—A. They are not on a salary basis at all. They are paid by the Government. They are all paid from revenue, or on a revenue basis.

Q. Take Barrie, for instance.—A. That is a revenue office.

Q. Do you mean to say that he gets paid a salary?—A. A salary out of revenue, a commission on the revenue.

Q. But he is on a salary basis. He does not take the whole revenue or a percentage?—A. He takes a percentage of the revenue.

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Q. Would he be classed as a rural postmaster?—A. Yes.

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Q. Take Orillia?—A. Yes, it is the same.

Q. I thought that Orillia was on a salary?—A. No, it is not.

Q. What about Collingwood?—A. Collingwood is on a Civil Service basis now.

Q. What about Stratford?—A. Stratford is on a revenue basis as yet.

Q. Still on a revenue basis?—A. Yes.

Q. You think then that according to this all those postmasters in towns and cities who are on a revenue basis should remain as they were before as far as that is concerned?—A. Yes, there is a certain class of office where the list of employees was rather large. We made them semi-staff officials, and that led to trouble, and applications being made for semi-staff offices when they were not entitled to them, and when Judge Doherty was acting minister two or three years ago he took them all over and made them Civil Service offices, so that these large town offices are more