

Hon. Mr. PICKERSGILL: The staff in the departmental administration has gone up largely because of this transfer. That is the biggest single item, and I think that as to the special details of this item the deputy minister could answer.

Mr. STUART (*Charlotte*): Would the increase in cost of the staff have anything to do with the five-day week?

Hon. Mr. PICKERSGILL: Not in the departmental administration. We perhaps, work harder.

Mr. FORTIER: The administration staff in 1954 did not have the statistics division. This division of the immigration branch has now been transferred to the departmental administration. Also there is the fact that trainees or junior trainees are taken on from year to year in order to prepare them to take positions on the staff of the department, and they are assigned to the personnel division. They come under departmental administration, and also there is the fact that we are now training officers in the personnel division, in order to have somebody qualified all around Canada, in order to decentralize—if I may use that word—the work in the field, instead of doing it all at headquarters.

Mr. THATCHER: According to the figures I have, in 1949, this branch had 14 people, and in 1950 it had 21.

Hon. Mr. PICKERSGILL: In 1949, Mr. Thatcher, the department did not exist.

Mr. THATCHER: Well, they called it the same thing in the estimates; the Department of Immigration; surely it existed.

Hon. Mr. PICKERSGILL: The department only came into existence on the 18th of January, 1950.

Mr. THATCHER: Very well; 1949-50; you are correct. But in the year 1949-50 you had 14 employees, while the next year, 1950-51, you had 21; and in 1951-52 it jumped to 62; and then in 1952-53 it jumped to 67; then in 1953-54 it jumped to 81, and now it is 134. This is the first department we have examined, but it seems very strange to me why departmental administration at a time when immigration had not been increasing very much, should be going up in such a sharp manner.

Hon. Mr. PICKERSGILL: Mr. Chairman, I do not think you would expect me to explain the rise from 1950—and I doubt if it is the function of the committee. I understand Mr. Thatcher using his illustration, and it is quite a proper one for him to use; but I do not think it would be possible for me to give an answer, because I have only been minister since the 1st of July. I understand that it went up between 1949 and 1954. But I am only able to explain the difference between 1954-1955 and 1955-1956.

In the personnel division there are 19 additional personnel as compared with last year; how many would be new?

Mr. FORTIER: About six would be new?

Hon. Mr. PICKERSGILL: About 6 of them would be new and some others would be transfers to personnel; and the technical services, as shown, have increased by 20; that is a transfer, and there is a corresponding decrease in the Immigration branch. That is purely a statistical agency. You have to take the 20 off the 134 and the difference makes it 114, and then you take the other 10 off and that makes it 104, as compared with 92. I seem to require a larger staff than my predecessor and my office has been increased by one over my predecessor's; and the deputy minister's office is increased by one, and I think that increase is largely attributable to the fact that I asked the deputy minister to provide someone to assist me in the departmental work and in dealing with correspondence which I receive, mainly about immigrants and Indian Affairs matters.