

House of Commons. No visitors are escorted through the buildings by the Senate constables; practically all of those who come to see these buildings are escorted by the House of Commons staff. The entrances policed in the Senate are one and in the House of Commons four. There are other points which might readily be brought in as well. My experience with the constabulary of the Senate and those connected with it leads me to pay them a compliment and a tribute.

Mr. RALSTON: How did you get over there?

Mr. GRAYDON: I saw my hon. friend inspecting the precincts of the Senate; I followed him, and in the course of my travels picked up a little information for myself. I do not want anything I have said to be taken as a reflection upon those who work in the other place; I think that would be unfair and quite unjustifiable, because I have found them as I found our own staff, not only courteous but rendering an excellent service in their own way, and I am quite sure that those connected with the constabulary in the other place would be the first to desire to see equality on our side of the building. That is the reason that prompts me to rise. As I understand it, the scale of pay for constables in the protective service of the House of Commons is on a lower standard than that of the Senate. Having that in mind, I should like an explanation from His Honour as to the inequalities that exist, and a statement on the whole situation. So far as the staffs in both parts of the building are concerned I think there should be some approach to equality as far as monetary returns are concerned. So that I am pointing out what would seem to be obvious difficulties which have arisen. On an occasion such as this I should have liked the opportunity to go into the matter a little further and give some additional information, but I believe the circumstances at the moment are such that perhaps this will do for this session, in the hope that it may be something of a tonic to His Honour and perhaps increase his appetite for doing something more to bring about equality for the benefit of those on our side of the building.

Mr. SPEAKER: Perhaps first I should deal with the remarks of the leader of the opposition in regard to uniforms. For the last three months we have been endeavouring to obtain summer uniforms for the members of the protective staff. I have had a great deal of sympathy for them during these hot days, when I have been wearing my gown and vest

[Mr. Graydon.]

and have seen them in somewhat similar circumstances. The difficulty in the first instance was to get the cloth. Priority had to be obtained; and although the cloth was ordered we found we could not get it. Finally we were able to get the cloth and then the difficulty was to find tailors to make up the uniforms. After having got in contact with three different tailors, who promised to make the suits, we found that they could not do so, and ultimately we had to place the order in the hands of one tailor. I can tell the leader of the opposition that I have inquired constantly when the uniforms would be ready, and the chief of the protective staff tells me he has been telephoning every day in order that the men may be properly clad for this warm weather.

With regard to the staff of the Senate and the House of Commons, my information is a little different from that of the leader of the opposition. In the Senate there are four senior constables who receive from \$1,740 to \$1,920 per annum. In addition, there are two other constables, one a full-time temporary who receives \$5 a day and one borrowed from the messenger service as a war-time measure who receives \$4.50 a day during the session and \$4 a day during the recess. On the protective staff of the House of Commons there is an assistant chief at \$2,040 per annum; four sergeants, who would correspond to the senior constables in the Senate and who are paid at the same rate; in addition, ten permanent constables who receive from \$1,500 to \$1,680 per annum, and, in addition, fourteen men employed continuously at rates of \$4 and \$4.50 a day. There is also one temporary who was taken on for the session at the rate of \$4 a day. In the Senate six men are employed doing protective work; in the House of Commons twenty-six are employed in the same work and receiving approximately the same rates of pay.

What the leader of the opposition stated in regard to the duties of the protective staff of the House of Commons as compared with the protective staff of the Senate is perfectly true. There are onerous obligations upon the members of the protective staff of this house. But the leader of the opposition will realize that of himself the Speaker of the House of Commons cannot apply the remedy, or he would have done so long ago. However, I am glad indeed to note the statement made by the leader of the opposition and I will convey it to the civil service commission together with my request that a survey be made in regard to the officials of the House of Commons and of the Senate, in order that we may remedy whatever there may be in the way of injustice to some of our staff. It is