

ment are observed. Also inspectors are sometimes changed from one district to another, although normally inspectors are kept within a particular district in order that they may become familiar with the work in that district.

Mr. TUSTIN: Do I understand then that the inspector visits each project every day?

Mr. ROGERS: No, I would not want to leave that impression. That might be physically impossible. It depends on the size of the district.

Mr. MCGREGOR: I happen to know something about this. On most jobs there is a local inspector who is under a chief inspector, to whom he reports. If everything is going all right the general inspector is not on the job very often, but if there is anything wrong and the rules are not being lived up to the inspector will be there next day. I can safely say they have been checking up fairly well.

Mr. NEILL: The department had a gentleman named Ells, I think, an engineer, as inspector in British Columbia last year?

Mr. ROGERS: I think he is under the Department of Mines.

Mr. NEILL: He had charge of a lot of this work, I understand.

Mr. ROGERS: Just the mining roads.

Mr. NEILL: I had some knowledge of his work, and I want to say that he did excellent work.

Mr. ROGERS: I am very glad to know that.

Mr. BARBER: Who was the inspector in British Columbia?

Mr. ROGERS: Mr. A. E. Munn was the dominion representative, appointed July 1, 1936.

Mr. MALLETTE: When the representatives of the government of Quebec come to the minister with a list of recommendations for works to be executed in that province to alleviate unemployment, I ask that particular attention be given to the construction of a new road on the western part of the island of Montreal. The construction of such a road has been discussed, to my knowledge, for the last thirty-five years. It is very much needed. Last year the bulk of the works executed on the island of Montreal were in the city of Montreal—quite properly—and a good deal was done on the eastern section, quite properly also. But this year I think it is the turn of the western section. The road along lake St. Louis, which connects Montreal with southern and western Ontario, is the same as our forefathers used two hundred and fifty years

ago. It is very fine from a scenic point of view but from a practical point of view it is dangerous, being winding and narrow, in some places not wider than thirty feet. I think that when these gentlemen from Quebec visit the minister very special attention should be given to the question of a new road there. Another reason we should like to have the road is that increase in the facilities of travel gives us a better chance to visit Ontario, and Ontario people to travel in Quebec, and thus to understand one another better; and God knows there is need of the two provinces understanding each other better. A good road would help that.

Mr. MASSEY: Approximately how many inspectors are maintained by the department?

Mr. ROGERS: At the peak of the work the number of inspectors of the Department of Labour for the entire dominion would run from thirty-five to forty.

Mr. MASSEY: How are these men selected?

Mr. ROGERS: They are selected directly on the recommendation of the minister. We try to get men who have had experience either in engineering or in some branch of contracting so that they will not find themselves in a wholly unfamiliar atmosphere in carrying out their duties. No other qualifications are required except a natural desire that those who do the work can be depended upon to send us reliable reports.

Mr. MASSEY: And harmonious cooperation with the point of view of the present government?

Mr. ROGERS: The purpose of these inspectors is to see that the work is carried out properly and according to the terms of the agreement, and more particularly to see that the clauses which have to do with wages, hours and transfer from relief rolls to the pay rolls of the contractors are observed.

Mr. MASSEY: A defeated Liberal candidate would be a good inspector, no doubt?

Mr. ROGERS: I would not say he could not be a good inspector.

Mr. MALLETTE: There are not many defeated Liberal candidates available.

Item agreed to.

To provide for agricultural reestablishment in cooperation with provincial governments, \$52,500.

Mr. DOUGLAS: Will the minister explain the nature of the expenditure under this item?

Mr. ROGERS: This is an amount to cover commitments under a number of special agree-