

and where any mistake has been made we will correct it. If the hon. gentleman would like further information I have no objection to allowing the item to stand. I think that on the whole the way in which the amount has been divided up has been pretty satisfactory.

Mr. McKENZIE: If the minister is going to allow the item to stand, perhaps I might state the information I want. I would like the names of all officers either directly or indirectly connected with the customs house staff in Sydney, the salary that each is receiving now and the increase that he will receive. I want the same kind of information with respect to North Sydney, Sydney Mines, Baddeck, Glace Bay and Louisburg, so that I may be enabled to see if they have all been treated fairly.

Mr. KYTE: Are these increases to be shared in by all officials of the department in the Outside Service in all the provinces?

Mr. REID: I do not think that I could say that every officer will get an increase. There are many places where men are getting pretty fair salaries.

Mr. KYTE: Will it be shared in by those who are getting salaries under \$1,000?

Mr. REID: I think it would practically cover all of these men. In every province increases are granted. But there are men with salaries of, say, \$850 or \$900 and making \$300 or \$400 of overtime, while others in smaller towns have salaries of \$800 or \$900 with no overtime. Three hundred thousand dollars will not allow of a very large increase to any person and there may be some cases where an increase cannot be granted to men who are getting \$1,200 or \$1,300. But I am willing to go into the case of any locality with any member of this House and show him what the commissioner and his staff have recommended with regard to the officials there. If there is any one who has not been treated fairly, or if I cannot explain any case to the member satisfactorily, I will be willing to revise the recommendation made to me by the commissioner and the staff. I do not think that there has been any case in which I have interfered with the recommendations made to me with regard to increases.

Mr. McKENZIE: I can readily understand that the minister would not have the time or the knowledge to go into details about every officer of his department. I should be wasting time in asking

him to give information now about any stated office. But if he will give me the information I am asking for I will be able to judge for myself as to how he has dealt with persons within my own knowledge.

Mr. REID: I will get the information.

Mr. KYTE: I naturally had in my mind more particularly the officials in the counties of Richmond and South Cape Breton. My hon. friend from North Cape Breton (Mr. McKenzie) has asked for information with regard to South Cape Breton and that will suffice. But with regard to the county of Richmond, there are not many officers, but there is the collector at Arichat and the collector at St. Peter's. The collector at Arichat has a salary of \$800, and I do not think he gets any overtime. The collector at St. Peter's has a trifling salary of \$500. He has to maintain a house and devote all his time to the duties of his office. I certainly think that his case is one which should be taken into consideration in the increase of salaries. The number of officials in Richmond is very small, and I think I am not asking too much when I request the minister, when his Estimates are again before the committee, to have a list of the salaries of these officers and the increases he proposes.

Mr. REID: I think we might let the item stand, and the next time we go into Committee of Supply I will have a list of all the officers, with the salaries they are getting at the present time, and a statement showing how it is proposed to divide up this amount, so that every hon. member may know what is to be done in his constituency.

Mr. KYTE: I think that will be very satisfactory.

Mr. COPP: Does the minister intend to bring this into force as soon as it passes this House or is it to be made retroactive?

Mr. REID: If this item passes and is concurred in, I would think that we might start on the 1st of September.

Mr. DOUGLAS: Would the minister bring down a list of those officials of his department who have enlisted for overseas service and are getting the difference between their military pay and their Civil Service pay?

Mr. REID: Yes.

Mr. McKENZIE: The last time we were dealing with the minister's Estimates we