

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I have read a statement giving the composition of the committee, and that statement also mentions the fact that the foxes were placed in these pens by those who own them in Prince Edward Island. The foxes are kept under the supervision, and subject to the constant observation, of these men who are carrying on the experiment and making the notes. That is the only way in which the investigation could be conducted. Even a practical fox-breeder might not be able to make scientific observation. I do not know how it is with foxes—but generally a successful breeder has the knack of it and has luck—gets along well.

Mr. MURPHY: The last observation of the right hon. gentleman is really the one that applies to this industry. The practical and successful breeder does not need the assistance of the "bios" who compose this committee. To quote the language my right hon. friend used in the House a few weeks ago, "honest injun now," does he not think the money is wasted?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I do not.

Mr. MURPHY: The right hon. gentleman says he does not?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I do not.

Mr. MURPHY: Then may I tell the right hon. gentleman that among the large population in this part of Canada he is an outstanding exception.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: That is not always a demerit.

Mr. MURPHY: It is very well known that this Council of Industrial and Scientific Research is just a method of providing—well, a sort of pleasant occupation for a number of gentlemen who form little coteries here and there, and to whom the irreverent refer as members of a mutual admiration society. Now just in this connection, a gentleman who is said to be a very eminent man, and whose standing in a university I will not attempt to question, was until lately the head of this Council of Scientific and Industrial Research—I refer to Dr. Macallum. Amongst those who have been born and have lived in Ottawa all their lives, and who are not very easily impressed by the great or the near-great, there was a very settled conviction that Dr. Macallum was not at all what he was represented to be in connection with this Council of Industrial and Scientific Research. Efforts were made in this

House from time to time to find out what salary Dr. Macallum received in Toronto university before he was transferred to Ottawa but those efforts were unavailing.

Mr. McMASTER: Futile.

Mr. MURPHY: As my hon. friend from Brome classically says these efforts were futile. But a few short months ago I chanced to read an address by the present president of Toronto University in which he gave the secret away, and he mentioned that Dr. Macallum used to get \$4,000 in that institution. He was brought down here and was provided with a position affording much more time for recreation than occupation, and was paid \$10,000 a year. So far as I am aware, neither the House nor the country has ever been given a single proof of any practical work accomplished by Dr. Macallum or this Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. I am not charging the present Government, still less my right hon. friend, with having been the initiators of this method of public expenditure. In times past I recall that other gentlemen, supposed to be very eminent in the scientific world, were also engaged in alleged scientific occupations. To one gentleman we used to vote money annually—indeed, we may do so yet, for I have not scrutinized the Estimates with sufficient care to state definitely—for experiments in electric smelting. From time to time this gentleman interviewed himself and handed out information to the newspapers of wonderful accomplishments at the Soo in connection with electric smelting, but so far as a critical and cynical public ever knew the only thing he turned out were some paper weights. I remember I was favoured with one.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Have you got it yet?

Mr. MURPHY: I believe so. I hope to produce it here as Exhibit A to illustrate to the House and to the public what value we received for the expenditure of public money in this way. Now, Dr. Macallum has resigned and no successor has been appointed?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: No permanent successor.

Mr. MURPHY: Is the \$10,000 being paid to anybody else?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Not at the present time.

Mr. MURPHY: Is it to be paid to anybody in the future?