

and that its efforts should be directed along practical lines. The Board is partly voluntary and partly paid, is it not?

Mr. FOUND: The Board is a voluntary Board, but the staff is paid.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: I have not noticed any difference in the activities of the Biological Board for the last ten years, but its expenditure has jumped greatly. Is there not a lack of direction over that expenditure? Is the increase not principally due to the fact that there is no supervision? Would there be such a large expenditure if it were done under your direction, for instance, as a Government official having a true appreciation of national economy?

Mr. FOUND: Every year we submit to the Board matters that we consider should be taken up. And of course the Board gives consideration to what it thinks should be taken up. The whole estimate is then submitted to the Minister for approval before anything is done.

The CHAIRMAN: It goes direct to the Minister, does it? After you have submitted your problems and the Board has made its estimate, does the whole matter go direct to the Minister?

Mr. FOUND: Under the law the Biological Board is under the Minister, but the Deputy Minister has to act for the Minister in certain conditions.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: It might be well if Mr. Found would give us a copy of the bill that was introduced a few years ago to put the Biological Board under the department.

Mr. FOUND: That was merely a bill to cancel the existing Act. If the Biological Board Act were rescinded, a scientific division could be established the same as any other division of the department, without legislation.

Hon. Mr. KING: Mr. Found, do Canadian university men go out into the field, during the university vacation periods, and do work for you?

Mr. FOUND: The Board is an administrative board. If its members do any investigations they do them at their own instance, as the Board cannot be paid and the members of the Board are not employed by the Board.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: But the Board provides the facilities for carrying on the investigations.

Mr. FOUND: The Board provides the facilities at Nanaimo and at St. Andrews.

The CHAIRMAN: How many meetings do they hold?

Mr. FOUND: They have an annual meeting every year, but the work is largely done by the Executive. They have a Pacific coast executive and an Atlantic coast executive. The Executive, which consists of a few officers, very largely sees to the carrying out of the things that are decided on at the annual meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: Where is the annual meeting held?

Mr. FOUND: At Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: The regular staff, which number about one dozen, are paid, as I take it, and then there are numerous voluntary investigators?

Mr. FOUND: They are not paid.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: But the regular staff are paid?

Mr. FOUND: Yes sir.

The CHAIRMAN: Are they engaged by the executives and brought to the annual meetings?

Mr. FOUND: Such of them as are needed for consultation or for submitting their reports on what has been done, are taken to the annual meeting. I really think that the Board is functioning very well.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: I notice in the annual report of the Biological Board for 1933, at page 60 it is stated: