

Q. Yes?—A. Except in the case of returned men. I think there is something in what you say, Mr. Tomlinson; that it might have been advertised in the newspapers.

Q. Should not all of these competitions be advertised in the proper open way? You send notices now, as I understand it, you send notices out to the head of the Liberal-Conservative Association, the heads probably of the Liberal associations and then you have them pasted up in some of the post offices—very few people go into the post offices outside of their clerks—and then you send a copy to the member of parliament. Now then, would it not be better if the advertising of these positions, the general ordinary positions, would go into the daily newspapers where all students would see them?—A. For instance now, you take our general advertising for clerks grade one and grade two which we are holding at the present time, they are advertised throughout the newspaper press of Canada; and special positions are advertised throughout the newspapers of Canada.

Q. If you advertise one or two why do you not think they should all be advertised? Why take special positions—we have an example of those special positions?—A. They are extensively advertised throughout the country. They are all paid, too—

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Do you pay anything to the press for publishing these advertisements?—A. Oh yes, we do.

Q. You pay the usual advertising rate?—A. Yes, and we naturally have to work within certain appropriations.

Mr. SPENCE: Hear, hear; that has to be considered.

The WITNESS: I remember, there was a scheme of advertising which came up about a certain position mentioned the other day and I noticed that the Toronto Telegram was on and the Mail and Globe was left off. I said I thought the Mail and Globe ought to be on. I think the examiners and the commissioners are trying to advertise positions widely. For instance, I think we got 35,000 applications for the census jobs—

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Did you publish it?—A. When I said 35,000, that was wrong.

*By Mr. Spence:*

Q. Was it 3,500?—A. No. We had 7,200 applicants I believe, and we corrected 35,000 odd papers.

The CHAIRMAN: If you published it in the Telegram and the Mail and Globe the Toronto Star would be jealous.

The WITNESS: It was also in the Toronto Star.

*By Mr. Tomlinson:*

Q. I am not concerned about the paper it goes into, I am interested only in the idea.—A. I would like to explain, I was interrupted there; I was saying that we had a special position the other day which called for rather technical qualifications. We advertised it in the principal daily newspapers. We advertised it in the technical trade journals—the Medical Journal or the Engineering News, whatever it was—and I think we spent a lot of money in advertising.

*By Mr. Mulock:*

Q. That is not the one that is mentioned in the Journal this morning is it?—A. That is the one you mentioned yesterday.

[Mr. J. H. Stitt.]