

Mr. GRAYDON: Are those paid on any regular basis?

Mr. ILSLEY: The secretaries are usually paid by the municipalities which we reimburse. Then there are postage and other expenses.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Secretarial help, stenographers?

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes.

Mr. GRAYDON: Does that mean that a municipality can pay what it likes and the government will reimburse it?

Mr. ILSLEY: Some municipalities pay the whole thing themselves, and others have come to the board for assistance which is given when required.

Mr. QUELCH: When does the minister want the general discussion to take place, on this item or when the others are called?

Mr. ILSLEY: The general discussion on the activities of the wartime prices and trade board would take place under this item which covers administration.

Mr. QUELCH: I mean on the whole policy.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Could we have a break-down of the salaries item, which is quite large? I think we ought to know how many men are receiving \$12,000; how many men or women are receiving \$10,000, and how many men and women there are in the various categories. I should like to know what these ladies are doing who are travelling round the country putting on musical shows and revues. There was one in my city this week headed by a Mrs. Aiken, I think it is. I should like to know what she gets and what good she does. What is the object of putting on this free entertainment? I just mention her as an illustration; I do not know anything about her. Who recommends this class of propaganda, because that is all it is? What is the value of it?

Mr. ILSLEY: I am informed that Mrs. Aiken is engaged in—

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I do not want to know about her particularly; I just quoted her as an illustration.

Mr. ILSLEY: She is engaged in what is called conservation work, a campaign to get people to save.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Is that in this vote?

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes; her salary would be paid out of the salaries vote. It is an educa-

tional campaign to encourage the making over of old clothes and that sort of thing instead of spending money for new ones.

Mr. MacNICOL: What salary is she receiving?

Mr. ILSLEY: I would have to get that; I have not that before me. I do not know just exactly what the hon. gentleman means by a break-down. There are over 5,200 employees.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I understand that a return is to be brought down. We ought to have had this return before this item was up.

Mr. ABBOTT: There was one brought down before.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): It was held up by the minister once. I understand that the information was all ready to be brought down and that the minister held it up. Then it was passed as an order for return yesterday without any objection. If that return is full and complete, I am told that it will show great inequalities in salaries, as well as a large number of very high salaries.

Mr. ILSLEY: No.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): It will show some very high salaries and will show inequalities in salaries; that is the information I have.

Mr. ABBOTT: Just to get this salary matter cleared up, there was a return brought down about a month ago which gave all salaries of over \$5,000. This return will show the salaries between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): How many are there of \$5,000 and over?

Mr. ABBOTT: If my hon. friend would look at the return; I cannot remember from memory.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): You should have it in front of you.

Mr. ABBOTT: I do not think you have even seen it.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): The officials in front of the minister must have that information.

Mr. ABBOTT: That return has been in for a month or five weeks; it has been available to the house.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): That is one of the objections to these questions being passed as orders for returns. They are usually buried and most people never see them. The answers should be given in *Hansard* where we