

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

March 7, 1934.

The select special committee on Civil Service Act, met at 11 A.M., Mr. J. Earl Lawson presiding:

The CHAIRMAN: As the Translation Bill has not been referred to this Committee; and as the Clerk in pursuance of the Committee's intimation last sitting has requested the Civil Service Commission to send a representative here to make any suggestions or representations on matters to be considered, Mr. Bland is here this morning on behalf of the Civil Service Commission, and if it meets with the approval of the Committee I suggest that we call Mr. Bland and hear any suggestions the Commission may care to make to us concerning Civil Service matters.

CHARLES H. BLAND, called.

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I have no formal statement to make. I have been asked by my colleagues to represent the Commission at the Committee, and I hope it does not need to be said that we are only too anxious to assist the Committee in any way possible, and to place before it any information in our possession.

At the moment the Commission has no amendments or suggestions to place before the Committee. Since the last sessions of the Committee we have been endeavouring to carry out the suggestions and recommendations made at that time, and we feel that we have been making satisfactory progress. There is one item of unfinished business from the previous report of the committee, that in connection with the question of long term temporary civil servants, and as the Civil Service Commission was requested by the committee to secure information on this point I thought perhaps this morning you might desire to consider it, and I have the information available if that is your wish.

By Mr. Chevrier:

Q. Is that the only one? There were, I think, twenty-six recommendations. Is No. 22 the only recommendation of the committee that has not been put into effect?—A. I think generally speaking, Mr. Chevrier, action has been taken on all the other recommendations, and in that one while action has not been taken in one sense, as you will remember, the commission was directed to secure the information and present it at the next meeting of the committee.

Q. If you have no objection, I would like to take them up one by one to find out what has been done in each one of those recommendations.

Mr. POULIOT: Another recommendation that has not been complied with is the one referring to the Chairman, I understand, although I understand from what was said in the committee the other day—and so well reported by the press—that he would be superannuated shortly. I do not say that disrespectfully because I respect the Chairman very much, but thanks to the good service of the Press the matter has been brought to the attention of the Government.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall we have Mr. Bland proceed with the question of long term temporary employees?