

currence of his superior officer. In the first instance he was a stock car inspector and nothing else, and when this other position was open he made application to the Civil Service Commission, who appointed him with the full knowledge of his superior officer. His total earnings, as I say, for the whole year amounted to \$825 and the department has deducted \$146 which it has refused to pay him for work done overtime. He discharged his duties as car inspector to the satisfaction of the department and was paid \$125 a month, and after hours he inspected cars, for which work he is entitled to \$146. But that is not all. Had you told the man at the end of the first month that you would not pay him, the situation would be different; but you allowed it to drag for five months and at the end of that time refused to pay him. That was the first intimation he had that he would not be paid. Now I am not making this appeal, especially at this late hour of the session, without justification. I submit that the man is entitled to this \$146 and unless the minister assures me that he will be paid I will give him all the trouble I can before he gets his estimates through.

Mr. LAPOINTE: That is not a Christian spirit.

Mr. McRAE: He hasn't been to church today. Now, Mr. Chairman—

Mr. FRASER: Just a moment; I have the floor. I want an answer.

Mr. LAPOINTE: We have spent more than \$146 since you started.

Mr. FRASER: I haven't started yet.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: If my hon. friend isn't through yet—

Mr. FRASER: I want your answer.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: This matter was brought to my notice on more than one occasion and it is so complicated that I do not know whether my hon. friend's recital of it is correct or not, not having the file before me.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: Give him a cheque for it.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No. The matter was submitted to the Civil Service Commission and they decided that we should not pay it, and we submitted it to the Justice department, whose decision was the same. Am I to override these two decisions? I thought it my duty to be guided by their advice. I asked the deputy to review the whole case and I read the whole file myself; and I asked the deputy to get an opinion from both these

bodies. He did so and I have acted on their advice. We do not want to hold back money that belongs to someone; we should be delighted to pay it and be through with this fracas that has occurred every year.

Mr. FRASER: I do not question the minister's statement that the payment has been turned down by the Civil Service Commission, but this is the first time that he has given me that information.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: It is just this winter that both decisions have been given.

Mr. FRASER: If the minister had information of this nature he should have communicated it to me but he has not done so during this session. I have the file with all the correspondence and there is absolutely nothing on that file to indicate what the minister has just informed me. This is the third session I have been following up this matter. I had it before the minister last year when I followed it through the department from the junior officials right up to the minister. I went into the matter with the greatest care and I now tell the minister that I am convinced that this man is entitled to the money he has earned. He is entitled to the \$146. I want a satisfactory assurance from the minister on this occasion.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: A cheque.

Mr. FRASER: Yes, I must have a cheque.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I did not intentionally hold back the information with the idea of springing it on my hon. friend in the house; not at all. I read the file last winter and asked my deputy to get a decision. But I have had a few other things to do since then and have not inquired what the decision was; I have only just now got it. The hon. member cannot therefore say that I have taken an advantage of him and sprung something to disconcert him when bringing up his case. I did not know until now what the decision was.

Mr. FRASER: If I cannot press the matter without bringing in the political end, I am prepared to bring in the political end now. I have submitted every argument and I have followed the matter with the greatest care. I do not want to make any rash statements and I wish if possible not to touch the political phase of it.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: What is that political end?