

Mr. DECHENE: Is she located in Canada, England, or where?

Mr. CALDER: In Canada.

Mr. DECHENE: What is her name?

Mr. CALDER: Mrs. Robson. She has been occupying the position temporarily for some time, having been in the service now for about a year or a year and a-half. She does excellent work.

Mr. DECHENE: Is she only a temporary employee?

Mr. CALDER: Yes. About three months ago the Civil Service Commission advertised to have the position filled and a dozen or more applications were sent in. They were all carefully considered and the conclusion was reached that the position should again be advertised as none of those who had applied were considered as having the qualifications necessary for the work.

Mr. MURPHY: On whose advice was the position re-advertised?

Mr. CALDER: During the past year there has been established an organization known as the Canadian Council of Women's Immigration, which deals particularly with the immigration of women. Some eight, ten or twelve national organizations are represented on that council, and at their last meeting, held about two or three weeks ago, the Civil Service Commission made representations to them regarding the difficulties which had been encountered in having this particular position filled. On the request of the commission that council appointed, I think, three of its members to go over and consider with the commission all the applications that had been made, and finally, as a result of their representations to the commission, it was decided to advertise the position again.

Mr. MURPHY: Is that council a body constituted by Government?

Mr. CALDER: Yes.

Mr. JACOBS: I understand that this lady deals exclusively with women immigrants?

Mr. CALDER: Yes.

Mr. JACOBS: She is at the head of that particular department?

Mr. CALDER: Yes.

Mr. CAHILL: How many applications were received in all by the minister?

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Mr. CALDER: I did not receive any; they went to the commission.

Mr. CAHILL: Well, how many were there?

Mr. CALDER: About a dozen.

Mr. CAHILL: And none qualified?

Mr. CALDER: That was the conclusion come to.

Mr. CAHILL: By the Civil Service Commission or the department?

Mr. CALDER: By the commission.

Mr. DECHENE: Who is the gentleman who is classified as secretary to the executive?

Mr. CALDER: Miss Johnston; she is secretary to Mr. Scott, who was Superintendent of Immigration and is now assistant deputy minister.

Mr. DECHENE: Miss Johnston is secretary to the assistant deputy minister?

Mr. CALDER: Yes.

Mr. DECHENE: Has the deputy minister himself also a secretary?

Mr. CALDER: He uses his own organization in the Interior Department; he has no secretary provided for in these Estimates. The deputy minister is Deputy Minister of the Department of Interior as well, and, of course, he has his staff there.

Mr. DECHENE: I see there are four assistants to the secretary. Do they all assist the secretary of the department, or Miss Johnston?

Mr. CALDER: They are assistants to the secretary of the department. As the hon. gentleman can readily understand, the secretary carries on, in the main, the correspondence of the department, and these are simply his assistants in directing and carrying on that large volume of correspondence.

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Scott, I understand, is assistant deputy minister?

Mr. CALDER: Yes.

Mr. JACOBS: And his salary has been increased some \$800 during the year?

Mr. CALDER: Yes.

Mr. JACOBS: Was there not some question of his resigning? I understood his health demanded his resignation?

Mr. CALDER: I would scarcely say that. Mr. Scott has been in the service