

was sufficient and Dr. Beland considered that candidates who were B.A.'s should not be required to pass examinations. Mr. Lemieux thought the salaries of the Civil Service Commissioners should be the same as those of Deputy Ministers and Mr. Maclean pointed out that the Bill which had been brought in provided for this. Mr. Maclean also said:

"It is not the intention of the Government to proceed with that legislation this session, but it will be one of the first matters to be disposed of at the coming October session."

On July 4, in discussing the Board of Commerce Act, in reply to a question by Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Meighen stated that the Civil Service Act would apply to appointments to the staff.

### Extra Clerks

Mr. Vien wanted to know in connection with the appointment of certain clerks for the Statistics Office if they could not be taken from other departments, and Mr. Mackenzie stated that before Parliament prorogued it was important that some notice should be taken "of the army of extra clerks we have appointed during the war." He would like the Minister to furnish to the House a return showing the total number of civil servants on August 1, 1914, and the total number at that date (July 4) and if possible the number of men and women who were taken on on account of the war. Mr. Papineau stated there was a difference of 1500 in the Civil Service between 1911 and today.

On July 5, in discussing the estimates of the Dominion Police, Mr. Bureau raised the question as to whether the police were paid a bonus the same as others in the Service. Mr. Meighen pointed out that they were not civil servants in the regular sense, but Mr. Bureau stated they were Government employees, that they had been offered an increase of a quarter a day and had refused it because it did not amount to anything like the regular bonus. Mr. Meighen stated that, while they had received no bonuses, they had received increases in pay. He stated they did not follow Civil Service routine and consequently could not claim a bonus on the same ground as ordinary civil servants.

Mr. Fielding, in a discussion on an estimate for a clerk in the Royal North West Mounted Police Department, thought that while a re-

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port to the House had found that the Service was over-manned many extra clerks were being provided for in various departments. He considered this a curious fact. Mr. Rowell stated that the question as to where the clerk should come from would be finally settled by the Civil Service Commission. The Government had asked all the Departments to furnish a list of clerks in their Departments who could be dispensed with and these lists were furnished the Civil Service Commission in order that they might, in filling positions where vacancies occurred, draw from existing staffs rather than bring employees from the outside. Mr. Sinclair thought the growth in the number of officials was alarming. The cost of civil government had gone up something like four millions to six millions and he thought there should be some check put upon it.

Mr. Jacobs later stated he understood something like 1400 officials had been employed by the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Department without the concurrence of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Rowell stated there was no foundation for this assumption; the men had been appointed by the Civil Service Commission the same as in other Departments of the Government according to his information. Mr. Jacobs stated he understood they were first appointed by the Department and then approval sought of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Rowell understood most of them were appointed, but that in cases where the Commission had not an eligible list the Department had selected certain men and submitted their names to the Civil Service Commission.

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