

Mr. PATERSON. We have twelve inspectors in the Dominion and one assistant inspector.

Mr. SPROULE. How many additional do you want for next year?

Mr. PATERSON. This is to strengthen the staff in the United States which is composed of officers who are not called inspectors but investigating officers.

Mr. SPROULE. Then you do not require any more inspectors?

Mr. PATERSON. No.

Mr. SPROULE. How many additional do you require for the staff that you employ to ascertain values?

Mr. PATERSON. We have now got down to one and we have taken one of the appraisers who was at Toronto formerly. I think that probably he will be continued in the work. I would like to have two or three more.

Mr. TAYLOR. What is the salary?

Mr. PATERSON. Well, we have to pay them pretty liberal salaries. We want capable men for this work. We want men who know how to approach the manufacturer courteously and one who will understand the business with which he is dealing.

Mr. SPROULE. What salary are you paying at the present time?

Mr. PATERSON. Mr. Miller as appraiser was getting \$1,800. He was not appointed to this position. The expenses run about \$2,000 beyond the salary.

Mr. TAYLOR. Who are the inspectors now?

Mr. PATERSON. Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Miller.

Mr. SPROULE. You want some of this money for completing statistical returns? Is the work to be done in a branch that you are going to add to the department or in a branch that is already in existence?

Mr. PATERSON. This is just to increase the salaries. There are no new men.

Mr. TAYLOR. I see that Mr. Atkinson gets \$1,100 salary.

Mr. PATERSON. Yes.

Mr. INGRAM. On Friday night last we were discussing an item of \$57,167 on page 10, and I find that a portion of this item that we are now considering is also to be devoted to the collection of statistics. The hon. gentleman explained that the item of \$57,000 was to provide for additional clerks whose duties were to be the collection of statistics in order that the monthly returns should be brought down promptly.

Mr. PATERSON. This is to provide for three men who were employed in the statis-

tical work and who have been brought into the inside service, as I explained then, but their salaries were voted in the outside service and they were paid out of that vote. They will, after the 1st of July, be paid out of the inside vote. Their places have been filled by three others at not quite the same salaries that these gentlemen were getting. There is an extra expense but it is clearly shown in the estimate here.

Mr. SPROULE. How many statistical officers have you in your employ?

Mr. PATERSON. Fifty-three.

Mr. SPROULE. I thought the statistics were managed in the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. PATERSON. I am not acquainted with the working of the other departments. We collect the statistics that you find in the trade and navigation returns. We get out these monthly returns and also the yearly returns.

Mr. SPROULE. Do not the monthly returns come from the Department of Trade and Commerce?

Mr. PATERSON. No, we issue our own returns.

Mr. SPROULE. Is this work duplicated in the two departments?

Mr. PATERSON. Our work is entirely original.

Mr. SPROULE. I cannot understand why you should require a double set of officers to get out these returns in the two departments.

Mr. PATERSON. There are very few officers in the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. SPROULE. But they get out the same figures do they not?

Mr. PATERSON. Yes, but they compile them in a somewhat different form. They have reports from agents abroad but they have no statistical branch properly so-called.

Mr. SPROULE. We vote money for a statistical staff over there.

Mr. PATERSON. They have a very small staff.

Mr. BLAIN. When was the first officer appointed in the United States?

Mr. PATERSON. Many years ago, before I came into the department at all.

Mr. BLAIN. Under what item do we find that gentleman?

Mr. PATERSON. His salary is paid out of this vote 'Board of Customs.'

Mr. BLAIN. Is he called an inspector?