

The CHAIRMAN: Then, Mr. Bland, I think you can take it is the wish of the committee that you ask the commission to suggest a solution as well as giving us the facts.

Mr. POULIOT: We will be very grateful to Mr. Bland if he supplies us with whatever information is available, which we will take into consideration.

The CHAIRMAN: Quite. We are not bound by it.

The WITNESS: That was my reason for not submitting a recommendation at present. I might say one thing, Mr. Chairman, in connection with it, that possibly one objection that might be urged against the matter would be the question of cost, and I think in that regard the present is a particularly desirable time in which to take action, because of the fact that statutory increases are not in vogue at the present time, nor the promotions. Consequently the cost would be practically nothing.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there anything else that any member of the committee has in mind to ask Mr. Bland in connection with long term temporary employees?

Mr. CHEVRIER: Not at present.

The CHAIRMAN: Then, Mr. Bland, I notice that in the report of the last committee, under Item 12, it was suggested:

"12. To promote economy and efficiency in engineering and mapping services, or in other services which can be centralized, your committee recommends to the Civil Service Commission that a careful study be made of such government services with a view to amalgamations thereof."

I notice some reference to it in the report of the commission filed this year, and I was wondering if there was anything other than what was in the report that you would like to add to it or bring to the attention of the committee.

The WITNESS: That is in the report of the Civil Service Commission for 1933,—

The CHAIRMAN: Would you just tell me what page you are reading from; I have not got the reference under my hand.

The WITNESS: I have it here, sir, as indicated on page 8 of the report of the commission.

Mr. CHEVRIER: What is the page number? I would like to relate them.

The WITNESS: I do not know that I can do much more than quote the paragraph.

*By Mr. Pouliot:*

Q. In that connection there are some expenses which are necessary for the members, and it is essential to supply members with maps, and these maps can be used properly only when they are mounted?—A. Yes.

Q. And they can be mounted on linen to be hung on the wall or they can be folded up and carried easily?—A. Yes.

Q. Everybody knows the importance of this. In a country like ours every member should be supplied with all the maps that he requires and those maps are just as necessary to him as the reports of the departments?—A. Yes.

Q. And, moreover, anyone can understand that some of these reports cannot be understood properly without having these maps for the sake of comparison?—A. Our hope, Mr. Pouliot, is that connection would be that with the changes suggested we would be able to publish more and better maps, rather than fewer.

Q. Yes; but my complaint in that regard is this, that last fall I sent some maps to the Department of the Interior in order to have them mounted as I used to have before and they were returned to me with the remark that the