

The CHAIRMAN: The total would be perhaps \$200,000?

The WITNESS: It might be \$25,000 or \$30,000 more.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I should think that the officer in charge of the service would know what the estimate is for this year.

The WITNESS: You must remember this, that we are gradually growing with this, and to sit down and say just how much I am going to spend on it I do not know, and no other man knows, and I could hardly be expected to know.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: That is why we call them estimates. I do not think you have had much to do with estimates, or you would not say that.

The WITNESS: I have had everything to do with them.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Have you made no request for funds yet?

The WITNESS: No, not yet. We are just gradually increasing, the same way you would increase your staff on the railroad. The operating department or the traffic department, if they are going to put on an extra man or two, do not say, "We are going to ask for additional capital to pay that man." We do not know any more than they do.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I fancy they know something of what their business is going to be.

The CHAIRMAN: I might say to the Committee they spent \$160,000 last year, and Mr. Robb has said they will spend possibly another \$25,000 this year.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: We will probably spend about \$200,000 on this. Of course, if something develops, we will not hesitate to increase that.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: So long as you have enough in your general fund to cover it.

Mr. JELLIFF: Mr. Robb stated a while ago that the Imperial government gave assistance, to a certain extent. Does the Dominion government give any, or does it plan to give any financial assistance to these settlers?

The WITNESS: No.

The CHAIRMAN: The suggestion was made by Sir Henry Drayton that we should not go into these accounts in detail, as we have been doing.

Mr. HARRIS: May I ask one question? With regard to the industrial bureaus, how many have you in Canada?

The WITNESS: I cannot answer that question. That comes under the traffic department.

Mr. HENRY: That is operated from Montreal, with a sub-office.

Mr. HARRIS: My own impression is that they are doing very good work on behalf of the Canadian National Railways.

Mr. HENRY: Yes.

Mr. HARRIS: I have had occasion to know that they are doing good work, and I just want to have that on record.

The CHAIRMAN: Does the Committee want to follow the suggestion of Sir Henry Drayton?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I conceive that it is perfectly impossible to go through all these accounts, item by item, with any useful results.

The CHAIRMAN: You mean in greater detail than is given in this report?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Yes. There are certain items which I have no doubt members are interested in. For example, I was interested the other day in items of construction and capital charges. Instead of taking up time with that, the officials were going to make up a statement, and I suppose that will be made

[Mr. W. D. Robb.]