

Mr. ILSLEY: We had in our possession the reports of an investigation into the activities of the proprietary articles trade association, made some years ago.

Mr. GORDON: That was the report of the commissioner.

Mr. ILSLEY: We also had the report of the registrar. There is no distinction between that and the preliminary report about which the minister has been talking, so far as the ordinary man can see. Moreover there is nothing in the act to prohibit these reports being made public. Perhaps this is not the place to debate the matter, but I should like to ask the minister whether in the legislation amending the act he contemplates making any change in the publicity provision. If he does not, a debate will have to take place on the point.

Mr. GORDON: That will be disclosed when the legislation comes down.

Mr. RALSTON: It is down now; I call the minister's attention to Bill No. 79.

Mr. GORDON: The matter will stand over until other bills are introduced.

Mr. ILSLEY: The bill is on the order paper; a draft of it is on my file. It has been introduced and now stands for second reading. Does it make any provision for a change in the publicity provision, and if not, does the government intend to make any such change?

Mr. CASGRAIN: It does not.

Mr. GORDON: The bill speaks for itself.

Mr. ILSLEY: Would the minister at least give an answer? He may refer me to the bill and tell me to read it. Perhaps he is within his rights in doing that, although I do suggest he should be more familiar with it. If the minister does not care to answer will he tell me whether or not the government through this or any other bill intends making any changes in the publicity provision?

Mr. CASGRAIN: That is a proper question.

Mr. GORDON: I suggest this is not the proper time to go into details of other bills on the order paper.

Mr. CASGRAIN: After the election.

Mr. GORDON: The hon. member for Charlevoix-Saguenay says, "After the election"; well, after the election he will quite probably be speaking at long range.

Mr. CASGRAIN: And the minister will, too—far away from here.

Item agreed to.

Administration, Employment Offices Co-ordination Act, \$8,000.

Mr. HEAPS: Will the minister inform the committee as to the total cost of administering the employment offices throughout Canada?

Mr. GORDON: The total cost of maintaining the employment offices is associated with this rather small vote which has to do with departmental matters in the federal Department of Labour, together with a following vote for \$150,000 which is authorized by statute and distributed among the provinces.

Mr. HEAPS: In addition to the \$150,000, how much is provided for the employment agencies by the provincial governments?

Mr. GORDON: The total cost was \$490,229.97. That amount would stand, less the federal contribution of \$150,000.

Mr. HEAPS: How many people during the last fiscal year found employment through these agencies?

Mr. GORDON: The various employment offices make regular reports to the Department of Labour. During the fiscal year 1934-35 employment offices reported that they had made 385,396 labour placements, 222,719 of which were for regular employment and 162,667 of a casual nature.

Mr. HEAPS: What does the minister mean by the term "regular employment"?

Mr. GORDON: As opposed to casual employment.

Mr. HEAPS: Does the minister refer to a permanent situation?

Mr. GORDON: I do not suppose anything is permanent, but the employment provided was such that in the event of a man being normal he might stay as long as he wished. Casual employment, on the other hand is only intermittent, a job here and a job there.

Mr. SPENCER: What is the number of employment offices throughout the dominion, and how many are there in each of the provinces?

Mr. GORDON: There are three in Nova Scotia, four in New Brunswick, seven in Quebec, twenty-six in Ontario, three in Manitoba, nine in Saskatchewan, five in Alberta and eight in British Columbia.