

as a result of the reorganization. Further on, in answer to another question by Mr. Euler, Dr. Roche said:

I say if our competent organizers were put into the Interior department to-morrow and given a free hand, such as we had in the bureau, that similar results would be brought about as were brought about in the bureau and lesser expense, because the bureau is the repository for everybody out of a job.

The savings in the case of the bureau were enormous. They released 420 employees, and the Bureau was doing better work and more work after they had dismissed those people than ever before.

Mr STEWART (Argenteuil): I can scarcely believe that there were 400 superfluous employees in that institution. Amalgamations may have taken place, but I think my hon. friend will agree with me that, taking the bald facts as stated by him, there must be something omitted.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): That may be, but this is the sworn evidence given by Dr. Roche.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): I will be very glad to have Dr. Roche, the Board of Audit or any other organization come into my department and examine minutely every sub department in it. If they can show any savings, I shall be perfectly willing to put them into effect.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): I am delighted to get that statement from the minister, and I hope the Civil Service Commission will take the fullest advantage of it. In making these remarks I wish it to be clearly understood that I am not criticizing the minister. I realize the difficulties he has to contend with, and that he has plenty of work to attend to without looking into these details; nor do I think his deputy is to be entirely blamed, because he must have many and onerous duties to discharge; but somebody must be responsible. In the absence of definite responsibility being brought home to any official, I do believe the minister will recognize that some sort of invitation might be extended to the Civil Service Commission to make an investigation; indeed, I hope his statement will be so regarded by the commission.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): Who is the Mr. Mackenzie who has been engaged to make a special study of Arctic conditions?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): He was your gold commissioner in the Yukon.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): Who is now the gold commissioner there?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Mr. Percy Reid is acting; no permanent appointment has been made.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): What is Mr. Mackenzie's official position?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Chief of the Arctic expedition into northern waters.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): What annual salary is he being paid?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): A salary of \$5,000.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): Is he getting any prerequisites?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): He gets the salary he draws in the Yukon, and the same living allowance—\$3,000—inasmuch as he is away from headquarters, just as he was while in the Yukon.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): That is, he is being paid annually \$8,000?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Yes.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): What salary is the acting gold commissioner of Yukon being paid?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): He is drawing the same salary that he had as commissioner of immigration, \$4,500.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): There is a saving then in the salary of the gold commissioner in the difference between \$8,000 and \$4,500?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): I should not like to say that. Should Mr. Reid be successful in being appointed—we have asked for his permanent appointment—I imagine he would get the salary fixed for that position.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): Do I understand the minister to say that Mr. Reid is there now at \$4,500?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Yes, his salary has not changed because he has not received his appointment permanently.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): Is he being paid a living allowance?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Yes.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): Amounting to how much?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): He gets the living allowance attached to that position while he is there, \$3,000.