

Mr. MURPHY (*Lambton West*): I do want to put it on the record, even if I have to do it by asking it in the form of questions of Dr. Steacie, you see.

Mr. COLDWELL: You can read it on the record.

Mr. MURPHY (*Lambton West*): Yes, I could read it.

The CHAIRMAN: I think it should go before the agenda committee first.

Mr. COLDWELL: It should go before the agenda committee first.

Mr. MURPHY (*Lambton West*): It is really important, because this committee functions under the present government, and functioned under its predecessor, the labour government, satisfactorily. Its chairman was one of the top members of the party in power, you see.

I will leave it at that, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Murphy.

Any other questions of Dr. Steacie? I will call Dr. Birchard, vice-president (administration) of the National Research Council. Members will recall that the National Research Council Act was amended in 1946 and provision made for a vice-president (administration). Dr. Birchard is the vice-president (administration).

E. R. Birchard, O.B.E., B.A.Sc., D.Sc., Vice-President (Administration), of the National Research Council, called:

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, I have prepared a short brief here on the administration services, and I think perhaps it would be best if I read it.

The administrative services of National Research Council are divided into several groups and are, in general, for the purpose of securing and providing the scientist with information, supplies and services as required and the dissemination to industry and other scientists of information as it is developed or required. It also includes the general administration which is necessary in the operation of an organization such as the National Research Council.

The groups and the officers in charge of each group are as follows:—

1. Library—Miss M. S. Gill, Chief Librarian.
2. Technical Information Services—F. G. Green, Officer-in-Charge.
3. Scientific Liaison Offices—
 - London—Dr. J. G. Malloch
 - Washington—Dr. J. D. Babbitt
 - Ottawa—J. M. Manson
4. Public Relations—M. W. Thistle, Chief.
5. Patents Section—F. R. Charles, Chief Patents Officer.
6. Plant Engineering Services—J. C. Elliott, Plant Engineer.
7. Division of Administration—Dr. F. T. Rosser, Director.

The division of administration is responsible for

- Purchasing Branch
- Personnel Branch
- Awards Office
- Research Journals
- General Services, which include Estimates.

Since I understand it is the intention of the committee to call Dr. Rosser, director of the division of administration, I suggest that you might wish to defer for the moment the review of the estimates, awards and other services coming under administration.