

on. The books there are accesible to every lawyer; messengers are in attendance to bring the books out to the reference room and there is every facility for studying the cases which it may be necessary to study in order to properly argue cases before the committee. Is not this a time to drop unnecessary items of this kind? It is only a thousand dollars, but you will find a vast number of items of the same charter. It would not in any way militate against the public interest if this item were dropped for the present. The amount could be put in after the war is over, when good times return.

Mr. HAZEN: My experience before the Judicial Committee, so far as books are concerned, is entirely different. I found the greatest difficulty in getting books to refer to there. On one occasion when I was appealing against a judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada I wished to refer to judgments of that court, and I found that I had to go outside and make long extracts and bring them in. I could find no library in the room adjoining the committee room. While I was Attorney General of New Brunswick I was asked to supply a copy of the New Brunswick reports for the use at the Privy Council of lawyers who went from Canada. I was informed that the other provinces of Canada were being asked to do the same thing and that the same request was being made of the Government of Canada with regard to reports of the Supreme Court of Canada. If I remember correctly we sent a copy for the purpose of having them placed in a room adjoining the Judicial Committee room. My experience is entirely different from that of my hon. friend.

Mr. PUGSLEY: My hon. friend must have been very timid and modest.

Mr. HAZEN: I always am, of course.

Mr. PUGSLEY: And perhaps the gentleman in charge looked too dignified for my hon. friend to approach him. I had no difficulty. I told him what books I wanted and he got them for me.

Mr. DOHERTY: It was just part of the magnificent library the hon. member enjoyed that we are now dealing with. The Imperial Government furnishes us a place to keep the books and they are kept and cared for, and, as I have said, we try to keep up the supply of books.

As the Minister of Marine and Fisheries has said the provinces supply their own

statutes, and I think there is every reason to believe the hon. gentleman was enjoying the advantage of that library.

Mr. PUGSLEY: At the time I was there the Canadian library was kept in another part of the city, and was connected with the office of Mr. Blake.

Mr. DOHERTY: The Imperial Government are furnishing for that library caretakers to look after our books, and the provinces are contributing books which are especially useful to us. However distressful our condition may be at the present time, I hardly think we ought to take the position of saying to the Imperial authorities: you can go on maintaining our library, looking after our books, and providing books that are necessary to us, while we do nothing. I think, on reflection, the hon. member will see that even in our present condition we ought to make this expenditure for the sake of our self-respect, as well as for the advantage of those of our counsel who go there to conduct cases.

Mr. PUGSLEY: If my hon. friend cannot see his way clear to cut down this item I would like to know where we are going to begin to save the \$30,000,000 which the Minister of Finance said we ought to be able to save.

Mr. COPP: On whose advice are the books selected that we are asked to pay for?

Mr. DOHERTY: I do not know that there is any body specially appointed to advise as to the books. The department there have communicated with the librarian with regard to those required, and I believe that the deputy minister has expressed his opinion upon the desirability of particular books. Not improbably, counsel attending the library might make representations as to certain books; I cannot say positively, but the expenditure for books, and the keeping up of reports, which have to be maintained from year to year, is not very considerable.

Mr. McCRAVEY: Who administers the money; is it paid out from the department, or is it placed in the hands of the librarian to be expended by him?

Mr. DOHERTY: The money necessary to purchase any books is paid from here.

Mr. COPP: Did I understand the minister to say that part of this money went to the librarian for taking care of the books, indexing, cataloguing and so on?