

Transcript

Interview with Sem Wissler Field, a civil servant the Department of Attorney-General in 1911, 1978.

Interviewer: So, how long did you work for....

Field: About ten months.

Interviewer: That wasn't very long.

Field: I never intended to stay long. I wanted a job, so I could look around. I'd seen too many men get caught in civil service.

Interviewer: Did you enjoy it, civil service? Did you find anything interesting?

Field: It was interesting, yes. I had a great variety of work. I was the only, the entire staff for most of the time, the only legal person in the whole of the Parliament Buildings except for the Deputy Attorney General. So I had a variety of things to do. I was legislative draughtsman, I was Acting Inspector of Legal Offices, I was general advisor to the departments, a jack of all trades.

Interviewer: Was there any particular reason for your leaving after that short period of time, or did you find an opportunity?

Field: I got an opportunity of getting out.

Interviewer: Where did you get out to?

Field: Firm of Short and Cross.

Interviewer: Oh, yes.