

Paquette

for it about two years ago. We were then asked to make a further advance, and we advanced the wages ten per cent.

A short time after that there was pressure brought on us again, through the Union no doubt, and we advanced the wages another ten per cent, which makes about 27 per cent advance in all.

I think that was in March. I had a letter from Mr Paquette thanking me and saying that everything was satisfactory, and that he would see that everything would go well. In the month of June following, they brought on more trouble. We met at the Sun Life office one afternoon, and Mr Paquette said "Don't give them ten per cent, give them five per cent -- give them something."

Do you remember being at the Sun Life office one afternoon?

WITNESS: Yes

MR EWING

~~XXXXXX~~: You said "We do not want the whole ten per cent." This would make 35 per cent. You said "Do not give them the whole ten per cent -- give them five per cent -- give them something." Do you remember saying that.

WITNESS: Do you want to know if I said that?

MR EWING: Yes, to me.

WITNESS: Telling you to cut down the employees five per cent?

MR EWING: No, but to raise them five per cent?

A Yes, that is all right. I do not want to be misunderstood. I may have said that.