

Mr. SPOTTON: I would like to have the privilege of asking the witness one question.

*By Mr. Spotton:*

Q. I would like to ask you if you were informed by the Chairman of this Committee or any person around this Committee that you had the privilege of going up and getting the stenographic report and correcting it, the same as we have?—A. No.

The CHAIRMAN: That is not a point of order.

*By Hon. Mr. Ralston:*

Q. Will you be kind enough to answer the questions. I want to see how far you will go. I will ask again, for the fourth or fifth time, did you say yesterday that Mr. Forke said that the records of the Department would bear that out or deny it?—A. I answered that by saying that it does not convey the true meaning of what I intended to say, if I said it.

Q. Did you say that?

Mr. MCGIBBON: Mr. Chairman, this is absolutely foolish, to ask a man to repeat verbatim what he said yesterday.

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: I am a member of the Committee—

Mr. MCGIBBON: But you are not the whole Committee.

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: I want to see what this witness has to say. It is the witness who is taking up the time, I am not.

WITNESS: I will say that since it did not convey the impression, that I did not use those words.

*By Hon. Mr. Ralston:*

Q. You say you did not say yesterday that Mr. Forke said that the records of the Department would bear that out or deny it?—A. I would say that it should be "that the records of the Department would bear that out."

Q. You cannot wiggle out in that way. I am asking you what you said.

Mr. BOYS: Are you going to permit that sort of thing, Mr. Chairman; do you think it is reasonable?

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: I think this witness is fairly intelligent.

Mr. BOYS: He has given a fair and intelligent answer.

The CHAIRMAN: I think it is all right.

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: I am giving the witness an opportunity.

Mr. BOYS: The witness has told you what he thinks ought to be. You have no right to turn around and suggest that he is wiggling out of it. Do you think that is fair?

*By Hon. Mr. Ralston:*

Q. Witness, I am just asking you one question, and that is, whether or not you said yesterday what is in this record at the bottom of page 5, as to what Mr. Forke told you?—A. I contend I have already answered that, sir.

Q. You contend that what you have said is an answer to the question?—A. I contend that what I have said is an answer to the question.

Q. Tell me how it was that you happened to write Mr. Forke the letter of November 27, 1927?—A. I explained that yesterday. On the 23rd of November I made the speech which is in question; on the 24th of November the report appeared in the *Regina Leader*. That was a very busy day for me. My usual work took up a lot of time, and I had a council meeting in the evening. On

[Mr. M. J. Coldwell.]