

Q. Do you know from what previous employment you took him?—  
A. According to the records before me he was in business by himself as an architect at Chatham, Ontario.

Q. At Chatham. Now when did he leave your staff?—A. August 17, 1946.

Q. And he has not been on the staff of your department now for eleven months?—A. I believe not.

Q. Do you know to what employment he went when he left your department?—A. I do not know. I have no information before me as to what he is doing.

Q. Will you check on the information that has come to me, because I think it is important that you should? I am informed that he went into the employ of Ryan Home Builders Ltd. when he left your department?—A. Is that so?

Q. Would you make a point of checking that through your local sources?—A. I do not know that I have any authority to do that.

Q. Pardon?—A. Do you think I am justified in doing that? He is not an employee of mine.

Q. Well I think the committee may be interested in knowing something more about Mr. Methven. You have people in the district who can make enquiries of that kind, have you not?—A. Yes, I think I have.

Mr. BEAUDRY: I object to that question. I think employees who have left the employ of the witness are beyond his sphere. I think Mr. Fleming should take other means to obtain the information.

Mr. CLEAVER: I think if Mr. Fleming makes the statement himself we should accept it. If you will make that statement we will accept it.

Mr. FLEMING: That is my information, and I asked Mr. Murchison if he had the opportunity of checking on the information. I asked, with his facilities, could he find the information?

Mr. WARREN: I do not think it would be of interest to us.

*By Mr. Fleming:*

Q. You indicated yesterday there was a total of 118 projects in Canada, Veterans' Land Act projects, involving construction or contemplated construction of 2,660 units?—A. Yes.

Q. On how many of those has the contractor completed his work?—A. I could not give it you readily in projects. I think it would be more readily available in the number of housing units.

Q. I would take an approximate figure if you could give an approximation Mr. Murchison?—A. 282 houses.

Q. The contractors have completed 282 houses?—A. 282 are not completed.

Q. 282 are not completed? That would mean, I take it, the great majority of the projects are completed?—A. Yes.

Q. Would you care to say if it would be as many as 100 out of the 118?—A. I can get you the precise information if you would care to give me time to check up on it. I do not care to guess at it.

Q. I thought you might be able to give me an approximation if you are close to completion of the objective?—A. 282 units are not yet completed by the contractor.

Mr. CLEAVER: That is a little over one per cent.

Mr. FLEMING: 10 per cent. It is actually about 11 per cent.

Mr. BEAUDRY: Would you be good enough to ask the witness to clarify. You are asking about projects under way.

Mr. FLEMING: I asked about projects not completed and he said there were 282—