

Ottawa, January 25, 1934.

Dr. P. D. Ross:

(4) It was on June 25, 1932, that Mr. Henry issued a statement to the press announcing the intention of his Government to acquire the property, and, as a means to that end, to negotiate at once for the purchase of the bonds.

(5) It was on July 25, 1932, that Mr. Henry gave a statement to the press with exact details of the result of the negotiations, which negotiations he had conducted entirely with A. N. Mitchell of the Canada Life and Mr. J. H. Gundy, representing the bondholders.

(6) I had nothing in the world to do directly or indirectly or however remotely with these negotiations.

(7) As soon as there was talk in the press of the Government possibly acquiring the property, I gave orders that our Companies were not to purchase. I feel I was under no compulsion whatever to give any such orders. The only breach of the order was the purchase of \$5,000 for Fourth Canadian General Investment Trust Limited on 20th July, 1932. I propose, however, in any investigation to take full responsibility for this purchase. It is, however, the only thing done that should not have been done had I been a member of the Ontario Government, which I was not.

(8) After announcement of the terms on July 25th, there could, of course, be no possible question, as everyone not only had available to know but did know as much as anyone else.

(9) Of all the Companies in the organization which had bonds, I am interested only in Canadian General Investments.

(10) The Fourth Canadian General Investment Trust was indeed insolvent and was being carried by Canadian General Securities at the time its bonds were purchased.

(11) The important figures are at the extreme right column--that is the Canadian equivalent of American prices. It will be seen that if I had any information I made a very stupid use of it as we bought no bonds for as low as twice the minimum price to which they fell.