

probably recall this. And he says, if it was an imperialist war I would go through this country and oppose it, although I admit I have not got very much influence. I think he used that term. Now, he says --

MR. BENICE: He is right.

WITNESS: He says if it was an imperialist war he would go through the country and oppose it.

MR. MARTIN: He went further. He told the House of Commons just recently that he told Mr. Chamberlain at a dinner in London that he for one would not have supported the war if he thought it was an imperialist war.

WITNESS: That is right.

MR. SLAGHT: Mr. Crerar was not telling the young men of Canada to turn their guns on the capitalists of Canada and to fight in Canada, but Canada was fighting an outside enemy.

WITNESS: Mr. Crerar did not think --

MR. SLAGHT: He did not say that. If he did he would have gone somewhere else.

WITNESS: Mr. Crerar did not think it was an imperialist war and that is why he did not do all these things. He says if he thought it was he thought it was his duty to go around this country and oppose it, and he made reference to the South African war. The point I am trying to make, gentlemen, is this: we believed this war was not in the interest of Canada. Now the war was on, true enough, and we therefore believing that it was not in the interest of Canada advocated and proposed measures that would take us out of that unjustified war. It is logical; whether that was justified or not, or whether it was mistaken or not, is an entirely different question.

BY MR. SLAGHT:

Q. You were prepared by force to overthrow our existing