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agent they thought I had sufficient knowledge to take hold and organize the department thoroughly, Mr. Wade had seen me sometimes, I did not know Mr. Wade at the time, but I met him coming out of the building one day and he said, 'I would like to see you, your name is Ogilvie, is it not?' I said 'yes,' and he said 'I would like to see you.' I called to see him, and found that he wanted to talk the matter over with me, he did not make any suggestion about making an appointment then, but said that I might be able to give him some knowledge that might be useful to him in the organization of the commission. After I had talked the matter over with him he asked me to organize the business in the best interests of the commission.

Q. Let me just say this, that I would like it if you would just answer the questions I put to you, I would like to get an answer to them first and then if you have anything more you desire to say you may, if the chairman permits you, make any further statements you desire afterwards?—A. I beg pardon?

Q. As far as you know there are no rules or regulations governing your department?—A. Well, that is a difficult question to answer yes or no. I do not think there are any formulated rules; it was understood how I was to make my purchases, but no rules were formulated.

Q. You mean that there were verbal directions but no written instructions?—A. I might say they thought I knew more about it than they did, and that I would use my knowledge for the benefit of the commission.

Q. And, therefore, as you understand it, they gave no written directions or rules?—A. There were no written directions.

Q. With regard to the particular account on which you are being examined, I find that on October 20, 1906, the Auditor General wrote to the secretary of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission with regard to the Barber & Ellis account for envelopes. Do you recollect that?—A. I do, sir.

Q. I think that is in the report, is it not?—A. Yes, page W—260.

Q. And thereupon the chairman of the commission addresses you, calling attention to that letter, and asking an explanation, that is, on October 30, 1906?—A. Yes, that is correct.

Q. And that also appears in the Auditor General's Report?—A. Yes.

Q. And on November 3, 1906, you made what might be called a report upon the subject, is that also in the report, Mr. Fraser—that appears at page W—341. Now, in that report, Mr. Ogilvie, you say that on September 26, 1905, a requisition, No. 557, was authorized by the department calling for a quantity of envelopes, have you the original of that?—A. I have. Document produced and marked 'Exhibit No. 1', as follows:—

'The Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway, Requisition for Supplies.

'No. 577.

'OTTAWA, September 27, 1905.

'I beg to make requisition on the commission for the following:

'A. L. OGILVIE,

'Gen. Pur. Agent.

'12 doz. Arctic socks at \$3.25 per doz.

'6 doz. 10-inch oil tans without heel and toe, \$20 per doz.

'6 doz. Penetang long-legged moccasins at \$34 per doz.

'6 doz. caps S. 248, \$5 per doz.

'6 doz. 10-inch oil tans without heel and toe at \$20 per doz.

'12 doz. suits underclothing at \$15 per doz.

'5 doz. Carter's paste.

'6 only Samson perforators.