

Q. If you were to have fifty thousand pairs of army boots declared surplus, you would not know the cost?—A. We could easily find the original cost, or the average original cost.

Q. Do you find the original cost, or do you consider that worthwhile.—A. We do not find it. We work on the going market price, relatively the best price we can get for them.

Mr. McLURE: I had a number of questions to ask when I came here but everybody was so anxious to ask questions that I have just sat and listened, and I must say that every one that has been asked has been well answered. And I want to say this while we are here, that Mr. Berry has been a wonderful witness under cross-examination, and I think he must have given entire satisfaction to every member of the committee; and I just want to say to him that that is my humble opinion, sitting here as a member of the committee.

The MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. McGREGOR: Did I understand Mr. Berry to say in reference to the question asked by Mr. Jackman that if they had fifty thousand pairs of shoes to sell, that they did not ask the cost of those shoes and did not enquire as to what the cost of those shoes were before setting the price: did I understand you aright?—A. We do not enquire as to the original cost.

Q. You do not enquire as to the original cost?—A. No. We do in specific instances if we consider the cost is obtainable and if it is considered to be of use in establishing the going market price. But in the case of shoes, we would ask the Wartime Prices and Trade Board what the ceiling price for those shoes were, and our sale price would be governed accordingly.

The CHAIRMAN: We will meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock a.m.