

Q. That is, the Hotel Scribe and this other one?—A. Yes, those two large transactions are practically the only ones, excepting Lloyd's Bank across the Boulevard, which have changed hands in the last few years.

Q. Can you tell us anything about that one?—A. No, I cannot tell you.

Q. So then, as I understand you, you cannot give us the details of any transactions in that neighbourhood?—A. No. I could have got some of this had I known I was going to be here, but I was just passing through on a trip, and was asked to stop. I could give you a lot of these facts if I were home.

Q. Then you were telling us about the steamship companies. Does the Canadian Pacific do any considerable business in Paris?—A. Yes, I think they do. They have never had very large quarters; they are in a better office now than they were. They had a very small office up to a year ago, but I think they do quite a business.

Q. How would you place the ocean service of the C.P.R.?—A. I beg your pardon.

Q. In what way would you place the ocean service of the C.P.R.—the Canadian Pacific activities in Paris? Which would you look upon as the most important steamship company there?—A. Well, I should think the Cunard.

Q. And where, after the Cunard, would the C.P.R. come in?—A. I would not like to give you anything very definite on that, Sir Henry, because I do not know, but my best judgment would be that the Cunard, the Compagnie Generale Trans-atlantique, the White Star, and then possibly the C.P.R. That is just offhanded; I do not know definitely.

Q. How large an office have they in this gild-edged neighbourhood?—A. The C.P.R.?

Q. Yes?—A. Well, they had a very small office, as I say, until last year, and they moved in now with the offices, I think of—let me see what that name is. It is an English company. They are right next door to the White Star. They have a very nice office there.

Q. A very nice office now?—A. Yes.

Q. Have you any idea of the dimensions of it?—A. I have an idea, but I could not give you anything you could rely upon. I have been in there frequently and it is a very nice office.

Q. A sufficient office, you think, for the purposes of the business?—A. I think so.

Q. What rent do they pay?—A. I don't know.

Q. Then outside of the C.P.R., is there any other company, or railway, in Canada or the United States with offices in Paris?—A. There is the American Express Company.

Q. That is not a railway?—A. They do a railway business.

Q. Just the same as all express people do. But outside of the American Express Company is there any other company there at all?—A. Foreign company?

Q. Yes?—A. No, not that I know of, at the present time. The German lines are some business in there, but not in their own offices.

Q. I was asking you with regard to companies this side of the water?—A. No, I do not know of any others at the present time.

Q. You have told us you did not act as a real estate agent yourself. Have you ever owned property in Paris in that neighbourhood?—A. Not in that neighbourhood. I do own some property in Paris. I belong to the British Chamber of Commerce in Paris, and in that way get a good deal of inside information.

Q. That is all you can tell me about that—or is there anything further you can say?—A. I do not know, Sir Henry, on what line.

Q. Then you were out here between April first and April 20th, seeing Sir Henry Thornton?—A. Yes.