

goes up to say 125 per cent, then that nation is allowed to purchase one-half of that excess back; say it purchases twenty-five per cent back and buys gold for it, therefore there is another twenty-five per cent going back into that bank in gold and it is kept there too.

The WITNESS: Have you read the rest of it?

Mr. FRASER: I read the bottom part too, I read the whole thing. I still cannot see how you can do it with twenty-five per cent in gold, because I do not see any loop hole through which it comes out again.

Mr. IRVINE: That is a good place to have it, you cannot get it out again. All right, keep it in there.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you mind if we postponed the answer to that question?

Mr. FRASER: Yes, Mr. Chairman, because I haven't got it and I do not think you have.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bracken:

Hon. Mr. BRACKEN: Mr. Chairman, might I ask one or two questions?

The CHAIRMAN: Certainly.

Hon. Mr. BRACKEN: My first one is this; has an ordinary outlander who is not a member of the committee the right to ask questions?

The CHAIRMAN: With the consent of the committee you have the full right to ask questions.

Some Hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Hon. Mr. BRACKEN: Might I ask, Mr. Chairman, what are the plans of the committee; are you planning to meet later on?

The CHAIRMAN: We plan to sit three times to-day, and to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. BRACKEN: Are you planning to adjourn now?

The CHAIRMAN: At 6 o'clock we will adjourn.

Hon. Mr. BRACKEN: Would you mind if I were to ask one or two questions?

The CHAIRMAN: No, carry on.

*By Hon. Mr. Bracken:*

Q. I will just ask you this, the question will be rather elementary and your answer may have to be rather general: What contribution is Canada expected to make in money?—A. \$300,000,000.

Q. Into the fund?—A. \$300,000,000 to the fund and \$325,000,000 to the bank. These are expressed in both cases in terms of American funds. The form of the contribution would be this. To the fund: gold to the value of \$75,000,000 American. Canadian dollars to the value of \$225,000,000 American. The Canadian dollar contribution could take the form, under the provisions of this agreement, of a non-interest bearing loan from the fund to the dominion government, which has to make the contribution.

Q. Is that a contribution that is to be made at once or just a portion of it?—A. In the case of the fund the entire contribution is to be made when the fund notifies Canada that the fund will shortly be in a position to begin exchange operations, so that one could say the entire contribution is to be made at once, yes.

Q. That is the money contribution that Canada is asked to make to this general scheme. What contribution would we make in the way of restriction of our sovereignty?—A. I do not think, Mr. Bracken, that there is any restriction on our sovereignty in entering this agreement. We first of all, if parliament approves, join of our own free will. We assume for such period as the Canadian government or the Canadian parliament, in the exercise of its sovereign rights,