

MOOSOMIN, SASK., September 8, 1925.

A. H. HINDS, Esq.,
Chief Clerk of Committees,
The Senate, Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—I have charge as District Court Judge of not only Moosomin Judicial District to which I was originally appointed, but also for a good many years of the judicial district of Melville. I have before me, directed to me at Melville, your letter of the 29th June last with copies of Bill W (introduced in the Senate) and Bill 27 (introduced in the House of Commons) being Bills to amend the law with regard to evidence at the trial of persons charged with criminal offences.

I am not sure whether I answered a similar letter sent to me at Moosomin, or whether I got such a letter then, but in case I have not already replied, I wish to say, that in my opinion and from my experience as a judge of nearly eighteen years, not to speak of earlier experience as an advocate, that I think the proposed amendment in both Bills good, and are in the interest of better administration of justice in such cases.

I therefore express my approval of both Bills more especially Bill W, I presume it is not necessary to go into any reason for the opinion here.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) A. GRAY FARRELL.

DISTRICT COURT, SASKATCHEWAN,

WYNYARD, SASK., August 5, 1925.

A. H. HINDS, Esq.,
Chief Clerk of Committees,
The Senate of Canada, Ottawa.

SIR,—*Re* Bill W, An Act to amend the Canada Evidence Act and Bill 27, An Act to amend the Canada Evidence Act.

In reply to your circular letter dated the 29th June last, I have the honour to state that I am entirely in favour of the change proposed by Bill 27, but that Bill W does not greatly appeal to me.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) C. H. BELL,
D.C.J.

ARCOLA, SASK., August 6, 1925.

A. H. HINDS, Esq.,
Chief Clerk of Committees,
The Senate of Canada, Ottawa.

SIR,—

Re Bill W, An Act to amend The Canada Evidence Act as regards the evidence of persons charged with offences; and *re* Bill 27, An Act to amend The Canada Evidence Act.

I have the honour in compliance with the request of the Special Committee of the Senate, communicated by your letter of 29th June, 1925, to enclose my opinion on each of the amendments proposed by the above Bills.