

made available when the bill is taken up again. In the meantime perhaps he would find out who Mr. Brown is.

Mr. VENIOT: I have already given the information touching Mr. Brown.

Mr. HEAPS: No.

Mr. VENIOT: I cannot see what other information I can give. I have already stated that Mr. Brown was connected with the Pacific cable board, that he was an officer of that board. I might add that when he came to Canada he accompanied Sir Campbell Stuart, and while on this side they visited and inspected the West Indies cable system.

Mr. HEAPS: When was that?

Mr. VENIOT: That was long before the merger was contemplated.

Mr. HEAPS: This was early in 1927, I presume?

Mr. VENIOT: Yes, there was no merger contemplated at that time or even suggested.

Mr. HEAPS: I do not know whether the minister intends proceeding further just now with the bill. When Mr. Brown came to this country with Sir Campbell Stuart in the spring or summer of 1927, I should like to know whom he represented. He was one of the men behind the scenes of whom very little was heard subsequently. However, when he returned to England, he left a secret code in case it might be necessary for the Post Office Department to communicate with him. I think under those circumstances he assumed a position of importance. He evidently had a good deal to do with shaping the policy of the government. I do not know whether he was an Englishman, a Frenchman or what. We should like to be informed where he came from and what he is engaged in at the present time.

Mr. VENIOT: The only information I have before me is that Mr. Brown lives in London, England. He came here from London. So far as the secret code is concerned, my assistant deputy informs me that, while no merger was contemplated, at the time, there were communications with Sir Campbell Stuart, the representative of Canada on the cable board in London, and this code was so arranged that whatever passed between our representative and the department here would be secret. That is the information I get from the gentleman who apparently signed this with the title of "Assistant Deputy Postmaster General."

Mr. STEVENS: Whom did Mr. Brown represent? That is the point.

Mr. VENIOT: I am told when he came over here he acted as Sir Campbell Stuart's secretary and returned with him to London.

Mr. STEVENS: Have you his initials?

Mr. VENIOT: No, we have not.

Mr. HEAPS: Does the minister know if this Mr. Brown is in any way connected with financial institutions that are interested in private cable corporations?

Mr. VENIOT: No, I do not.

Mr. LAPOINTE: May I move, in order to give effect to the suggestion of my hon. friend from Vancouver:

That the words "as set forth in schedule A hereto" be added after the words "chapter 7" in the fourth line of section 1; and the words "as set forth in schedule B hereto" be added after the word "report" at the end of section 1.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the amendment carry?

Mr. HEAPS: Before the amendment carries, I should like to know who recommended to the department the name of Sir Campbell Stuart to act for Canada?

Mr. VENIOT: As I remember, it was done by order in council.

Mr. HEAPS: How did his name come to the government?

Mr. LAPOINTE: He has represented Canada on the Pacific board for years, and naturally was the man who should be appointed in a commission of this kind.

Mr. VENIOT: I know he was a member of that board when I took charge of the department. I had an interview with him before he left for London.

Mr. HEAPS: Did the government at any time receive a report from Sir Campbell Stuart making any recommendation with respect to: what should be the policy in regard to the Pacific cables?

Mr. VENIOT: We did receive a recommendation based on the investigation held. He was a member of the investigating committee and the recommendation is contained in the report.

Mr. HEAPS: Is there any objection to tabling the report Sir Campbell Stuart made to the government?

Mr. VENIOT: We have no objection to raise to what he recommended to us.

Mr. HEAPS: No, I am asking if there is any objection to tabling the report which Sir Campbell Stuart made to the Dominion government as to his ideas on this subject.