

Q. I think you do need it on a different basis. There are two things: one is railway property, which is used for the purpose of the undertaking—A. Yes.

Q. I take it this man Duthie is your agent?—A. Yes.

Q. Just one of your people?—A. Yes.

Q. And it really makes no difference, the property being in his name?—A. Yes.

Q. If he is your agent, you are still liable for the taxes?—A. Yes; they can sell it to-morrow.

Q. They can bill you for the taxes?—A. They can bill Duthie; it is not in our name.

Q. Duthie is your agent?—A. Yes, according to law.

Q. He is only a stool pigeon there?—A. Practically a stool pigeon; it is postponing the payment of these taxes until we can talk it over. We will adjust that.

*By Hon. Mr. Graham:*

Q. I suppose, as a matter of law, Mr. Ruel, if they wanted to they could transfer this land to the Crown?—A. Yes.

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I would be opposed to that.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I thought we were to adjourn early.

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I want to ask one other question—

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: There was an understanding we were to adjourn for the Conservative caucus. Now if caucuses do not count—we were advised fairly all around that there was a Conservative caucus at 11.30. If caucuses are not to count—

The CHAIRMAN: Sir Henry, I am very much surprised to hear you make that remark. The Chair certainly had no desire to ignore your caucus. You were making your examination at the very moment—

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I did not want to delay the Committee unless the Committee wanted to have itself delayed.

The CHAIRMAN: I would be very sorry to have Sir Henry think that was intentional on the part of the Chair.

Mr. KYTE: I can say very frankly that I did not know there was a Conservative caucus this morning.

The CHAIRMAN: Sir Henry spoke to me about it yesterday, but when he was going on with his examination—

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: It would have been a shame to disturb him.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Very well, as long as we have the same rule all round.

The CHAIRMAN: It was entirely inadvertent, I assure you. Shall we adjourn now?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: There is one way we can materially hasten things. If the accounts I asked for yesterday, the monthly statement, could be given to me this afternoon, I might be able to cut out a great deal of talk here.

The CHAIRMAN: Can we have those?

Major BELL: Do you want to see these this afternoon? If you like, you could go over these accounts with Mr. Henry this afternoon, Sir Henry (Drayton).

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Yes. I can perhaps save half a day.

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Are you through with Mr. Ruel?

The witness discharged.

The Committee adjourned.