

Q. That is the way we find things out, whether the opinion is direct or whether it is not. I do not think I will bother any more, Mr. Chairman. We will get that evidence as to the exact amount of payment.

By Mr. Kyte:

Q. You were Vice-President of the Canadian National?—A. I was Vice-President, but I resigned about the end of May, at the May Board meeting. I am named in the estimates as Government Director.

Q. At the time of this transaction, what was your position with the Company?—A. I was Vice-President when that \$200,000 was forwarded, and I resigned about the 21st of May, I think, at the May Board meeting.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: It was May 21st, I think.

The WITNESS: On the 21st of May I tendered my resignation, or rather I tendered it some time before then, and it was accepted at the May Board meeting.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: It was the third Monday in May, either the 21st or 22nd.

By Mr. Kyte:

Q. From the original owners?—A. Yes.

By Sir Henry Drayton:

Q. From the original owners?—A. Yes.

Q. And you have already told us you cannot say anything about the original owners, so I suppose you did not go into that yourself—the question of 600,000 francs?—A. No, but this amount was checked by Mr. Archibald's office.

Q. Did you go into that yourself?—A. No, only to have Mr. Archibald say that he personally—or one of his men in his office—checked all these things saw the notarial deeds in order to see that the amount had actually been paid.

Q. All that does, of course, is to give evidence of the fact that a payment was made. As to the question of rebates or anything of that kind, you would not get that from that evidence?—A. No.

Q. Then who got the benefit of the 1,735,000 francs for taking up— —A. was transferring some of the funds; the ordinary banking charges.

Q. That was the bankers' charge for the cost of transfer?—A. Yes.

Q. Then who got the benefit of the 1,735,000 francs for taking up—A. 1,735,000 francs as far as we are concerned. Aronovici claimed to have paid out the larger portion of that for other things. We would not acknowledge that at all.

Q. Has he got it?—A. He has got that. That is a commission of 1,735,000 francs in lieu of the 10 per cent. This amounts to about 5 per cent.

By the Chairman:

Q. Does that include all he got for his services?—A. Yes.

Q. That is the net amount after taking into consideration the expenses he had incurred?—A. That had nothing to do with his salary; this is in connection with the building.

Q. This is what he got for his services?—A. Yes.

By Sir Henry Drayton:

Q. Then, Major, in connection with your investigation, did you ever ascertain whether that property had been offered to others in Canada?—A. I have heard that said, Sir Henry, yes.