

APPENDIX No. 1

By Mr. Kyte:

Q. This particular list?—A. This particular list I suppose it is about four years old.

Q. Did anybody but the Minister suggest names to be placed on the list?—A. Well, the rule was that the names sent to me from the Minister's office would be put on the list. Of course, in some cases we might know the source from which that name came, that is to the Minister's office; and in other cases we might not. It might be one individual, it might be another; but I was to take my instructions from the Minister, the Minister's office, as to this purchasing list.

Q. Without having the list before you, you could not recall any names that came to you except through the Minister?—A. No.

Q. I think you said that members sometimes suggest names?—A. Oh, yes.

Q. Can you say that any member of Parliament suggested Mr. McGee's name?—A. Possibly, I do not know.

Q. If you do not know—A. I can find out and let you know.

Q. That is all the evidence you can give now.

By Mr. Sinclair:

Q. You could produce that list, I suppose it is in writing?—A. It is a card index list, it is not on paper; but I could produce the card containing Mr. McGee's name, and I could produce, I dare say, the written instructions to add his name on the card.

Q. Does it cover other lines as well as lumber?—A. Well, I could not tell you from memory, because there are a good many names come in, a good many names on this list. I could not tell you offhand.

Q. Is the Ottawa list kept separate in a card index by itself?—A. No.

Q. The card index that you refer to includes the whole military list for the Department?—A. Yes.

Q. It is a very large list?—A. Yes.

Q. And they all come from the Minister?—A. Well, that is the rule.

Q. Practically all?—A. That is the rule. There may be some names put on by others, but I think that is the general practice. It would be a very exceptional case if it did not come from the Minister's office.

By Mr. Boys:

Q. How long have you been in the Department?—A. About 20 years.

Q. What positions have you held during that time?—A. I was private secretary to the Minister for 8 years, and since that I have been Director of Contracts.

Q. During 20 years you have been in a position to know what has been the method in vogue regarding the patronage list?—A. Well, I had not very much to do with the patronage list while I was private secretary.

Q. For how many years did you have anything to do with it?—A. I have been Director of Contracts for 12 years.

Q. You described the system that was in vogue apparently when Mr. McGee was put upon the patronage list?—A. Yes.

Q. Has the method of putting names upon the patronage list varied within the last 12 years?—A. No, I do not think it has very much.

Q. Prior to 1911 was there a patronage list, or is this a new creation?—A. There was a patronage list before 1911.

Q. Have you any idea how names got on the patronage list in those days?—A. Generally speaking, very much the same way.

Q. If there is any difference I would like you to point it out. Perhaps there was greater activity displayed before 1911?—A. I do not know that there was any difference. Possibly since 1911 the names more uniformly come from the Minister's office, while formerly they may have come direct from Members of Parliament, I am not sure.

Q. Beyond that feature you think there is no other difference?—A. No.

Mr. H. W. BROWN.