

Q. Let us deal with that one first, the changes are there, are they not?—A. The changes are not here, only explanatory notes of what the work was for. (Document filed) “Statement showing firms to whom lithographing, engraving, printing and binding work was sent during the years 1896-1897 to 1908-1909 inclusive; also division of same ‘paper (approximately),’ ‘printing and binding,’ which might have been executed in Printing Bureau and ‘lithographing and loose leaf work’ which includes engraving. Also tabulated statement showing growth of business in Printing Bureau since 1889, as well as present Bureau rates for outside work. Government Printing Bureau, February 17th, 1910.”)

Q. Now will you look at this Return (Statement with corrections handed to witness.)—A. Yes, this shows the deductions from the first figures.

Q. That shows all the changes?—A. I think so.

Q. That is the final paper as it was returned to you revised, the revisions being shown?—A. I believe it is the one we were working on one Saturday afternoon.

Q. You were present when all these changes were discussed?—A. I was, they were made in the lithographing room of the Bureau, I believe.

Q. Will you look at this Return, Mr. Cook (copy of Return as finally corrected handed to witness)?—A. There was more than one copy of this, two copies were given to Mr. Mulvey and the King’s Printer and one was retained in the lithographing room.

Q. What is that last document I gave to you?—A. That will be a duplicate of one of the others.

Q. The final Return?—A. This is the final as corrected by Mr. Mulvey.

Q. And that other one would be?—A. That is a duplicate of it uncorrected.

Q. It precedes the uncorrected one?—A. Yes.

Q. Will you look at this, Mr. Cook. (“Statement showing paper, binding and miscellaneous work in hands of the firms named during the years 1896-1909 inclusive, Government Printing Bureau, Ottawa, March 11th, 1910,” handed to witness.) What is that?—A. From my recollection of it it is a reply to a statement asked for by the Under Secretary of State—I am now speaking offhand, but I recognize that it was prepared in our room and sent out in reply to some question that was asked, but I do not recall what the question was.

Q. And the Return was prepared by yourself?—A. It was sent to the Under Secretary of State for the Minister.

Q. Who prepared it?—A. It was prepared by myself.

Q. And that is true of the other reports I have handed to you?—A. By myself with the assistance, of course, of the clerks in the room.

Q. If the Return showed the cost of the paper and printing it would be proper?—A. I do not remember the question that this was prepared in reply to, I haven’t it before me and I cannot say without seeing it.

Q. But at all events with regard to outside printing if the cost of paper and printing was asked for you would think that printing in that case would not include paper, wouldn’t you?—A. It depends upon how the question read.

Q. But if you were asked the cost of the paper and of the printing you would not include the cost of the paper in the printing, would you?—A. No, I would not.

Q. You thought that you were satisfying the order for this return by merely going to the Auditor General’s Report without consulting the records of your office, is that so?—A. I beg pardon?

Q. You thought you were satisfying the order for this return by merely taking the Auditor General’s report and making a compilation from it?—A. I did. I may explain that I am not the accountant of the Bureau; I was asked by Mr. Parmelee as a favour to prepare that report; it did not belong to my room, the accountant should have prepared the report, I mentioned that fact to Mr. Mulvey at the time; I did it at the time under request from the King’s Printer.