

*By Mr. McGregor:*

Q. As I understand it the request was made the other day for the cost and the sale price of all buildings that had been sold. Do I understand now we are not going to get that cost?—A. This is a part of the picture but I think I tried to explain the other day that if I brought everything here I should imagine this list would consist of papers maybe this thick.

Q. That is all right.

Mr. BRADETTE: You can go there if you want to.

Mr. MCGREGOR: I do not care whether I can go there. If the government wants to get this stuff out they can get it. There isn't any question about that. I think that this committee has been set up with instructions to get certain things, and they are entitled to get them. There is no reason why we should not get them.

The CHAIRMAN: You do not need to raise your voice on that score.

Mr. MCGREGOR: Any information asked for we are entitled to.

Mr. COTE: Nobody objects to that.

The WITNESS: As far as I am concerned I have no objection to getting this information out but I think in fairness to my organization and to the work they have to do I have to point out the amount of work that is involved in getting this information together.

Mr. MCGREGOR: I know. I have been on these committees before and we quite understand that any information that the government does not want the committee to have they are going to take a long time to get it out.

The CHAIRMAN: Order, Mr. McGregor.

Mr. COTE: That is not the point.

Mr. MCGREGOR: That is the point.

Mr. COTE: There must be some economical way to get it.

Mr. MCGREGOR: We have economical ways and all the rest of it.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, Mr. McGregor.

Mr. PROBE: We do not have to have it to-day.

Mr. MCGREGOR: Certainly we do not have to have it today.

Mr. JACKMAN: What was the basis of preparing this?

The CHAIRMAN: Suppose we make a little headway by going on.

*By Mr. Jackman:*

Q. I asked what was the basis of preparing this because I see you have got items down here as low as \$2,496?—A. The only way I could prepare any sort of list for this morning's meeting was to take the records that we have in Ottawa of sales that have been passed through either the war surplus branch or the special sales branch in Ottawa.

*By Mr. Reid:*

Q. Is this the total sales throughout Canada, Mr. Berry?—A. No, this is the only part that I have been able to get this morning. If I try to get the rest of them I think I will have some documents about this thick, which I am quite prepared to do if the committee wishes.

*By Mr. Jackman:*

Q. May we learn the system under which this operates? May I get this straight? This represents the sales of real property through the war surplus.—  
A. War surplus branch.