

By the Chairman:

Q. You know exactly what we want to find out. What we want to know is what you got extra?—A. I will tell you that right now. We got about £15,000, somewhere about that, about \$80,000.

Q. What had you to do for the Russian Government that you would not have had to do for the Canadian Government, and what did you charge for that? Tell us exactly what you did for the Russian Government that you would not have had to do under your contract with the Canadian Government, and what you charged for doing it?

Mr. CARVELL: That is a fair way of putting it.

By the Chairman:

Q. Apart from the \$80,000 altogether; that is not in your contract—that is an extra?

By Mr. Stevens:

Q. Would you mind answering this question: You stated a little while ago that you were delayed in construction, making room for submarines and patrol boats and vessels of war. Did you receive any request to give precedence to naval vessels?—A. Well the department here more or less acquiesced in the conditions existing, that that ship was being neglected in order to give precedence to the war. Under that we could have presumably gone on the same as we have with one ship for the same department that is practically lying stagnant due to the war, and this ship would probably have drifted along until the war was finished.

Q. Owing to that the construction of the ice breaker was put over into 1916, whereas it should have been built in 1915? The cost, as a result of this delay, was very much greater—62 per cent according to your chart?

Mr. CARVELL: He did not say that.

Mr. STEVENS: I understood so.

Mr. CARVELL: The increase was on the iron and steel.

Mr. STEVENS: And material.

By Mr. Stevens:

Q. How about the cost of wages?—A. The cost of that boat would come up to about \$1,700,000.

Q. What did you get for it?—A. \$1,650,000.

By Mr. Devlin:

Q. Do you mean to say that if the Canadian Government wanted to replace that boat today—as they will have to do later—they will have to pay \$1,700,000?—A. I would not take it for that; I would ask \$2,000,000.

Mr. CARVELL: Had the witness not better get back to the question the chairman asked him? You know there is another side to this, Mr. Stevens. While these people are claiming they were put off a year, they got mighty well paid for it.

Mr. STEVENS: I am not so sure of that.

Mr. BOYS: Perhaps they did. All we are concerned in is whether there was a rake-off.

The WITNESS: I have no doubt this thing was talked over on the other side very frankly. The question was no doubt asked: What was this ship worth? and, knowing the cost of things in England, they said: She is worth such a price.