

Major BELL: I think I gave that to you yesterday: I did not give you the amounts, because I did not have them. I think it is something in the neighbourhood of one per cent; it may be a little over or a little under.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: One per cent as against three per cent? You did not give it yesterday.

Major BELL: I referred to it, and told you I could not give the exact figures. That is the reason we formed the company; Aronovici signed off the shares as soon as that was done.

Mr. STEWART: Was that included in the 1,370,000 francs?

Major BELL: No, we would take care of that after.

By Sir Henry Drayton:

Q. Were there any other members of the Government or members of Parliament with whom you discussed this, besides the Premier and the Minister of Railways?—A. No.

Q. That is all?—A. Yes.

Q. Have you anything in writing from Mr. Ruel as to the legality of this matter?—A. I do not think we have. I think Mr. Ruel simply gave me his opinion verbally.

Q. What was the date you brought Mr. Ruel into this?—A. Oh, immediately we began discussing the matter with Aronovici.

Q. So he was in it from the start?—A. Yes.

Q. What date did you bring Major Bell into it?—A. I think about the same time.

Major BELL: The day I signed the \$200,000 advance. That was the first I heard of it. That is, this particular property; I know the general scheme.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: The time the advance of \$200,000 was made. We did not get the date of that, did we?—A. Can you fix the date of that at all, Major?

Mr. KYTE: Was that not in the statement yesterday, also?

Major BELL: It would be some time in May, I imagine, would it not?

The WITNESS: I think it would be before that.

Major BELL: It is a matter of record, when that \$200,000 was advanced.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: It is not set up in the account of payments.

Major BELL: It would be about the time that letter was signed, about the same date.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: April 30th?

Major BELL: Yes.

By Sir Henry Drayton:

Q. I will go and get that article for you, Sir Henry.—A. I wish you would. I might say there has been not only an article in the paper I referred to, but there have been a certain number of articles which were all prompted by nefarious purposes.

Q. Now tell me the date of Aronovici's option?—A. No, I do not think I can. I might be able to get it, but I do not remember.

Q. I suppose Mr. Archibald has that option; he would naturally take it over in getting the title?

Major BELL: I do not think he would have it.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Well, I will get that article, because it is only fair to let you see it.

The CHAIRMAN: Have you finished?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Yes, with the exception of that one thing.