

with that inquiry on the same identical day he puts in this bill:

To travel, issuing notices, subpoenas, etc., conducting inquiry re George Livingstone, Big Bras d'Or	\$15 00
" allowance for living expenses	2 50
" paid ferry fare	0 05
" tram fare, North Sydney to Sydney Mines	0 05
" paid for use of room for holding inquiries	0 40
" service on witnesses	1 00
" stenographer (copying evidence and reports)	1 35
" stationery and postage	0 10
	\$20 45

The next in order is the case of Roderick McLeod. The investigation, according to the report as I have it here, was on the 6th day of September, 1912. It was made simply and clearly in a letter written by Mr. McCormick, so that no time need be wasted in looking up what the charge was. The bill in connection with that investigation is attached to the papers and it reads as follows:

To travel, issuing notices, subpoenas, etc., conducting inquiries	\$15 00
" allowance for living expenses	2 50
" ferry fare	0 05
" horse hire	1 00
" paid for use of room for holding inquiries	0 40
" service on witnesses	1 00
" stenographer (copying evidence and reports)	1 35
" stationery and postage	0 05
	\$21 35

The next in order is that of D. J. Morrison. The charge is made clearly and distinctly by my hon. friend, Mr. McCormick, in a letter dated July 6, 1912, and sent in due course to Mr. Duchemin for inquiry, so that there was no need of wasting any time finding out about it. I find that he took evidence of two lines and three words, and that finished the whole inquiry, and he sent in his bill in connection with that. It will be noted that it is the same day as the other:

To travel, issuing notices, subpoenas, etc., conducting inquiries	\$15 00
" allowance for living expenses	2 50
" ferry fare	0 05
" horse hire	1 00
" paid for use of room for holding inquiries	0 40
" service on witnesses	1 00
" stenographer (copying evidence and reports)	1 35
" stationery and postage	0 00
Total	\$21 35

The next that happens to come to my hand is that of Roderick Bain, an inquiry [Mr. McKenzie.]

held upon the same day and at the same place, with the same witnesses and in the same room. In connection with which I find this bill:

To travel, issuing notices, subpoenas, etc., conducting inquiry re Roderick Bain, New Campbellton, N.S.	15 00
" allowance for living expenses	2 50
" paid ferry fare	0 05
" paid tram fare, North Sydney to Sydney Mines	0 05
" horse hire, Sydney Mines to New Campbellton	0 80
" paid for use of room for holding inquiries	0 40
" service on witnesses	1 00
" stenographer (copying evidence and reports)	1 35
" stationery and postage	0 05
	\$21 20

The last one is that of H. G. McKay; for an investigation held in the same place and on the same day, with the same witnesses, the same room, and crossing the same ferry. He does not set out the items as clearly as in the other. He says:

Allowance	\$15 00
Living allowance	3 00
Witnesses, typewriting, etc.	5 40
	\$23 40

That is the full record of the charges that were made, and I have satisfied I think, the House—and Mr. Duchemin does not deny it—that all these services were performed the same day. I have pointed out what Mr. Duchemin's explanation is, and it is the explanation upon which the Customs Department thought they were safe in making the statement that I made a false representation to the House when I intimated that too much money was paid for this inquiry. In the Auditor-General's Report, 1912-13, Part F, Finance Department, there appears on page F-48 some correspondence about this matter, which I read:

Audit Office, Ottawa, June 13, 1913.

Sir,—With regard to the investigations held by Mr. H. P. Duchemin for your department, I presume your attention has been called to the statement made in the House of Commons by Mr. McKenzie, M.P., on the 23rd ultimo (p. 10981, Hansard) that "on the 6th September last Mr. Duchemin held six investigations between three o'clock and six o'clock in the afternoon in a house at New Campbellton, or Big Bras d'Or, and rendered six separate and distinct bills, amounting to over one hundred dollars for three hours' work."

His account, dated 31st October last, shows that he charged for six days' services for portions of September 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th and 12th in conducting investigations at Little Bras d'Or and New Campbellton.

In view of the discussion in the House, I