

I say that we are all pleased and grateful to Sir Norman for coming here and addressing us in his interesting and instructive way. The impression he has made on me is that, perhaps, the matter before this committee is a little better handled in the old country than in Canada. I think

I got the impression that the principle that a man must be considered innocent until he is proven guilty is more observed in the old country than in Canada. Perhaps, that is not quite correct, but that is the impression I got from Sir Norman's description of proceedings over there. That the House of Commons and the public and the legal profession approve the actions that this committee have taken I think can be easily understood when we know that Sir Norman is the chairman of the chief committee, handles the examination, and directs the proceedings of the committee himself; because I am sure that would give confidence even to the accused that they would be handled fairly and justly.

I am looking forward with interest and pleasure to hearing Sir Norman address the Canadian Club today, and if he is any more instructive than he has been with us his address will be worth hearing.

On behalf of the committee I express our thanks to you, Sir Norman, for coming to address us today.

SIR NORMAN BIRKETT: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I am obliged to you. I have appreciated very much the opportunity of coming here and enlarging my own experience, and I am very grateful to Mr. Black for his kind observations.

--The Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.