

were requested not only to-day but on previous occasions, and of which the numbers were taken by the representatives of the company here this afternoon and which they agreed to produce?

Mr. WALKER: I have made it quite clear that I was not refusing to do that. But I asked that I should be instructed by the committee, and I certainly interpreted the instructions as being that we did not have to go on with it. I sent for this information and then cancelled it after that.

Mr. VIEN: And that is my recollection.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Mr. Chairman, I am asking for your decision on this. I am amazed at the statement of Mr. Walker.

Mr. JACOBS: Let us see what the record discloses.

Mr. VIEN: We have not got it here. But besides, Mr. Chairman, when Mr. Stevens suggested that this inquiry should be carried out along these lines, we pointed out that it was defeating the purpose of the bill, that it would be impossible to report the bill on time if we went into that investigation. Thereupon the chair asked Mr. Stevens to put his motion down; thereupon a vote was taken and it was decided that the motion should be turned down.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: I cannot agree with that at all. I might remind the chair of another feature of it. I was then asked—I think by yourself, Mr. Chairman—would I be satisfied with Ottawa loans.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that was before the motion. That was my recollection.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Mr. Chairman, are we to be refused this information? That is all I want to know.

Mr. MARTIN: No, you are not being refused.

The CHAIRMAN: That is for the committee to decide. We said that this afternoon.

Mr. VIEN: If Mr. Stevens has any motion to make, he may make it. But the question before the chair now is that section 3 as amended should carry.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Stevens gave notice some time ago that he had an amendment to propose. My recollection is clear on that matter.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: I have three.

Mr. VIEN: Will you move them?

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: I am entitled to this information, Mr. Chairman; and I am sorry to say that I disagree with your recollection in this.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, Mr. Stevens, the record will show which of us is right.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Quite so. But I recall it so clearly, that subsequent to the turning down of the motion that the clause should stand, then we had this conversation and the agreement, and Mr. Walker said that he had sent away for the information. I intimated over and over again that it would not take long, as these were serially numbered loans and could easily be picked out. I think I asked for about a half a dozen.

Mr. BAKER: Mr. Stevens, could your recollection possibly be wrong? The others seem to think otherwise—the majority.

Mr. McGEER: I think we ought to have the record cleared up. There may be some doubt whether it was asked for, and I am going to move now that the information—I would like to move that the officials of the company be requested to produce the information with reference—

The CHAIRMAN: Will you write out your motion, Mr. McGeer?