

## Public Accounts Committee.

*By Mr. Cowan:*

Q. Mr. Moore, there are some of these cases, some of these titles where, I am not saying whether rightly or wrongly, you did receive pay from the government, and received pay from the individuals in connection with it?—A. Yes, where they insisted I should do the work.

Q. Yes, but I am saying——?—A. I don't want you to misrepresent me by asking that question.

Q. I am not misrepresenting you, I am treating you very fairly. You told me five times you only did it after warning them to go to a solicitor, that it was work for a solicitor, and that if you did it you would charge. I say there are cases——?—A. Yes, under these circumstances.

*By Mr. Hughes:*

Q. How much did you receive in all these 150 cases?—A. In all these 150 cases I positively did not receive more than \$20.

Q. That is, for 150 cases involving from \$10,000 to \$20,000 expenditure, there were only some \$20 outside the fees?—A. That is all I am aware of.

Q. And yet you see that by the Auditor General's Report, for 12 or 13 cases, on Cameron Lake, there was some \$300 in fees?—No answer.

Mr. SOMERVILLE.—I think Mr. Hughes should carry out the pledge that he made when he summoned the witnesses here, that if he did not prove his case he would pay their fees. In all my experience of 18 years, I have never seen such a farce at this committee, and it shows the necessity that a member, when making charges against individuals or officials, should have some positive knowledge that they will be able to substantiate those charges. We took Mr. Hughes' word that he was going to prove a lot of things by these witnesses; he has brought them here and has enacted one of the greatest farces that was ever enacted before this committee. I certainly think he ought to pay the fees.

Mr. HUGHES.—I have proved here that Mr. McLaughlin, having the political patronage of the riding, has taken some three hundred and sixty odd dollars for work he has never had anything to do with, and that Mr. Pope has sworn here, was done before he came in at all.

Mr. COWAN.—It seems to me that the witnesses having been brought here at considerable expense, and all the light having been thrown upon it that it is possible can be thrown, this committee, in justice to itself and to the parties interested, should certainly bring in a report upon this particular case, and I would ask that the committee name a day for the consideration of the evidence in order to bring in a report on this case.

The CHAIRMAN.—There are some other matters we have to report upon and we can deal with them altogether.

The committee adjourned.