

on pages F-48 and F-49 of his report for 1913-14. Mr. Duchemin has been employed only when cases were sent him for investigation. There are no cases now before him from the Customs Department for investigation.

I wish to make a statement to your honour, as a matter of privilege, because I am charged by the Customs Department with having made a statement in this House on the 10th June, 1914, which was not true. I hold in my hand Order in Council No. 2996:

Certified copy of a report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General on the 3rd January, 1912.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration the question as to the rate of remuneration which should be allowed commissioners appointed or to be appointed to hold inquiries or investigations under the Inquiries Act, chapter 104, of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906.

The committee advises that, except in cases otherwise provided for by Order in Council, the fees allowable to a commissioner appointed under the authority of the above-mentioned Act shall not in any case exceed fifteen dollars for each full day's attendance or occupation, in connection with the work of the commission, exclusive of the reasonable moving and living expenses of the commissioner, to be allowed where he has to travel for the purpose of executing the commission; and that the said per diem allowance shall be deemed to cover letters and interviews on other days as well as on the days for which the commissioner is entitled to such per diem allowance; and that no further charge be allowed for such letters and interviews; and that a professional man shall not be entitled to any fees or allowances as commissioner to which other commissioners are not entitled as aforesaid.

This Order in Council makes it clear that the allowance is \$15 a day exclusive of expenses and that any other work that is done incidental to the inquiry is to be included in, or covered by, the \$15 per day. I made the statement on the 10th June, 1914, that six different cases were examined into by the commissioner, Mr. Duchemin, on the 6th day of September, 1912, and that for these six inquiries he sent in six separate bills. I hold in my hand the six different returns in connection with these inquiries, handed to me by the proper officials—Sessional Papers No. 6. They are all marked No. 6, but with different letters to identify them. Without making any particular reference to them beyond stating what they show, I take up the inquiry into the conduct of Captain Roderick McDonald, of New Campbellton, who was specifically charged with partisanship by my friend and former opponent in the last election, Mr. John McCormick. It was unnecessary for Mr.

Duchemin or anybody else to inquire what the charge was because it was specifically contained in a letter sent to the department by Mr. McCormick. In this report Mr. Duchemin himself said that he held the inquiry on the 6th inst., that is the 6th day of September, 1912, and he wrote his report to the department on the next day, the 7th, as this document which I hold in my hand shows. I wish your honour to remember, because it comes in afterwards in my explanation, that the report was made on the 7th. The inquiry was made on the 6th and the report on the 7th. The inquiry, and everything connected with it, was out of Mr. Duchemin's hands on the 7th September, 1912. In connection with this inquiry I have his bill. I read the bills before the House on the 10th June, 1914, but I notice that Hansard only took note of one of them. On this occasion, as my own integrity, truthfulness and good faith are rather impugned in connection with the matter, I would regard it as a favour if Hansard would take them all. The first bill that happens to be here is that in connection with the inquiry into the charge of partisanship against Captain Roderick McDonald, and it is as follows:

To travel, issuing notices, subpoenas etc., conducting inquiry re Rod. McDonald, New Campbellton. . .	\$15 00
" allowance for living expenses. . .	2 50
" paid ferry fare. . . . .	0 05
" 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 next that happens to come in order is the inquiry into the charge of partisanship against Captain George Livingstone. It was not necessary to waste any time trying to find out what the charge was in that instance, because Mr. John McCormick, in a letter bearing date June 10, 1912, specifically and clearly states to the department what the charge against Captain Livingstone was, and that charge was transmitted in due course to Mr. Duchemin who inquired into it. I have here in my hand, it having been obtained from the Secretary of State, a report in which Mr. Duchemin says that he held the investigation on the 6th day of September, 1912, and his report is dated on the 7th of the same month. In connection