

Mr. FINLAYSON: No. Experience amply shows that there are necessary expenses in connection with every loan, and we have the experience after four or five years of operation to show that 2 per cent is a reduction on the present rates.

Mr. McGEER: Well now Mr. Finlayson, of course you have looked at the balance sheet of this company and the facts that they have given us, and as a matter of fact the charge for supervision and other expense incurred is a larger amount than the interest charged; is it not?

Mr. FINLAYSON: I did not get that.

Mr. McGEER: The amount for service, and investigation, and supervision and fees is larger than the interest, according to the proceeds?

Mr. FINLAYSON: Oh, yes.

Mr. McGEER: What charge do you allow them to make for making out documents in respect to new loans; have you a list of the charges which they make?

Mr. FINLAYSON: I think you should ask that from the management of the company. I think they would be very much better able to give you that than I am.

Mr. McGEER: Have you ever investigated it?

Mr. FINLAYSON: Yes. Our inspectors go over this company's books and verify their annual statement. I think Mr. Reid would be very much better able to give you the details of that than I am.

Mr. WALKER: As counsel I would like to ask, has Mr. Reid any right before this committee or not? I would like to make this observation again, that Mr. Reid went into that in the most meticulous detail.

Mr. MARTIN: That is all on the record.

Mr. WALKER: I think we should have some rights here. We have been very patient and Mr. Reid has been very helpful, just as helpful as I apparently have been harmful; and I do think it is rather late in the day to ask him, when he took such pains to go into that in such great detail. At any rate, it is on the record.

The CHAIRMAN: I agree with you, that it is on the record.

Mr. McGEER: The detail of these charges?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. McGEER: On what type of loans?

The CHAIRMAN: On all types. That is right isn't it Mr. Finlayson?

Mr. FINLAYSON: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Finlayson will also give his word for that.

Mr. VIEN: We have worked during the last two or three days, Mr. McGeer.

Mr. McGEER: I have no doubt, Mr. Vien, that you have been about as busy on this thing as it is possible to have been.

Mr. VIEN: The inference—

The CHAIRMAN: No, no; there is no inference.

Mr. VIEN: Despite that I protest against the statement of Mr. McGeer. Mr. McGeer has been away from this committee for the last two or three days, and it has been at work.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. VIEN: I do not believe that it is fair that we should go over that. Members of the committee have spent four hours every day in this committee. Shall we continue to go over that ground again? I do not believe it is fair.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Vien, the chair agrees with you.

Mr. FINLAYSON: Could I say just a word? I want to be fair to Mr. McGeer. I am not sure that he has seen these stencilled abstracts of balance sheets of this company which were asked for the last day Mr. McGeer was here. They have been produced in his absence.