

*By Mr. Gardiner:*

Q. Just a moment, Mr. Swezey. On page 829 of the evidence, you state there that certain invitations were sent out to certain members of parliament to visit your works last fall. That is correct?—A. Yes.

Q. Have any invitations been sent to any members of parliament other than those you have mentioned?—A. Yes. We had invited from time to time groups of people to visit the works; we would like them to know what the physical development was like.

Q. Including members of parliament?—A. Yes.

Q. You have had members of parliament other than those you mentioned?—A. Yes.

Q. To visit your works?—A. Yes.

Q. Can you name any of those members of parliament?—A. Well, I do not recall any of them, because we had one or two groups on two or three occasions who came.

Q. From both sides of parliament?—A. Yes, from both sides. There was no attempt to take from one side or the other; we simply invited promiscuously.

Q. You paid the expenses in this same manner?—A. We certainly entertained them on the spot, and it cost us money after they came, to take them around and show them the thing, as we would with the Board of Trade of Montreal and the Chamber of Commerce, and other bodies who came from time to time to visit the works.

Q. So, in fact, these three members of parliament from western Canada were just the same?—A. Absolutely.

Q.—as others who had visited the works?—A. Absolutely; there was no suggestion of anything else.

*By Mr. White:*

Q. Is that quite the case. You did pay Mr. Hodson?—A. Well, Mr. Hodson—

Q. You did pay Mr. Hodson \$2,000— —A. But not to do with this thing at all; it was a different mixture of a whole lot of things.

Q. It was through his instrumentality?—A. Yes, but you will believe the \$2,000 is in this way meant for those western members.

Q. I am not doing anything of the kind, and I am not going to have you make that statement, Mr. Swezey, and if you will listen to what I am going to ask you, I do not think it will be necessary for you to make any such remark. You did pay Mr. Hodson \$2,000?—A. Yes.

Q. And one of his duties, or one of the things which he did in connection with that payment, was to organize this particular visit; is that correct?—A. Yes. Might I say he had a number of other items and expenses to make up the \$2,000 that have not anything to do with this.

Q. You have already told us that, and that was the payment?—A. I was afraid it would leave a wrong impression.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: I suppose, even when this committee visited you, it cost you money?—A. I do not know exactly, but I presume it did.

Mr. WHITE: Now, I am informed by one of the counsel, I have forgotten which, that it has been impossible to get in touch with Senator McDougald's secretary, and therefore he cannot be here. We are practically at the end, so far as I am concerned. There are no witnesses that I desire to call, or can suggest calling, and so we are practically at the end of the evidence, and I assume the committee will have to determine whether we will have Senator McDougald's secretary, or let the matter rest as it is.

The CHAIRMAN: Could he give any useful testimony?

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: He would just confirm the evidence given yesterday.