

*By Mr. Blain:*

Q. Do you know how many inspectors the Russian Government sent over?—A. Two, I think.

*By Mr. Mackenzie:*

Q. Did you receive a reply to your letter of 21st June?—A. On the 5th of July there came a telegram reading as follows:—

Telegram read by the witness.

*By Mr. Carvell:*

Q. Does it tell you what the additions were?—A. We will come to that. Now, here is my cipher telegram.

*By Hon. Mr. Reid:*

Q. Of July 5?—A. July 5.

Telegram read by the witness.

That is what we got.

*By Mr. Bennett (Simcoe):*

Q. Were there any other changes made beside those, do you know?—A. Yes, I am satisfied there were. There was one change that I know of myself, made subsequent to that, and it was about the only change I took any notice of. I saw the ship when she was practically completed, and the change that was particularly noticeable to me was the arming of the vessel—the placing of the magazine and the placing of elevators in the ship for the handling of ammunition. There were two elevators put in for the handling of ammunition, and a magazine, and they were very complete, modern and up-to-date.

Q. Were they provided for in the original contract?—A. No, we never contemplated having such things at all.

*By Mr. Morphy:*

Q. What was the vessel armed with?—A. With guns.

Q. Yes, I know, but of what calibre?—A. I do not know.

Q. How many were there?—A. That I do not know either. All I remember is seeing the magazine and the two elevators that were installed for the handling of ammunition.

*By Mr. Carvell:*

Q. Do you know whether that was provided for in the contract between the Russian Government and Vickers, or was it extra?—A. I do not know. We asked to be advised as to the modifications, and in the information that comes to us there is no indication as to whether they were provided for in the contract.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. It was not in your original contract anyway?—A. No.

Q. You did not intend to have such an armament cruising on the St. Lawrence?—  
A. No.

*By Mr. Boys:*

Q. You still had the contract, it had not been taken over, and when all these changes were going on you wanted to know what your position was?—A. We still had the contract and we went along on the assumption that the Colonial Office had advised