

Q. How long was he there?—A. About a year and a half, I think.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Mr. Chairman, before the witness leaves the stand, we are not clear on the filing of these documents. The Commissioner has been good enough to say he has here certain files and documents, but they are not placed in the custody of the clerk. I would ask that they now be placed in the custody of the clerk formally that we may have them and in order that the clerk may tabulate them formally in order, as exhibits A, B, etc.

The CHAIRMAN: No, no.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Let us get them in the custody of the clerk. We do not want to wake up tomorrow and find these somewhere else.

The CHAIRMAN: They will be copied.

Mr. KENNEDY: I presume we can have access to these files any time that the House is sitting.

The CHAIRMAN: Certainly the Clerk will hand you these documents and you can verify them.

Hon. Mr. BENNETT: The proper thing is for the Clerk to give Mr. Starnes a receipt for the files. They are not in evidence and not yet filed as exhibits and such parts of them as may be needed may be used, but they are not open at the present moment to the Clerk or to anybody else.

The CHAIRMAN: They should not be removed from the hands of the Clerk. They are open to inspection, but not to the public, and they are not to be removed.

Hon. Mr. BOIVIN: They are to be retained in the custody of the Clerk, and not to be taken out even by a member of the Committee.

The CHAIRMAN: Kept all the time in your custody, Mr. Clerk. Have you any other questions, Mr. Stevens.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: No.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, Mr. Starnes and Mr. Cawdron you are released for the present moment, but you will kindly stay in Ottawa so that if we need you we can get you at the first opportunity by 'phone.

Witness retired.

The CHAIRMAN: We will adjourn now until ten thirty to-morrow morning to meet in the Railway Committee room.

The Committee adjourned.