

Q. Well, we will say nine. And what time are you free at night or in the afternoon, when do you get free.—A. A little after one sometimes.

Q. Sometimes after one o'clock in the day time.—A. Between one and half-past because I have to make that delivery before I go to lunch; and sometimes it is a little longer.

Q. When you say one or half-past you mean one o'clock at noon.—A. Yes, sir.

Q. And then do you go back after that again.—A. Yes, half an hour or three-quarters of an hour later I go back.

Q. And how long are you on duty then.—A. Well, from my return until seven. Generally I go to supper at seven.

Q. Seven p.m.—A. P.M., yes.

*By Mr. Laurin:*

Q. And then do you go back again.—A. Oh, yes, I go back.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. That is four hours in the morning, and then up until seven o'clock would be another five, and then you go back at night again?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. And what time do you generally go back at night?—A. Generally until eleven. I stay there until eleven.

Q. And how long do you take for dinner, an hour or an hour and a half?—A. Oh, no, I cannot afford to take an hour and a half. It is about three-quarters of an hour or half an hour.

Q. And then you go back and stay till when, eleven?—A. I stay till eleven, sometimes after.

Q. Supposing we take eight to twelve, that is another four hours?—A. Yes, you might say that.

Q. That is, roughly speaking about thirteen hours a day that you are putting in during a session.—A. Yes, sir.

Q. And that would be for five days a week.—A. Yes. Well then, I have to stay Saturdays generally.

Q. Well, on Saturdays you would not have to stay till eleven or twelve at night.—A. Well, it depends on what I have left. You see, the Friday delivery comes to us on Saturday morning and we have a little more leisure to send that out. We generally send that out on Sunday evening. The messenger comes for it, so we have a little more leisure and we give a little more time, it permits of better work.

Q. Would I be doing full justice to the hours that you put in if I take thirteen hours a day for six days a week.—A. Well, I have never counted them. I am regulated by my work. I don't count it every day.

Q. What I am trying to do is to get at facts.—A. Yes.

Q. Because my view is that you gentlemen have to work long hours, just as many members of parliament do, during the session.—A. I don't complain at all.

Q. I am not suggesting that.

*By Mr. Laurin:*

Q. Are you married.—A. Yes, sir, but I don't bring my wife to Ottawa because I would not have time to look at her.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Now, Mr. Gerin, if I take thirteen hours a day for six days a week am I doing justice to you.—A. Well, I never counted them you know. I don't care, it is just as well to work as to worry.

Q. Well, I will have to form my own opinion. That is about seventy-eight hours a week during the session.—A. It is understood that we have a hard pull during sessions. Everyone of them pull just as hard as they can.