

The WITNESS: I am entirely with you on that.

Mr. SPEAKMAN: Apart from any opinion which the Prime Minister may form I must come to my own conclusion as a member of the committee as to the adequacy of that statement.

*By Mr. Howard:*

Q. Mr. Bennett, in public life there are a lot of things that are not given in cash that have the equivalent of salary.—A. Well, as a matter of fact, that has been a question that has been greatly agitated—the superannuation fund, for instance in connection with lodgings, in connection with house and matters of that sort. Salary is well defined,—payment of fees to a professional man. There may be a residence as you know, allowances for expenses and matters of that kind.

Q. Well, that was not just the point I was getting at. The point I was getting at is this: There are men in Canada, as there are in other countries, who have been fortunate in this life, and yet they are looking for what we call privileges that they can only get by public service. Supposing a man took a position as Canadian Ambassador at Washington for nothing, wouldn't you think that the country was paying him something,—I mean the privileges that go with the office?—A. I should think you would not suggest that any man who gratuitously rendered a service to the country was compensated by the service that he was rendering, or any benefit he received. For instance, I find it a little difficult to find any benefits I am receiving for the service I have been endeavouring to render to this country since 1928.

Mr. CANTLEY: That will come after death.

The CHAIRMAN: Any further questions? Mr. Gordon?

Hon. Mr. GORDON: No, Mr. Chairman.

Witness retired.

WILLIAM DUNCAN HERRIDGE, called and sworn.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. You are the Major Herridge mentioned in the newspaper articles?—A. I am, Mr. Chairman.

Q. Would you comment on them, please, and give your evidence in regard to the statements that are made?—A. Well, my evidence will be confirmatory of the Prime Minister's statements, Mr. Chairman. I deny these, Mr. Chairman, seriatum. My evidence naturally confirms the evidence of the Prime Minister. I went to the Imperial Conference as the personal assistant of the Prime Minister in September, 1930. I went, as the Prime Minister says, without salary. I gave my time to the work of the Conference. I had not at that time any case before the Privy Council. When I went to England in April—

*By Mr. Duff:*

Q. Just a minute there, Mr. Herridge, if you don't mind. You say that trip was in September, 1930?—A. Yes, September to December, 1930.

Q. How did you travel to England?—A. I travelled with the Prime Minister.

Q. I see, in the Prime Minister's private car?—A. Yes.

Q. Where did you sail from?—A. Sailed from Quebec.

Q. And during that trip you received no remuneration?—A. No.

Q. Except that your expenses were paid?—A. My expenses were paid, at least part of my expenses were paid. I found myself in the same position as the Prime Minister, inasmuch as I spent considerably more out of my own pocket than the total expenses amounted to.