

Q. You could not have been building for guns when you started on the ship?—
A. No.

Q. When you determine to put guns on a ship after the construction has been proceeded with the necessary alterations to provide for the proper installation of the guns, requires a great deal of work and involves a very large increase in the cost, does it not?—A. That is quite correct, and we had to do that in this case.

Q. And having had to do that, have you any separate estimate of what the cost was, or has it gone into the general estimate of the increased cost of construction?—A. The alterations for the guns have been kept separate.

Q. Have you the figures there?—A. I think we have.

By the Chairman:

Q. But that is included in the \$80,000?—A. Included in the \$80,000—the cost as shown in our books is \$25,000; for the increased cost on account of the guns.

Q. Not for the guns themselves?—A. No, that is for altering the hull.

By Mr. Devlin:

Q. And that is included in the £16,000?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Carvell:

Q. I do not want to dig into your private affairs at all, but you stated you have an audited statement here?—A. Yes.

Q. Can you leave that with the Secretary of the Committee?—A. I do not think you would understand it.

Q. Perhaps we will get somebody else who would?—A. I mean you might not understand the items there if you look at it. However, I am quite pleased to leave it with you (document filed).

Q. I would like also if you will bring a copy of the statement showing what materials you have ordered prior to the 4th August, 1914. I understand the contract with the Canadian Government was made in 1914?—A. Prior to that, it is practically all steel.

Q. We would, I think, assume that a company when it starts in to build a vessel must have made its contract for steel beforehand.—A. At that time, we made a contract for the steel after we got the vessel contract.

Q. You got the contract in March, 1914?—A. Yes.

Q. I would like to know what contracts you made up to August, 1914, for material for this vessel.—A. Yes, and the other information you want, Mr. Chairman, is?

The CHAIRMAN: I want to know what more you had to do under the present contract than you had to do under the Canadian contract, outside the \$80,000 extras, and what was the cost of supplying that.

Witness retired.

Committee adjourned.