

MONDAY, October 27, 1919.

The Special Committee on Bill No. 10, An Act to amend Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Act, met at eleven a.m., the Chairman, Hon. Mr. Calder, presiding.

Mr. T. C. BOVILLE, Deputy Minister of Finance, re-called.

By the Chairman:

Q. You are still under oath Mr. Boville?—A. Yes.

Q. Do you recognize that letter?

(Document handed to witness.)

A. Yes. This is my letter to you of 26th October. (See pp. 80-82.)

Q. Do you know whether you saw this letter that was sent to Sir Henry Drayton on October 22nd, on instructions from the Committee? I might read it:

OTTAWA, Ont., October 22, 1919.

The Hon. Sir HENRY DRAYTON,
Minister of Finance,
Ottawa, Ont.

My Dear Sir HENRY,—The Special Committee of the House appointed to consider and report upon Bill No. 10 are desirous of obtaining from you officially a statement as to the commitments of the Government to date that involve expenditures outside of ordinary or current expenditures for the present fiscal year, together with an estimate of such commitments for the next fiscal year.

The Committee desires this information in order that it may know the amount of money that must be raised by loans during the next twelve or eighteen months, including the present Victory Loan.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. A. CALDER.

That letter was sent to Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance, October 22nd, and this letter of yours is in reply to that?—A. After consultation with the Minister of Finance; yes.

Q. Where is the Minister of Finance now?—A. He is on a tour in Western Canada in connection with the Victory Loan.

Q. When did he leave?—A. Friday evening.

Q. You consulted with him in reference to this letter you sent to the Committee?
—A. Yes.

Q. And your letter is in reply?—A. My letter is in reply.

By Mr. Pardee:

Q. On instructions from the Minister?—A. On instructions from the Minister.
(Reads letter.)

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,

OTTAWA, CANADA, October 26, 1919.

The Honourable J. A. CALDER,
Chairman, Special Committee on Bill No. 10,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,—Prior to the departure of the Minister of Finance on Friday evening last for Western Canada, I had an opportunity of discussing with him

[Mr. T. C. Boville.]