

may be wrong, but that is my impression. Some bankers have told us they are afraid to try to get a job with another bank because if they do not get it they would be "in bad" with their own bank, but this may not be so in our case.

I must not take up too much time, but there are a few more remarks I would like to make.

This application is desirable in the public interest. I wish to be part of the project myself, and I hope that after all this time it will not be too long now before we can get our charter. Then of course we have to satisfy the Inspector General of Banks and the Minister of Finance that we have set everything up in such a manner that we should get a licence entitling us to commence operations.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Coyne.

We will now proceed with questioning of Mr. Coyne and Mr. Stevens. I propose to do this by noting on a list those who wish to ask questions, and I propose to go around once before a second turn is given to any member. Mr. McLean was trying to attract my attention even while Mr. Coyne was testifying, so I will ask him to proceed.

Mr. McLEAN (*Charlotte*): Mr. Coyne, I noticed in *The Gazette* the certificates or shares of the Bank of Western Canada were quoted at \$16.50 and \$17. At what were these certificates issued?

Mr. COYNE: They were issued at \$15.

Mr. McLEAN (*Charlotte*): Is \$10 going into the capital and \$5 into reserve?

Mr. COYNE: Yes.

Mr. McLean (*Charlotte*): Then anyone who has taken up these certificates has already made a profit on them.

Mr. COYNE: I suppose they will not have made a profit until they sell them. The original subscribers paid \$15 and the term of the subscription was that if there was no bank they would get back the same amount—\$15. Since that time other people have been prepared from time to time to pay more than \$15 to acquire those rights. There was a brief time when they sold for a little less than \$15, but generally they have been selling for more.

Mr. McLEAN (*Charlotte*): Is the \$2,250,000 put up by a finance company?

● (10: 30 a.m.)

Mr. COYNE: It has the word "finance" in its name but Canadian Finance and Investments Limited is an investment company; it is not a finance company in the sense of engaging in loans or consumer credit. It has about \$4 million in capital and perhaps about \$3,300,000 already and \$700,000 more subscribed. It has made investments in financial institutions; the Fort Garry Trust Company in Winnipeg, for example, was started by it with a 50 per cent share ownership. It also made an investment in the Alberta Fidelity Trust Company of Edmonton with about a 30 per cent share ownership. It made an investment in the Canadian First Mortgage Corporation in Toronto, of which I am president, in which it has about 16 per cent share ownership. It has those investments in addition to the proposed investments in the Bank of Western Canada.

Mr. McLEAN (*Charlotte*): Is it more or less a closed-end investment company?

Mr. COYNE: I think that is correct, yes.