

Q. You did not ask the government for it?—A. No, I did not.

Q. Because you thought that might be what would bring about an investigation?

—A. No, because I did not feel that the government owed it.

Mr. MACDONALD objected to the manner of examination.

The CHAIRMAN ruled that it was altogether irregular.

*By Mr. Barker:*

Q. Did you want an investigation when they did not want it? Was that your reason, that you did not want an investigation any more than they did?—A. No, it was for the reason that I did not feel that the government owed me anything.

Q. It was not that you objected to an investigation?—A. Not in the slightest, no.

Q. You did not feel that way?—A. No.

Q. How does it happen that you cannot recall bringing the subject up again when you met Mr. Ogilvie? You were out of pocket?—A. Well, I know, I would not want to talk it over with Ogilvie at all.

Q. Did not Mr. Ogilvie know the facts from Ellis?—A. Let somebody else tell it to him, then.

Q. You knew that Mr. Ogilvie was aware of the facts, that the cheque had been returned here by Barber & Ellis?—A. Certainly, I presume he did.

Q. And yet you did not, to the man with whom you had made the arrangement, say one word about this matter?—A. I told you before, I am not positive about having spoken to Mr. Ogilvie, whether I spoke to him or not. I have no distinct recollection of any conversation with him.

Q. You cannot recollect at all?—A. No, I may have.

*By Mr. Macdonald:*

Q. I suppose you naturally objected to telling Mr. Ogilvie, or anybody else, what Ellis had done?—A. Yes, naturally that is the way I felt about it.

*By Mr. Barker:*

Q. But you did think that Barber & Ellis had done you up?—A. It did look that way to anybody else.

Q. You did feel that?—A. It looks that way now, no matter what I felt about it at the time.

Q. You do not mean to say that you thought it at the time?—A. Well, I am not sure I did. I thought that probably what Mr. Ellis was saying there might be some truth in it.

Q. That there might be some truth in the fact that he did not want an investigation, is that it?—A. Well, yes.

Q. And did you think that would justify being silent all around?—A. Well, if a man was in a crooked business of that kind that he spoke of, I naturally would not want for the sake of a small amount of \$75 or \$80 to go to work—

Q. You would rather lose \$87 than cause any trouble to him. Is that it?—A. Yes, I think I would.

*By Mr. Maclean (Lunenburg):*

Q. Was it Mr. Ellis or Mr. Barber who gave evidence in the London election case at Toronto?—A. Mr. Ellis.

*By Mr. German:*

Q. Did Mr. Ellis in your negotiations with him know that you had arranged with Mr. Ogilvie to supply these envelopes at a certain fixed price that you had agreed on with Mr. Ogilvie?—A. Did he know?

Q. Yes?—A. When I first asked him for a price?

Q. During your negotiations, at any time, either first, second or last?—A. Well,