

Q. How much land was left?—A. A considerable amount of land, quite a quantity was left, but it was unsuitable for ship-building; it is the land upon which we are now erecting our additional ship-building berth.

Q. I do not want to go into any details of the construction of the submarines, but did you get paid pretty well for the land or for your property that was occupied for that purpose?—A. I do not know.

Q. Did you not ask an amount which would pay you pretty well?—A. I have not asked anything.

Q. Do you not know how much your company asked?—A. I do not.

Q. Would you be surprised to learn they had asked half a million dollars?—A. I did not know it; all these matters would be handled, I presume, from London.

Q. I understood you to say that the cost of this ship was increased by reason of the delay caused by the building of the submarines. That is why I am asking that question.—A. I want to correct that, I did not say that. I said the increased cost of this ship was entirely due to the increased cost of labour in 1916 due to the war.

Q. And had it not been for the submarines, you could have finished the ship in 1915?—A. That would still have been during the war, and I think the increase in the cost of labour applies to both.

Q. Then according to that there would be no point in Mr. Morphy's question at all, because the substance and intention of that question was to show there had been an increase in the cost of construction of this ship on account of the delay caused by the building of submarines.—A. Oh, no, it was due to the increase in the cost of labour and material owing to the war.

By Mr. Morphy:

Q. But did not the increase in cost, because of the war, continue during that period of eight months' delay?—A. Oh, yes, the prices went steadily up.

Q. And if that delay continued from month to month, you would be running into a greater increase in the cost owing to that eight months' delay?—A. Certainly you would, the further you go, the higher the price.

Q. Then the delay did increase the cost?—A. Looking at it that way, certainly.

By the Chairman:

Q. Can you get us a statement, in answer to my question, in detail, you can take your time about it, of the extra work or material that you supplied to the Russian Government over and above what you were bound to supply to the Canadian Government, not taking into consideration the \$80,000 extras?—A. As I say, I cannot, simply on account of the increased cost of the work.

By Mr. Carvell:

Q. But surely from your knowledge of the work you ought to be able to pick out that information.—A. But there are items which are all included as part of the cost of the ship, for which extra payment has to be made, such as fittings, and it is a question whether the books show it separately.

By Mr. Morphy:

Q. Are the guns included in the cost of the ship?—A. The guns are not.

Q. In the construction of a warship, I understand, I do not know whether my information is right or not, but the emplacements for these guns have to be built in the basic structure of the ship. In this case you have not done that.—A. Yes, we have put them all there, up to what is known as the "Packing-ring" on the deck upon which the gun is placed.