

The CHAIRMAN: If I may interrupt, Mr. Macdonald, I think in all fairness to other members whom I have interrupted when they have gone in a way which I considered a bit too far afield from the subject matter of the bill that perhaps I should extend the same stricture to yourself?

Mr. MACDONALD (*Rosedale*): Well, Mr. Chairman, it seems to me we have a bank to be incorporated under the Bank Act and it is relevant to the future of this company to know whether it is going to be directly under the same legislation as the other companies in the corporate group.

Mr. COYNE: If I may say something at this stage, the Porter Commission suggested that all companies performing banking functions should be subject to federal legislation, and I agree with that. But, they also contemplate there would be more chartered banks created notwithstanding the fact that other institutions would also have banking powers. Members of the government, as well as others, seem to be in favour of the general idea that there ought to be more chartered banks created. But, the other matter of bringing non-banks under federal jurisdiction has been opposed by some of the non-banks and rejected by the government in the drafting of the Bank Act revisions. From our point of view it is pretty academic.

Mr. MACDONALD (*Rosedale*): You have intimated that it is a matter of indifference to you whether or not York Trust comes in under the federal legislation.

Mr. COYNE: We certainly have no objection to it.

Mr. MACDONALD (*Rosedale*): Have you taken any legal opinions as to the validity of extending federal legislation to a provincial loan company?

Mr. COYNE: That is getting into our own private affairs and I would rather not answer that question, if you do not mind.

Mr. STEVENS: We are not that far advanced.

Mr. MACDONALD (*Rosedale*): As a graduate member of very rare vintage from Osgoode Hall, have you formed your own personal opinion in respect of this matter?

Mr. STEVENS: No.

Mr. MACDONALD (*Rosedale*): Do you have any views with regard to competition in the Canadian chartered banking field vis-à-vis the American banks and, more particularly, in connection with their earnings on invested capital.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Macdonald, I wonder—and, I am in the hands of the committee—if we are not getting into a matter which we will have an opportunity to discuss in greater detail when the amendments to the Bank Act are discussed. Perhaps these gentlemen may want to come back and visit us at that time.

Mr. MACDONALD (*Rosedale*): Surely we are getting into the question of whether or not the addition of another chartered bank will be valuable from the point of competition in the Canadian banking field, and I think this is fundamental.

The CHAIRMAN: Then, will you phrase your question in a way which shows some link to the order of reference.

Mr. MACDONALD (*Rosedale*): In your consideration of launching an application for a Canadian chartered bank had you considered the competitive