

Q. You have no reason to think he was dishonest?—A. No, I cannot make the charge of his being dishonest.

Q. So when you state you wished to get rid of him in respect of this transaction, you felt that if Aronovici could make money out of this building there was no reason why the Canadian National Railways should not be substituted for him and make the money itself?—A. Yes, and I felt if we had the hotel in the building it would be a detriment to us unless we had some pretty strict control of it.

Q. These photographs, when did you obtain them?—A. I have seen duplicates of these; they were brought up from Montreal to-day.

*By Sir Henry Drayton:*

Q. These are out of your filing cabinet, by the look of them. What is the significance of the numbering in the corners?—A. I presume to identify them.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions to be asked of Major Bell? Does that conclude everything but the information Sir Henry Drayton desires?

*By Sir Henry Drayton:*

Q. I wonder if Major Bell can read this sign at the top of the picture? He probably knows what the sign says?—A. It is just an ordinary sign advertising the railways.

Q. Let us have what it is.—A. It is not very clear to me, Sir Henry.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Perhaps I can make it out. I will translate it. "Exhibition of the products of Canada. Mines, forests, agriculture——" and the other word is obscured. "Canadian National Railways." Those words I have given you are the ones I can make out; the rest of it is not plain.

The CHAIRMAN: It is not of vital importance anyway.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: It is a sign put up for the purposes of advertising, that is all.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, what do you wish to proceed with next? The statement of the National Railways? You have on page 5 a summary of the statement.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Of course, we are not yet finished with the Scribe Hotel.

The CHAIRMAN: I understood you were through, Sir Henry, and I have asked other members of the Committee if they wished to ask any questions, and none did.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I do not know whether the Minister of Railways wants to make any statement before it is closed.

The CHAIRMAN: I suppose if he does he will say so.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Nor do I know whether the Premier wishes to say anything.

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I think everything has been said that needs to be said.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: And Mr. Ruel is to be called, too.

The CHAIRMAN: In the meantime, are there any witnesses here to-day who should be called?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Not that I can think of.

The CHAIRMAN: Then shall we take up the statement next? I think each member of the committee has a copy of it, and on page 5 we have a summary of the whole statement.

[Major G. A. Bell.]