

## APPENDIX No. 1

Q. You had made a good firm bargain with Mr. Ogilvie for the envelopes?—A. Exactly.

Q. And you had bargained with Ellis to do that work for you at a lower price?—A. Exactly.

Q. And Mr. Ellis, instead of carrying that out strictly, rendered an account for his own prices that he had agreed on with you. Do you mean to tell me as a man of business that you did not consider yourself entitled to recover from the government the prices that they had agreed to give you?—A. Why no.

Q. You did not?—A. No.

Q. Then what is your reason for not trying to collect from the government?—A. For the reason that I felt that Ellis owed it to me and nobody else. If I made my agreement with Mr. Ogilvie for the commission it would have been a different matter.

Q. Did you think, as a matter of business, you had no right to receive from the government what the government had agreed to pay you?—A. I do not think it.

Q. Assuming that everything is right?—A. I do not see that the government has anything to do with it.

Q. Are you serious in saying that you do not?—A. Yes.

Q. Is that your real reason for not collecting this money?—A. My real reason is that Mr. Ellis owes me this money. My reason—

Q. I am asking you—

The CHAIRMAN.—The witness should be allowed to complete his answer.

Mr. BARKER.—He is answering another question, not the question I put.

The CHAIRMAN.—He has a perfect right to qualify his answer.

Mr. BARKER.—He is not answering the question I put.

The CHAIRMAN.—We will see whether he is answering the question you put or not.

Mr. BARKER.—My question, Mr. Chairman, is this: 'Had he not a right to collect from the government the amount that was agreed upon with Mr. Ogilvie.'

Mr. MACLEAN (Lunenburg) objected that this was a question of law.

*By Mr. Barker:*

Q. Did you not know that having made a bargain with the government to deliver those envelopes at a certain price you had the right to get that price from them, and not to deal with Ellis on other terms affecting your rights?—A. I did not know that at all.

*By Mr. Macdonald:*

Q. I understood that when Mr. Barker interrupted the witness he was proceeding to give his reason. I would like to hear what Mr. O'Gorman was going on to say when he was interrupted?—A. I was simply going to say that the reason why I had not done anything in the matter with Mr. Ellis at the time was if the reason he gave, and that was why the matter was dropped, was true, and I had no reason to doubt it at all, he said he was doing a business of \$25,000 or \$30,000 with the government, supplying other departments of the government with goods. I did not want for the sake of a paltry matter of \$75 or \$80 commission, as far as we were concerned, to disturb his business, which amounted to such a large sum every year. On the other hand, if he was not saying what was true, and if he was simply 'bucking' it, I had nothing in the world, no documents, everything was verbal between us, and I thought it was a pretty hard thing to collect from a man like that.

*By Mr. Barker:*

Q. What you are referring to now is, he had told you there had already been one investigation and he did not want another, is that what you mean?—A. Yes, I presume so; he spoke of an investigation.

Q. And he did not want another, and you therefore did not ask him for the money?—A. I did ask him.