

Hon. Mr. LEGER: I understand that the Rideau Hall property and the Experimental Farm, both of which are outside the city limits, are supplied with water by the City. Is there any arrangement between the Government and the City with reference to those two properties?

Mr. SOMERVILLE: I believe, sir, that Rideau Hall is within the city limits. That map on the wall shows it.

Hon. Mr. WHITE: Would this rate of 13 cents per thousand gallons be the rate paid by the ratepayers?

Mr. SOMERVILLE: I believe approximately so, Senator.

Mr. BOUCHER: You could not tell whether that was the same rate as paid by the ratepayers at that time?

Mr. SOMERVILLE: No, I would have to check that up.

Mr. BOUCHER: I understand it was much below.

Mayor LEWIS: The Government never paid the same rate as the ratepayers of the City of Ottawa paid; it was a preferred rate.

Mr. BOUCHER: The rate has been lower than that paid by the citizens, has it not?

Mr. SOMERVILLE: I understand we are paying the same rate as the City charges to adjoining municipalities.

Mr. BOUCHER: But different from the rate paid by the citizens.

Mr. REID: Under the agreement entered into between the Government and the City certain work done by the Ottawa Improvement Commission was taken over by the city and paid for under this grant of \$75,000?

Mr. SOMERVILLE: Yes, sir.

Mr. REID: To what extent did that relieve the Federal District Commission?

Mr. SOMERVILLE: I do not know, sir. Possibly their officers could answer that question. It should have relieved them somewhat.

Hon. Mr. LAMBERT: You refer to that a little later on.

Hon. Mr. LEGER: Is the water supplied to the Experimental Farm being paid for by meter?

Mr. SOMERVILLE: Yes, sir.

Mayor LEWIS: There is no dispute at the present time between the City and the Government on the question of water supply. A little later on we shall give the whole details on the subject.

Mr. SOMERVILLE (continues reading brief):—

#### *Water Rates*

From July 1, 1919, to July 1, 1920, the amount paid to the City for water over and above the \$75,000 annual grant was \$30,356.48.

In 1932, at the time of the completion of the Filtration Plant, the Government agreed to increase by 25 per cent the respective rates of 13 cents and 10 cents per 1,000 gallons above mentioned. On the basis of this increase the cost of water for the fiscal year 1933-34 was \$54,726.12.

The above rates with meter rentals were in effect until June 15, 1942, at which time the Government agreed to pay the increased rate levied by the City, namely, 20.82 cents per 1,000 gallons. Under this new arrangement, no charge is made for rental of water meters. The charge is the same as that made by the City against the adjoining municipalities.

The quantity of water consumed in government-owned buildings in Ottawa during the fiscal year 1943-44 involved a total expenditure of \$121,658.11, of which \$87,737.27 was for permanent buildings and the balance, namely, \$33,920.84, for temporary buildings erected for war services. For the present fiscal year any expenditure for water supplied will be charged against Public