

The CHAIRMAN: What has that to do with this committee?

Mr. POULIOT: All I have to say is, I want to give to Mr. Boutet the solemn undertaking that he will be called to the bar of the house if he makes the same mistake again.

The CHAIRMAN: Do not impose that on us.

Mr. POULIOT: I wanted that clearly understood.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you want to swear Mr. de Martigny?

Mr. MACINNIS: I think it would be better, but of course I am not insisting on it.

The CHAIRMAN: Let us get on with the witness.

By the Chairman:

Q. You are Mr. Paul de Martigny?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. And you received a summons, I believe, to appear before this committee?
—A. Yes.

Q. You are here in response to the summons?—A. Yes.

Mr. POULIOT: I think you are the member who desired the gentleman's presence, Mr. Chevrier?

By Mr. Chevrier:

Q. Mr. de Martigny, what is your present occupation?—A. Well, as I take it, I am a witness.

Q. That is not your occupation, that is just on occasions?—A. Well then, I am a newspaper reporter.

Q. For what paper?—A. La Presse.

Mr. LAURIN: Would you rather speak in French?

The WITNESS: I think I can toddle along in English.

The CHAIRMAN: You will make it easier for some of us if you do.

Mr. CHEVRIER: If any difficulty arises, the witness can always say so, and we shall be glad to give him an opportunity to correct any misinterpretation.

By Mr. Chevrier:

Q. You are, as I understand it, a representative of the newspaper La Presse?
—A. No, I am not engaged as the representative, only a special reporter. I am a special envoy of La Presse.

By Mr. Pouliot:

Q. What do you mean by "special envoy"?—A. Well, I am placed by the chief editor at the disposal of the resident correspondent to write special stories and to supplement him as much as possible when the occasion arises.

Q. It is left to your judgment?—A. Yes, under the special direction of the chief editor, and the director of La Presse.

Q. You are free to choose the speeches upon which you write?—A. Well—

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, excuse me. I do not want to be put in the position of interfering with the examination, but this is hardly germane to Bill No. 14, or any matter before this committee.

Mr. POULIOT: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: We have no concern with what this man's occupation is or is not.