

## APPENDIX No. 3

Q. Just the North Atlantic Trading Company?

A. I cannot tell you from memory. I cannot tell you who signed it. I am going to produce it at the Agriculture Committee next Wednesday.

Q. You get a statement from the company that they have spent \$15,000?

A. Yes.

Q. Anything else except that they have spent \$15,000?

A. They send samples of the literature and copies of the advertisements, and so on.

Q. Accompanied by samples of literature and copies of advertisements?

A. I think so.

Q. And with vouchers?

A. Vouchers from the different printers, vouchers covering their statement of expenditure.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. What do you mean by vouchers?

A. Receipts—they are stamped.

*By Mr. Foster:*

Q. Receipts from the printer who prints these things?

A. Yes.

Q. And receipts from whom in the way of advertisements?

A. From the papers, I think.

Q. Are you sure?

A. I think so, yes.

Q. Do you take any steps at all to ascertain whether these vouchers are correct?

A. We take them to be correct, they have every appearance.

Q. You make no examination on that head at all?

A. Nothing further.

Q. You do not satisfy yourself that they have distributed these samples for which they claim they have paid?

A. No.

Q. For all that you know, every page of printing that they claim they have paid for may be lying waste somewhere?

A. For all that I know, yes.

Q. You have never asked?

A. No.

Q. Never made any examination?

A. No.

Q. Now, with reference to the vouchers themselves, did you ever communicate with the firms whose names are signed on these receipts, to find whether they were genuine or not?

A. No.

Q. Never?

A. No.

Q. You simply take the statement put into your hands, you don't go behind it at all?

A. No.

Q. You don't know that a single one of these pamphlets has been circulated?

A. Nothing further than their statement.

Q. Has anything been paid them with reference to that part of their contract under which you are to give them £750 for special work, provided on that special work they spend £1,000, has anything been done in that?

A. That is all covered in the statement of expenditure which includes that £1,000.

Q. Then you pay them £750 each year?