

answer by mentioning those who are in the pay of the Province for bankruptcy purposes. Speaking of Osgoode Hall I am assisted with a clerk, a girl who is becoming very efficient in the fying of documents and in doing the work for the Registrar's office; with the assistance, of course, of a Court reporter who is paid by the Province, and who is continually busy because of the numerous examinations and work of that sort which he has to transcribe. The Official Receiver of Toronto is Mr. Lennox. He is an assistant master and is paid by the Province. He has other duties which he carries on as the master in addition to his official receiver's work.

Q. Is he paid any salary for his duties as Official Receiver?—A. No.

Q. Has he any staff that he would not need to have if he were not an official receiver?—A. Not other than he uses—or put it this way, at times when it is not possible for him to preside at meetings of creditors at Osgoode Hall he sometimes obtains or appoints someone else from the Hall to sit in his place. As assistant master he may have a reference that ties him up for a particular time and occasionally he may have to use some person else to act as Chairman of the first meeting of creditors.

Q. Well, going just a step further with the disbursements, because one of the complaints which we have heard here is that creditors very frequently derive little or no benefit from bankruptcy proceedings and many have said that the entire estate was consumed by the cost of winding up, whether it is by the cost of the Court, or lawyers' fees, or trustees in bankruptcy. Can you state what are the charges levied by the Province on a petition in bankruptcy, Mr. Reilly?—A. As I find it—

Q. A third part?—A. I try to regulate myself by the tariff which provides, for the fying of a petition \$2, and each additional fying connected therewith, 20c.—that is under part 3 of the tariff.

By Mr. Jacobs:

Q. I think the Chairman refers to the petition in bankruptcy?—A. Petition in bankruptcy, \$2.

By the Chairman:

Q. That is what he has said.—A. That is what we collect, sir.

Q. I am not speaking about fees, this is the levy of the Province, the stamp—

Mr. JACOBS: I thought that was the attorney's fees.

The CHAIRMAN: Oh no, I am asking about the fees only.

Mr. JACOBS: That is, the fees due to the Government?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

By the Chairman:

Q. And no other charge is made in the nature of a fee which is paid either to yourself or to the Government?—A. None whatever, sir.

By Mr. Kennedy:

Q. Don't the Registrar get a fee on these bankruptcies, about \$15?—A. No.

Q. Is it the same in the other Provinces?—A. I can only speak for Ontario. I don't get it. I don't see any place in the tariff for it.

By the Chairman:

Q. Now, take the discharge of a trustee; what amount is exacted by the Province first if it is the result of a composition; and second, if it is the result of a dividend?—A. You mean a trustee's discharge, sir?