

*By Mr. Morphy:*

Q. Are you protecting a Government employee here; is that what you are here for?—A. I can assure the committee I am not doing anything wrong.

Q. The committee should be the judges as to that. Is he a Government employee?—A. He is not a Canadian Government employee.

Q. I did not ask you that. I asked if he is a Government employee. (To the Chairman). The Auditor General seems very reluctant to give fair play and let us have a full disclosure so far as the seal of confidence would permit him. (To the witness). Is he a Government employee?—A. I would prefer not answering that.

Q. Is he a British Government employee?—A. I would prefer not answering that question.

Q. Is he a Russian Government employee?—A. I would prefer not answering that question.

Q. Are you ashamed of having had connection with him?—A. None whatever.

*By Mr. Devlin:*

Q. Have you any objection to saying where the conversation took place?—A. In London.

Mr. BENNETT (Simcoe): London is a very large place.

Mr. BOYS: In the informant's own office.

Mr. DEVLIN: He says in London.

Mr. BOYS: He has already told the Committee that it took place in the informant's office.

The WITNESS: That is right.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Would his information be direct or by hearsay? Would he be a man who would know himself the truth or untruth of that statement, or would he have to take it in turn from someone else?—A. That is pretty hard to answer.

Q. If he was not a member of the Company, would he not have to get the information secondhand?—A. Not necessarily. Mr. Chairman, this has developed in a way that I did not expect this morning. I have nothing to keep back, remember that. I am not trying to keep anything from the Committee that they can obtain in any other reasonable way. If, later on, after the next meeting, after the papers are brought down, it becomes absolutely necessary in this case, I will give all the information I have got. I think that is fair.

*By Mr. Boys:*

Q. That is fair. I am not proposing to keep anything back at all.

*By Mr. Blain:*

Q. Mr. Fraser, knowing more about it than anybody else, can you give a suggestion how, in your opinion, they could obtain the information?

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Can you suggest whom we should subpoena to get this information?—A. Perhaps the Department can clear it up. I do not know what the Department has got. I do not want to be saying things here, that, perhaps, when you get information from the Department, will turn out differently.

Q. Isn't that the reason you should have first gone to the Department before making these statements here?—A. I cannot compel the Department to give me papers. We have sent for the Deputy Minister.