

Mr. McKENZIE: I do not wish any misunderstanding about this matter. I had these six accounts in my hand when I was speaking. They are now in charge of the Hansard reporters.

Mr. REID: I have them before me. I want to put the matter in a fair way. Mr. Duchemin only rendered one account for these investigations. He rendered his account on October 31, 1912, and here is that account:

Sydney, N.S., October 31, 1912.	
Department of Customs, in account with H. P. Duchemin, Commissioner of Inquiry.	
To 6 days (being portions of September 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 12th) travel, issuing notices, subpoenas, etc., conducting inquiries re Joseph Day, Little Bras d'Or; Rod McLeod, new Campbellton, D. J. Morrison, New Campbellton, Rod McDonald, New Campbellton, R. Bain, New Campbellton, and George Livingstone, Big Bras d'Or	\$ 90 00
" allowance for living expenses, 5 days	15 00
" paid ferry fare	25
" tram fare North Sydney to Sydney Mines	20
" horse hire, Sydney Mines to New Campbellton	4 00
" paid for use of room for holding inquiries	2 50
" service on witnesses (10)	6 00
" Stenographer (copying evidence 26 folios and copy, and reports 28 folios and copies)	8 10
" stationery 30cts; to — postage, 20cts.	50
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That is the only account the Customs Department ever received from Mr. Duchemin with regard to the investigations into the cases of these men, so far as I am aware, and he does not say that this is the account for one day. He states that he was engaged on other days, and in his letter—

Mr. McKENZIE: How does the minister explain the documents laid before the House by the Secretary of State? I moved for the documents, and the Secretary of State brought down six distinct bills. I am not responsible for these documents.

Mr. REID: The hon. member is entitled to an explanation of that matter, and I will come to it in a moment. I say again, Mr. Duchemin rendered only one account for these investigations. Now, the hon. member knows very well that the Order in Council provides that a commissioner shall be paid \$15 a day while engaged in these investigations. He knows that Mr. Duchemin would have to travel from his place of residence to the place where the investiga-

tions were to be held and also to other places for the serving of subpoenas. Therefore it would be impossible to hold these investigations in one day. The hon. gentleman stated here to-day that all the returns of these investigations had left Mr. Duchemin's hands on the 7th of September.

Mr. McKENZIE: On the 9th of September.

Mr. REID: Yes, I wish to correct that; it was on the 9th of September that the last one left his hands. The hon. member asks why there were these accounts. In his statement he led the House to believe that there were six accounts rendered, all dated 6th September. I have before me a copy of the return laid on the table of the House, and an exact copy of that which the hon. member read, and here is one of the accounts exactly the same as appears in Hansard as read by the hon. member, and there is no date whatever on that account.

Mr. McKENZIE: I am sure the minister wishes to be fair. If he will look at the six accounts of Mr. Duchemin as furnished by the Secretary of State, he will see that the investigation was held on the 6th.

Mr. REID: I admit that one investigation was held on that date; but Mr. Duchemin goes on to show in his letter that he had to travel on other days and he had to serve subpoenas. He shows that he did other work besides the investigation held on that day. The hon. member states that six accounts were rendered by Mr. Duchemin. That is not in accordance with the fact. Perhaps the hon. member may have misunderstood these accounts.

Mr. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I submit this to Your Honour: We had this matter properly before us, and I was reading from the record of the House given me by the Secretary of State. That record is in the possession of the House. I submit to Your Honour that it is not fair to me that the minister should read from another and entirely different record. There is only one record given me by the Government, and I submit that the minister should read from that record.

Mr. REID: I am reading from an exact copy. This document is entitled:

Return to an Order of the House of Commons, March 31:

"That the proper officer do lay before this House a copy of all charges, correspondence, letters, telegrams and other documents relative to the dismissal of Rod McLeod, boatman in the customs service at Big Bras d'Or, North Cape Breton and Victoria, N.S., and of