

That answer should read:—

“The reason for that clause is evidently to prevent a large number of alterations being asked for if supposing after work had been done, under the instructions of the Canadian Government, the Russian inspectors came along and said, with reference to fittings, etc., already completed, ‘We want that placed here and not there.’ For instance, we might have arranged, at the instruction of the Canadian inspector bollards, cabin-fittings, side-lights, etc., in different positions to those shown on the plans, and the Russian inspector comes along, and produces the plans for the ship and says: ‘This should not be here, it is shown there on the plan.’”

In the next answer at the commencement the words “witness re-reading contract” should be inserted. I refreshed my memory by re-reading that clause again. Two or three lines farther down in reply to the question:

“Were there any modifications made up to that time?”

the answer reads:—

“There were bound to be modifications. The plans of the ship as she was being built for the Canadian Government were essentially the same as for the Russian Government.”

The answer should read:—

“There were bound to be small modifications, but the plans of the ship as she was being built for the Canadian Government were essentially the same as for the contract with the Russian Government.”

On page 51, line 19, the word “difficulties” should be substituted for the word “intimations,” and in the second and third lines below it, the words “we received this about January” should be struck out. The answer will then read:—

“As a matter of fact that was one of the first difficulties we had. As Mr. Johnston said, about February, I think, we had been informed that the ship would be given over to the Russian Government; and the Department was more or less in a fog . . .”

*By Mr. Carvell:*

Q. My recollection is that it was in February?—A. Yes, February, something like it.

Q. And you wish to change that to February instead of January?—A. I was going to cut it right out, because it is not pertinent to anything there.

Q. I would like to have your evidence as to when you first received any information that the ship was to be given to the Russian Government?—A. Certainly, I will be pleased to give that.

On page 51, line 42, the answer reads: “If you care to look at the curve showing the cost of iron and steel alone on the ship.” The words “labour” and “work” should be inserted there, and the sentence will then read:—

“If you care to look at the curve showing the labour, cost of iron and steel work alone on the ship.”

On page 53, line 12, the answer: “It might be, but I have not examined the pump,” should be:—

“It might be, but I have not examined the detailed cost of the pump, etc.”