

chases was on March 3, 1920, the cheque being for \$15,033. There was another cheque on March 10 for a similar amount, and another on March 12. This latter cheque, which was also for \$15,033, was paid by witness direct to the Grace Motors, as in that way payment of collection charges by the company was avoided. He received back from Grace Motors \$1,968 as commission on the \$15,033, this being at the rate of 15 per cent. on the chassis and 7 1-2 per cent. on the dump equipment.

Tells of Cheques Received.

The next cheque he received from the Government was on March 31, the amount being \$27,300, and there was another cheque for \$27,300 on the same day. This latter cheque he paid over to Grace Motors, and received from them a cheque for commission for \$3,813.75. He also received two cheques of \$9,100 for the two trucks. His commission on the last two trucks would be about \$1,100 each. He was agent for Sterling trucks for his own part of Canada, and had been since January 27, 1919.

Up till the time he received the Government order he believed he had sold nineteen cars for them. He had never given a discount on the trucks, either to the Government or to anyone else. Grace Motors advised him from time to time of change in prices, and he received a communication from the company in March, 1919, saying the prices would be advanced on January 1. The prices were advanced approximately 10 per cent. on trucks of 3 1-2 and 5 tons. He had never heard of Grace Motors making a discount off the list prices.

Two Commissions.

"Do you know if there were commissions allowed in regard to the Sterling trucks other than to you?" Mr. McCrea asked.

"There naturally would be," replied Mr. Parkins, "because the Grace Motors have the sole agency through Canada."

"Then in this case there would be two commissions?" asked Mr. McCrea.

"There is in any case," replied Mr. Parkins.

Witness explained that he received his selling commission and the company in Toronto received a commission as the Canadian distributors. He could not say how much commission the distributors would get.

Mr. McCrea—It has been said—and I want you to clear this up—it has been said that prior to getting this contract you were indebted to Mr. Biggs.

Mr. Parkins—Indebted? In what way?

Mr. McCrea—That you owed him money.

Mr. Parkins—I never owed Frank Biggs ten dollars in my life.

Denies Buffalo Trip.

Mr. McCrea—It has also been said that on December 31 you and Mr. Biggs and a third person went over to Buffalo and celebrated the getting of this contract.

Mr. Parkins—I never went to Buffalo with Mr. Biggs in my life.

Mr. McCrea—Well, I am glad to know that.

In answer to Mr. Brackin the witness said the question of giving a discount to the Government was never mentioned.

At this stage the matter was adjourned until Friday. It was stated that the committee would present no findings in this case, but would simply forward the evidence to the Government.