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its inconsistencies, in view of the requirements of trade generally. Besides that, the two Boards of Trade, which had looked into the subject—those of Toronto and Ottawa—disapproved the Montreal proposal. The Controller then read the resolution of the Ottawa Board of Trade to that effect, which resolution, he said, was "propounded by a leading Liberal and a leading business man of Ottawa, Mr. C. Ross of Ross & Co." This resolution showed that the appointment of a Board of Customs Experts would entail a cost of \$250,000, which would secure any adequate benefits, would remove no cause of alleged grievance, and would not be so satisfactory as the present system, which gave full opportunity for appeal against unfair decisions.

Mr. Lister denounced Mr. Wallace's administration, which he said led to fraud, corruption, perjury and burglary, etc. He said he had evidence to prove that perjury had been committed in the case against Boyd, Ryrie and Campbell, in taking a fine from Mr. Ogilvie of Montreal, the Controller had compounded the offences. Mr. Wallace replied vigorously. He said Mr. Lister had made a statement which he had got from a convict, but he could prove that there was no justification for the charge. The Controller then proceeded to explain the case of Boyd, Ryrie & Co., which, he said, appeared to be quite satisfactory to the House. Every step taken by the department had been on the advice of the Minister of Justice.

Mr. Wallace went on to say that Mr. Fullerton of Toronto, whose name had been mentioned by Mr. Lister, never saw Boyd, and was never engaged by Boyd in any legal capacity. He had nothing to do with Mr. Boyd at all, so far as the transaction was concerned. Mr. Fullerton was acting for Mr. Ryrie, who was a Toronto man and knew him well. In fact, Mr. Fullerton had been Mr. Ryrie's solicitor for many years before this case came up. He could not say how it was the Department of Justice had not instituted criminal proceedings. He left the matter in the hands of the Attorney General. Mr. Wallace said that Mr. Lister had not been in the country for some time. He said that he had been in the country for some time. He said that he had been in the country for some time.

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