

Q. Do you remember which province?—A. No sir. "Maritime provinces" was the only thing mentioned.

*By Hon. Mr. Edwards (Frontenac):*

Q. Was it your understanding from your conversation with Mr. Forke that trafficking in permits for gain was general amongst those who were so trafficking, or simply the two to whom you have referred?—A. Yes sir, that is exactly what I have been trying to explain.

*By Mr. Cahan:*

Q. In reference to your statement about the Hon. Mr. Stewart, in which you say: "I know at least some of the Members of Parliament who have sold them and I know what the records of the department were under both Hon. Mr. Stewart and his successor." Did Mr. Forke specifically mention the name of Mr. Stewart?—A. No, it was the word "predecessor."

*By Mr. Carmichael:*

Q. I understood you to make the statement to the effect that the Minister of Immigration stated if he wished he could have become a millionaire through issuing these permits?—A. Yes.

Q. Could you inform the Committee if there was any money received by the officials of the department in connection with these permits?—A. No sir, I can not, but I may say, since Mr. Stewart's name was perhaps introduced, that I was trying to make clear what I meant by "predecessor" and "successor" but I had no intention of conveying the impression—I would not have the Committee think for one moment that I wish to cast any slur whatsoever upon the Hon. Mr. Stewart. I want that to be perfectly clear.

*By Mr. Cahan:*

Q. Then would you tell us exactly the words Mr. Forke used which made you attribute these fraudulent acts to the regime of Hon. Mr. Stewart?—A. Yes, I will be glad to do that. I think I have already done so, in this way; Mr. Forke told me he wrote a letter to his predecessor drawing his attention to the number of permits issued during his regime, and that his predecessor had written a letter to him pointing out the number of permits issued during the regime of his predecessor who was, of course, the Hon. Mr. Stewart.

*By Mr. Millar:*

Q. You have known Mr. Forke for some time?—A. Yes, I have met Mr. Forke.

Q. Were you not intimate friends?—A. No, I would not say that. I met Mr. Forke on one occasion in Regina, and I have corresponded with him since that time.

Q. You became thoroughly intimate?—A. I would not say we were fairly intimate, but we were good friends.

Q. You have told a great deal of what Mr. Forke said to you. Did it never strike your mind that part of this at least was a private conversation? A. Well, I think Mr. Millar you will know that I am in a position in the city of Regina where I have, I think, the confidence of a large number of the people and there are also a number of people who make of me a confidant. I do not think I have ever had the reputation for divulging a confidence, but I may say this, that within four hours of that conversation with Mr. Forke I discussed it quite freely, frankly and openly with Mr. Geo. F. Edwards of the United Farmers of Saskatchewan. Had I considered this to be either personal or confidential I would not have discussed it with any third party.

[Mr. M. J. Coldwell.]