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nected with the government, or who has been connected with the government or the department, that is also connected with this trading company?

A. No.

Q. You don't know anything at all about it?

A. No.

Q. Did it occur to you when you are asked for information on this question, when you knew that this question was coming up as to payments connected with this trading company that perhaps Mr. Smart could give you the information?

A. It did not occur to me, no. I understood from the Committee on Agriculture that Mr. Smart was summoned to appear there next Wednesday.

Q. I am speaking of your being able to tell this committee?

A. That I should go and acquire the information?

Q. No; that you, being the responsible officer, knowing that certain inquiries are being made you would put yourself in the position to give the information?

A. I did not know anything about the inquiry until last Wednesday I was asked to appear before the committee.

Q. I only asked if you have inquired of Mr. Smart who are his employers, the trading company?

A. I have not asked Mr. Smart, no.

Q. Have you had any personal communication, verbal communication with Mr. Smart at all?

A. Oh, he has been in my office; he drops into the office.

Q. With reference to this?

A. No.

Q. With reference to this account?

A. He speaks of the account and seems to think that we don't pay the company enough.

Q. That is all?

A. Yes.

Q. What is his exact position, do you know, in regard to that trading company?

A. I cannot tell you anything more than what is on the file. The letter appointing him is on the file.

Q. You have never asked him what his connection with it is?

A. I have never asked him personally, no.

Q. Have you ever been at his office?

A. In Montreal?

Q. Yes.

Q. Yes, I was in there once, the other day on my way to Halifax, I dropped in.

Q. What is the office called?

A. The James A. Smart Company.

Q. Not the North Atlantic Trading Company?

A. The James A. Smart Company, I think. It is the same as the letter heading on the file.

By Mr. Foster :

Q. I understood you to say, Mr. Scott, that no accounts were presented to you by this North Atlantic Trading Company?

A. No, sir, they are made up from the manifests.

Q. Then they are made up by whom?

A. By the clerks in our department.

Q. By the department?

A. Yes.

Q. The department has to pay the bill?

A. They pay the bill.

Q. And the department also has to make up the account?

A. From the manifest.