

speaking about what Mr. Forke had said about permits; he said that large numbers of them had been issued previously, and that the records of the Department would bear that out or deny it. Is that correct?—A. No, sir; I do not think I said “or deny it”.

Q. You mean the stenographer just imagined that?—A. No, I would not say that. I do not think I said that. It would not quite convey the impression I wanted to convey.

Q. It is here, on the record?

The CHAIRMAN: Would you give the page of the record?

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: It is at the bottom of page 5.

*By Mr. Boys:*

Q. Did you have any opportunity of revising the record?—A. I saw it just for a few moments.

Q. Was that statement in it?—A. I did not notice it.

*By Hon. Mr. Ralston:*

Q. Do you say you did not say that?—A. If the stenographer has it, I cannot very well say that I did not say it. It does not convey the impression—

Q. I am talking about what Mr. Forke said, not about impressions. Did you say yesterday that Mr. Forke said that the records of the Department would bear that out or deny it?—A. “Bear that out”, I should have said.

Q. Did you say yesterday that Mr. Forke said that the records of the Department would bear that out or deny it?—A. It was very hard, so many questions were asked me yesterday—

Q. Will you be good enough to answer my question; did you say so?—A. I think, Mr. Chairman, I have the right to answer these questions in my own way; it is not fair.

Mr. LUCAS: I would like to say here that this witness is no criminal, and he should be given a chance.

Some Hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

*By Hon. Mr. Ralston:*

Q. Having had all this applause, will you answer the question; I am asking you if you said yesterday that Mr. Forke said that the records of the Department would bear that out or deny it?

Mr. BOYS: He said he did not intend—

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: Let him answer the question.

Mr. BOYS: You are trying to suggest that a stenographer never makes a mistake.

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: I am not suggesting anything of the kind, I am asking a question.

WITNESS: I think I answered that before by saying that it did not convey the impression I intended to convey.

*By Hon. Mr. Ralston:*

Q. That does not answer my question. I asked if you said that yesterday, when you were under oath?

Mr. SPOTTON: May I ask a question?

The CHAIRMAN: No, Colonel Ralston has the floor.

Mr. SPOTTON: I rise to a point of order, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: What is your point of order?

[Mr. M. J. Coldwell.]