

Q. After the second telephone call was put through, that is if there were two telephone calls, after the return to the barge, did you return to Montreal?
—A. Yes, we returned to Montreal.

Q. Were you expected by the Americans that night? Had you not made an appointment with them at St. Sulpice?—A. No. They had their own chauffeur and I was not required; I had no business there.

Q. I am not asking you that, I am asking you whether you had made an appointment with them or whether they expected you at St. Sulpice?—A. I don't think so, I don't believe they were expecting.

Q. How do you account then for the fact that one of the Americans, on arriving at the hotel in St. Sulpice, enquired, "Where is Brien"?—A. I can't explain that.

Q. The following day, when you saw Stewart and Campbell at the Atwater Garage, did they explain how they happened not to be under arrest?—A. I believe the matter was mentioned.

Q. What did they say?—A. They stated they had slipped away one after the other; they did not state they had much difficulty in doing so, they seemed to be getting a lot of fun out of it, between them. One of them stated that he had to make two or three attempts to slip away before he succeeded in doing so; I don't quite recall which one it was.

Q. Did they state that there were other parties on board who escaped during the night that the seizure was made?—A. No, not to my knowledge.

Q. Is J. E. Belisle, Joseph Belisle?—A. I don't know if it is J. E. Belisle.

Q. J. E. Belisle did not carry on business after the establishment of the Liquor Commission?—A. No.

Q. Did the firm of J. E. Belisle do business with the Noel warehouse?—
A. No. Are you speaking of the Noel warehouse which was mentioned in the course of this investigation here?

Q. Yes.—A. No.

Q. If you do not find Belisle for us you will expose yourself to a seizure to satisfy a judgment of \$537.50, because you admitted that you were J. E. Belisle. I have here before me the record proving that a party named J. E. Belisle was doing business as a liquor dealer, and defrauded the Customs by violating a bond to transfer liquor from Quebec to Montreal, which bond was violated.—A. In what year was that, he violated that bond? It was certainly not me; I have no knowledge as to that.

Q. You never saw Belisle again, since 1921?—A. Since the 1st of May, no sir.

Q. You did not try to locate him?—A. Recently, yes.

Q. Since he has been mentioned?—A. Yes. I asked several persons whom I am sure knew him, but who are reluctant to say that they knew him, because they fear that they might be called here. It is not very pleasant or agreeable to be called here.

Q. At all events, it is not degrading?—A. It is not degrading, but it is not pleasant.

Q. Who are the persons to whom you addressed yourself to locate Belisle?
—A. I might have spoken to about fifty people in all.

Q. Could you name possibly half a dozen persons whom you can recall?
—A. Yes.

Q. Who are they?—A. I could name Mr. Noel, your adjutant who took over the office which Mr. Belisle had occupied.

Q. That was your office in Montreal?—A. Yes, his father purchased the assets from me. I asked him if he remembered him at the time the transfer took place.

Q. Who are the others?—A. I inquired from several persons.

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