

Yesterday I telegraphed to Mr. McNevin as follows:—

“Adverting to my letter of 10th, seizure 2417. Has Laferty been arrested? If so, what date? Telegraph answer immediately.

(Sgd.) W. F. WILSON.”

Last night I received the following telegram from Officer McNevin:—

“Charlottetown, P.E.I., April 21st, 1926. Laferty not yet arrested. No satisfaction with local constables. Best way to close this matter would be to send one of your police.”

I thought of sending an officer there but in view of the fact that this matter is before the Committee, I have not done so.

*By Mr. Bell:*

Q. In connection with that letter from Mr. Stewart, did you take any action?—A. On the 2nd of November, I wrote to Officer Stewart as follows:—

“Your letter of 30th ult., regarding Aziz has been received. I will see what can be done as soon as possible.”

On the 16th of December, I wrote to the Deputy Minister, as follows:—

“Adverting to your letter of the 21st of September last, respecting state of proceedings respecting warrant of commitment in this matter. May I respectfully ask whether it is the desire of the department that we now proceed with this matter?”

*By Mr. Doucet:*

Q. On the file which was read yesterday there is a letter to the Minister of Customs and Excise from the member of the county, in which he stated he had a memorandum on his desk. That letter is dated the 18th of November. Would that not be following the Stewart letter?—A. I have no copy of that letter on my file.

Q. The Minister says in the letter of the 18th of November, that his officers are pressing for prosecution of this case, and he states he has a memorandum on his desk. Would that not be the result of the Stewart letter of the 30th of October?—A. I cannot say that, unless I have the file.

Mr. BELL: What I was concerned with was the question of whether or not there was any inquiry made about the attitude of the Department, if changed as the result of the election, because that is what the letter implies.

The WITNESS: Well, the only answer I can give you, sir—

The CHAIRMAN: The letter speaks for itself.

Mr. BELL: No, no.

The WITNESS: On the 16th of December, we wrote the Department asking if we should proceed, and there has been no answer to that.

The CHAIRMAN: That closes the matter.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: That closes it until Mr. Robichaud is heard.

Witness retired.

MICHAEL K. BOLGER recalled.

*By Mr. Calder, K.C.:*

Q. Mr. Bolger, you have already been sworn?—A. Yes sir.

Q. When you went abroad the Empress of France, or while you were aboard her, from Father Point to Quebec, did Miss Larde hand you any letter?—A. No sir.