

but I think if you will refresh your memory and think it over carefully you will recall the incident, perhaps?—A. No, I think not. My memory, of course, is not as good as it was years ago. It is fairly good yet.

Q. We won't press that for the moment. Now, regarding Bisailon: Bisailon entered the service in April, 1910. That is correct, is it not?—A. Yes.

Q. He was appointed permanently in 1916?—A. Yes.

Q. That is correct?—A. That is right.

Q. Then in 1924, I think it was about January, or thereabouts,—no, in 1924, October, Mr. Bisailon was promoted to the position of special preventive officer?—A. Special inspector, I think.

Q. Special inspector of Customs and Excise?—A. Yes.

Q. A very high position?—A. Yes.

Q. And a very responsible position?—A. Yes.

Q. Now, at whose instance was Mr. Bisailon appointed to that position?—A. He was promoted to it.

Q. He was promoted to it?—A. Yes.

Q. By virtue of his merits wholly?—A. The position was advertised, the same as all positions to be filled by the Civil Service Commission.

Q. I suppose the correspondence with the Civil Service Commission and your own will disclose precisely what occurred in that promotion?—A. As far as that promotion is concerned I can say this: It was advertised by the Civil Service Commission, it was open to applicants from the port of Montreal. I do not know if it was open to the Province of Quebec, but the applicant had to have bilingual qualifications. There were two applicants, Bisailon and another gentleman who did not possess bilingual qualifications. The consequence was that there was nothing to do but to go ahead.

*By Mr. Donaghy:*

Q. There was only one who could comply with the requirements?—A. Yes.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. The other man was John Hough?—A. Yes, Hough.

Q. Was this a new position created?—A. Yes.

Q. It was a new position carved out?—A. Yes.

Q. In the meantime for some time the chief inspector was instructed to keep out of the port of Montreal?—A. I made my statement in reference to it.

Q. There are one or two other things I wanted to speak about, but it is one o'clock.—A. If it will not take long—I have some work to do this afternoon, if you do not mind.

Hon Mr. BOIVIN: May I be allowed to ask one question?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

*By Hon. Mr. Boivin:*

Q. You were asked, Mr. Farrow, if Mr. Busby had been instructed to refrain from inspecting the port of Montreal and you gave your answer to that question?—A. Yes.

Q. I would like to ask you if since the present Minister has come in to office Busby was instructed not to inspect the port of Montreal? Did he make the inspection?—A. His staff are making it now, and have been for the past three weeks.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. Mr. Busby has been ill for a month?—A. Yes, but Mr. Kennedy is second in command. He is in charge and has been there for a month.

[Mr. R. R. Farrow.]