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MEANS TO PREVENT SMUGGLING IN N. B. REVEALED AT INQUIRY

Witnesses Tell Royal Court Customs Staff Here Is Inadequate

REVELATIONS of a startling character regarding means taken to protect New Brunswick's indented coastline from smugglers with the existence of rum runs off the Wolves, Shippegan, Miscou, Buctouche and Port Elgin coupled with many instances of where orders were received from Ottawa to release seizures made and take no action with no reasons given whatever, were made before the Royal Commission investigating the customs department of Canada yesterday in the Court House here with Sir Francois Lemieux, Chief Justice, presiding.

How Moses Aziz, whose name figured prominently at the customs inquiry at Ottawa, handled all the correspondence for customs preventive officers on the North Shore, although at the time twice convicted for smuggling and once convicted under the prohibition law was given the Commission by G. Perley Stewart, special customs officer in charge of the counties of Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland, Kent and Westmorland.

So many irregularities cropped out in the evidence of the customs officers that Mr. Calder, who presided at the inquiry, remarked that he was trying to give His Lordship an idea of the situation to which Sir Francois promptly replied that if counsel stopped where he was he had amply informed him of the real conditions.

WITNESSES EXAMINED.
Witnesses examined yesterday included Mr. Lockhart, Inspector A. L. Hoyt, L. W. Simms, president of the Saint John Board of Trade, F. W. Roach, A. Fred deForest, F. W. Coombs, G. Perley Stewart, J. E. White, William P. Dawes, Charles H. Lynott, Alexander Crawford and W. L. McFarlane.

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DRAYTON ON INQUIRY
Canadian Press Despatch.
OTTAWA, Sept. 2.—"I have not seen Sir Francois' statement," remarked Sir Henry Drayton, acting premier, today.
He was asked to comment on the utterances of Sir Francois Lemieux, chief justice of Quebec, who is conducting a continuation of the customs probe. Sir Francois is said to have protested against requests that he carry the customs investigation forthwith into various parts of Canada and to have added that "during the turmoil of an election campaign is not a proper time to hold such a investigation."

"Sir Francois is right in saying that this investigation should not be held for political ends," added the acting prime minister. "I believe and hope that it will not be that. That is all I can say at present."

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AIRPLANE PARACHUTE IS SUCCESS



The latest invention for aircraft safety, a monster parachute to support the entire airplane as well as the pilot, was tested and proved a success at Ingwood, Calif., by R. Carl Ouse, who flew to a height of 6000 feet and then let the parachute bring his ship down. The upper portion of the parachute in action; below are J. M. Russell, inventor of the device, B. Doucet, U. S. navy official, and Ouse, after the test was completed. The stunt was financed by Jesse Lasky, head of the Famous Players-Lasky moving picture organization.

large scale was evidenced by the story of witness after witness. As in the Nova Scotia hearings the smuggling of liquor was the main feature of the hearings yesterday, but evidence of the illicit traffic in American cigarettes was offered by one witness. A. F. deForest, of Saint John, declared to the commission that cigarettes from the United States had been offered to him at less than the amount of the duty which should have been paid upon them. He described how people brought American plug tobacco to him to have it cut up for pipe use.

SYMPATHY IS ANTI-DRY.
The commission was offered a variety of evidence in regard to the liquor traffic. One witness declared that the sympathy of the people of Canada was against prohibition enforcement, and consequently customs officers found it difficult to enforce the law.

CUSTOMS REWARDS.
In his evidence at the afternoon session, Inspector Hoyt told of smuggling going to seizing officers and informers in regard to seizures. It used to be 25 per cent. of the amount seized, but that has been changed. He told of the present rates. He declared if the rewards to informers could be paid quickly, instead of held up until the matter is settled, he believed matters could be greatly helped. The seizing officer was obliged to hire cars out of his own pocket for seizures and if no seizure was made, he was out of pocket. He suggested that where the information was definite and the seizure actually made that the collectors be given authority to advance 25 per cent. at once.

AUTO PATROL SUGGESTED.
Asked for suggestions to improve matters, Inspector Hoyt recommended that in order to properly protect the frontier that in addition to the officers now stationed, there should be an automobile patrol service in the summer and a mounted police service in winter. Mr. Calder said he had received a communication signed "Pro Bono Publico" charging that some patrol officers were working day and night, drawing two thousand dollars a month, and that there should be a mobile force patrolling the frontier and sea coast. He said he did not think collectors should be called on for preventive service.

MR. SIMMS TESTIFIES.
L. W. Simms, president of the Saint John Board of Trade and also head of the T. S. Simms Co. Ltd., told of an experience he had had on the Woodstock-Houlton highway last week when it was with difficulty he found the Canadian customs officer to which to report. The officer there did not even examine the car, Mr. Simms said.

SERVICE UNDER-MANNED.
F. W. Roach gave it as his opinion that the preventive service was greatly under-manned and that there should be a mobile force patrolling the frontier and sea coast. He said he did not think collectors should be called on for preventive service.

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BEAVERBROOK SCHOLARSHIP TO WEST END BOY

Harold J. Williamson One of Five to Receive Awards

The trustees of the Lord Beaverbrook scholarship, Hon. Mr. Justice Crockett, P. B. Ellis, with S. D. Simons, secretary, held a meeting on Thursday to consider the 81 applications for five scholarships, each of the value of \$250 a year for the full college term of four years.

The awards were as follows:
Miss Doris M. Saunders, Fredericton; Harold J. Williamson, West Saint-John; Lawrence E. Coffey, Moncton; Robert M. Jennings, Newburg Junction, Carleton county, and Adeline S. Giddart, Riverside, Albert county.

Lawrence Coffey will take his college course at Dalhousie. The other four will attend the University of New Brunswick.

Lord Beaverbrook first awarded these scholarships in 1920 and the five now named make a total of 86 awards, a special having been included in the 1924 awards.

To date 20 of the scholarships have been given to boys and sixteen to girls.

Mr. Williamson is a son of J. St. Patrick Williamson, 228 Charlotte street, West Side, and a graduate of the Saint John High School.

Miss Georgia C. Hayward, formerly of Saint John, but now of Ashville, N. C., is spending a few weeks in the city.

son and that in these cases, seizures made were returned. It was contended that he must be supplied by an order-in-council. Mr. Calder said he raised the point in an endeavor to ascertain the plan and have it corrected.

Mr. Stewart endorsed the suggestion that informers be paid promptly. In many cases, he said, many of the provincial prohibition officers co-operated with him and rendered valuable assistance.

GETS 90 CENTS AS SHARE.
J. E. White, acting collector of customs at Bathurst, told of activities in his district. He said once they seized a ferry boat plying between Shippegan and the mainland for carrying contraband liquor.

This ferry was subsidized by the Provincial Government. The seizure was made in 1924, Mr. White said. He said he visited this section and went to see the ferryman who told him he could not speak English. He stayed there and later seized three 10-gallon kegs of rum, the value amounting to more than \$800. The seizure was made in 1924 and in February, 1925, he said, he received exactly 90 cents as his share. The share should have amounted to at least 25 per cent.

The informer got nothing, while the boat later was ordered released without deposit by Ottawa. In-implicitly, witness said, he paid most of the expenses out of his own pocket.

LIQUOR CAMOUFLAGED.
Charles H. Lynott, St. George, told of liquor being camouflaged and sent away in cars as laths, Christmas trees and sardines.

Alexander Crawford, former prohibition officer and now of the customs branch, said smuggling interfered with enforcement of the prohibition law and gave instances.

W. L. McFarlane, chief inspector of the prohibition forces in the province, said there was no co-operation between the customs and provincial departments in regard to prevention and advocated closer relations in getting after law breakers. This completed the afternoon session.

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Two Boys Are Hit By Automobiles

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At 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon a small boy ran from the German street curb in front of an automobile and was knocked down. When picked up the little fellow was bleeding at the mouth. He was placed in the car and conveyed immediately to the General Public Hospital. A report from the hospital was to the effect that the boy was only slightly injured.

ONE WAY ST. PLAN TRIED LAST NIGHT

South Side King Square Traffic Condition is Given Another Test

Last evening at 8 o'clock, before the squad of police left headquarters, an order was read by Inspector Thomas Caples from Chief Smith to the effect that the south side of the King square would be made a one-way drive last night with entrance at Charlotte and no entrance from Sydney street. The new order was given Sergeant McLeese and Police Constable McEldine, who were placed as traffic officers on the corner of Sydney street and the south side of the square.

There was a program of music on the King Edward bandstand and as usual automobile traffic was large. For several nights during a band concert Chief Smith had witnessed considerable congestion of cars in this section of the city and as a consequence

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The Carleton branch of the G. W. V. A., last night constituted itself the Carleton branch of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League, in conformity with the action taken by the provincial command of the G. W. V. A., at its convention held this summer at Fredericton. That convention constituted itself as the provincial convention of the Canadian Legion of the B. E. S. L., and all of the G. W. V. A. branches in the province except one voted for this movement, the Carleton branch being one of those which took this step. By unanimous vote last night the former officers were returned for the new organization. Six new applicants were received.

C. H. Cochrane, the president, laid considerable stress upon the fact that it was the duty of all returned men, both as soldiers and as citizens, to become affiliated with the new organization and it was decided to organize a membership drive. Plans were made for further activities, one of which will be the holding of a fair in the near future.

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