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CERTIFIED INVOICES USED BY IMPORTER FIGURE AT INQUIRY

Former Bookkeeper Tells
of Informing Customs
Department

VALUES ENTERED
BELOW PRICE PAID

Witness Clashes Sharply
With Lawyer at Ottawa
Investigation

OTTAWA, May 5.—Investigation of the John W. Gaunt Company before the customs inquiry committee took a new turn this afternoon when Mr. Gaunt was replaced on the stand by M. J. Mann, a former bookkeeper of the company. It was through information given by Mr. Mann that the customs department first became aware that the Gaunt Company had in its possession blank certified invoices. Mr. Mann told the committee that he went to the customs department taking with him copies of some of these invoices because he had become nervous about a \$5,000 loan which he had obtained for John W. Gaunt. He was not satisfied that these invoices were being properly used.

There were some sharp exchanges between this witness and O. S. Tyndale, counsel for Mr. Gaunt, when the latter was trying to find out where Mr. Mann obtained the invoices, copies of which he showed to the customs. Mr. Tyndale asked where the invoices were obtained and pressed his question repeatedly.

WITNESS RELUCTANT

"Were they not taken from the offices of the Gaunt Company?" he asked the witness. "Where did you get the invoices?" "That's none of your business," Mr. Mann finally replied. "Don't answer that way," intervened Chairman Paul Mercier decisively. The witness finally admitted that the copies might have been obtained from the office, but said that such copies were frequently thrown into the wastebasket.

TOLD TO MAKE ENTRY

Mr. Mann, at the outset of his evidence, stated that he had been employed as an accountant by the John W. Gaunt Company from October, 1921, to the spring of 1922. He was asked why he had entered in his first balance sheet an item of \$23,000 for "merchandise on hand and in transit Sept. 1." He replied that Mr. Gaunt told him to do so. He could not remember that there was any merchandise on hand or in transit at the time.

Customs Officer Hurson, of Montreal, another former bookkeeper of the John W. Gaunt Company, told the committee that the value entered by the company for clearance of goods through customs was invariably less than the price actually paid the manufacturer.

ENTRIES NEVER TRUE

"There never was a true entry made," he said, in answer to a question by Hon. H. H. Stevens in regard to the customs entries of the Gaunt Company. Manufacturers' invoices were not presented to the customs, but invoices signed by Schneider, Gaunt's agent in Germany.

In earlier evidence, Mr. Gaunt denied that he had ever undervalued his goods for customs purposes. The committee adjourned until tomorrow.

GIVES FURTHER FACTS.

John W. Gaunt, head of the Montreal firm of John W. Gaunt Company, gave the customs inquiry committee further information in regard to his importation of German dolls and toys this morning.

O. S. Tyndale, his own solicitor, examined Mr. Gaunt. The witness admitted that he had been arrested on the charge of having blank certified invoices. He had pleaded guilty to this charge because he

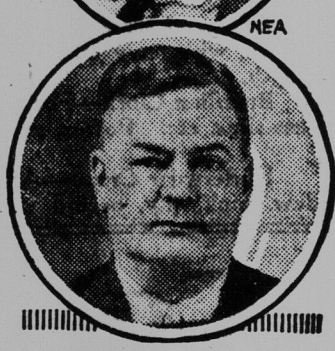


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thought so doing would facilitate the conduct of the case. Mr. Calder interjected that in addition to the charge of having the invoices, there was a complaint against the witness that he (Gaunt) was using blank certified invoices to defraud the customs department.

DENIES ARRANGEMENT.

The witness denied knowledge of this complaint. "Was there any arrangement between you and the customs department that if you pleaded guilty to the first charge they would settle up the other?" counsel asked Mr. Gaunt.

"No sir, none whatever," was the reply.

VANCOUVER LABOR BODY BACKS STRIKE

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 5.—Full moral support of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council was pledged at a meeting of that organization last night to the British Trades Union Congress in the present industrial struggle in Great Britain and a cable to that effect was despatched.

WHITE STAR LINE ADVISES SPEED IN QUITTING ENGLAND

Megantic Leaves For New
York Today and Cedric
Starts on May 8

VOLUNTEER YOUTHS TO LABOR ON DOCKS

Cotton Exchange Members
and Clerks Assist in
Loading Cargoes

LONDON, May 5.—The White Star line has advised passengers sailing for Canada on the Megantic, from Liverpool on the 6th, to hasten to Liverpool as soon as possible. Notices have gone out to passengers who are sailing on the Cedric on the 8th. Both ships are bound for New York. The company has offered to make hotel reservations and to accommodate passengers the night before sailing.

Liverpool's seven miles of docks were deserted yesterday, but today thousands of young men from the shipping offices were organized into squads of dock laborers. They are being housed on the ships and in the warehouses, and will not leave the docks during the state of emergency. Members of the cotton exchanges and their clerks are also assisting in the unloading of cargoes. The train service is running with fair regularity.

8 BOYS APPEAR IN COURT AT CHATHAM

CHATHAM, May 5.—Eight boys appeared in the police court before Magistrate Gaynor, here, this morning on charges of stealing hides from a local dealer. They pleaded guilty and all but one were allowed out on suspended sentence after being given a strict warning against their further appearance in court. The eighth who has been in court on previous occasions was remanded until tomorrow for sentence.

31 NURSES WRITING FOR REGISTRATION

CHATHAM, May 5.—The annual examinations of the New Brunswick Association of Registered Nurses began here today and continue for two days. They are being held at the Hotel Dieu Hospital under the supervision of Miss Maude E. Retaillick, Reg. N., secretary of the board of examining registration. Practically every hospital in the province is represented.

S. S. PRINCE ARTHUR ON DIGBY ROUTE

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