

Q. Have you had cognizance of the accounts of the North Atlantic Trading Company?

A. I have.

Q. They have come before you in the regular order?

A. That is requests for payment of those accounts.

Q. Have any payments been made for accounts to the North Atlantic Trading Company which have not come before you?

A. They have been examined before they have come to our branch, the accounts branch, and payments have been made of certified accounts.

Q. That is in respect to some of them or all of them. You have issued the payments on certified accounts?

A. Yes.

Q. They having been certified by some one else than yourself?

A. Yes.

Q. But all the accounts have in one way or another passed before you and through your hands?

A. They have all, as far as my recollection serves me, been sent to our department before transmission to the Audit Office.

Q. Well, then, what accounts of the North Atlantic Trading Company have been presented to you and what dates? Have you a list of them here?

A. Well, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a statement at this point in the examination, if you will permit me. It is only yesterday that I received a request to furnish certain information to the committee. It involved a great deal of research, and I found that the papers, in which a great deal of the evidence is contained, are now before the Agricultural Committee and inaccessible, and I would therefore like a little more time in order that I can see those accounts and furnish all the information that is required to this honourable committee.

Q. That is reasonable. Perhaps if you had access to these accounts now you could have the information before the committee adjourns.

A. I think it would take a longer time than that, Mr. Foster.

Q. Well, then, will you do that and have the information ready for the meeting next Wednesday?

A. Yes.

Q. It is not worth while going on any further until we have that information?

A. It is simply impossible to get the information out in the limited time.

Witness then retired.

Mr. W. D. SCOTT, superintendent of immigration, called and sworn, and examined.

*By Mr. Barker:*

Q. What is your position in the Department of the Interior?

A. I am Superintendent of Immigration.

Q. Will you tell us of whom the North Atlantic Trading Company is composed?

A. I have no knowledge.

Q. No knowledge?

A. No knowledge, sir.

Q. How long have you been Superintendent of Immigration, Mr. Scott?

A. Three years.

Q. Three years? That company has been drawing large sums of money from your department?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. The one that you are so particularly concerned with?

A. Which?

Q. The immigration department?

A. Yes, sir.

Mr. W. D. SCOTT.