

say this, that Mr. Forke told me in discussing this matter that day in this connection that the fee was \$100, and he added "If I wished, I could become a millionaire in this Department".

Q. When he said that the fee was \$100, to what did he refer? Did he say these lawyers or Members of Parliament who were applying for permits received in consideration for their good offices \$100 each?—A. That the people getting these permits were handing them out for \$100.

Q. Did you understand that that applied to any official of the Immigration Department—that officials were receiving any payments?—A. No, sir.

Q. You understood it to refer solely to the Members of Parliament who were applying for permits?—A. No sir, certainly not. I understood it to apply to men like the man who got the letter of introduction from me, to get those permits and use them.

Q. But you say "These permits were sold by Members of Parliament in Canada for the sum of \$100", and I would ask you what there was in Mr. Forke's statement which would lead you, as an honest citizen of the country, to allege that these permits were sold by Members of Parliament in Canada for the sum of \$100 each?—A. I think I have tried to explain that very clearly. I think that statement is quite clearly understood.

Q. I cannot understand it. I cannot make out your inferences. But in relation to Mr. McMurray and to the other defeated candidate—A. I did not say "candidate".

Q. Who were the only members mentioned as I understood it—A. Yes.

Q. —did Mr. Forke say that Mr. McMurray and this other defeated candidate, as Members of Parliament, received \$100 each for getting permits?—A. Mr. Forke certainly did indicate that Mr. McMurray received it.

Q. Is that the former Solicitor General of Canada?—A. I believe so, yes.

Q. You went farther after Mr. Campbell had spoken and thrown some slight doubt upon the accuracy of your statement—I think I might put it that way, mildly—and you said: "I know what the records of the Department were under both Hon. Mr. Stewart and his successor". Now, to what records of the Department under the Hon. Mr. Stewart, did you refer?—A. Mr. Chairman, I point this out—

Q. Will you please answer my question?—A. May I say that this is an abbreviated report of my address and there are some combinations of words there which are either a synopsis of what I said or do not elaborate in the way I elaborated on that occasion.

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: You said it was substantially correct.

*By Mr. Cahan:*

Q. Now, I have had some experience in examining witnesses and I would like to know what you knew directly or indirectly when you said: "I know what the records of the Department were under both Hon. Mr. Stewart and his successor". Hon. Mr. Stewart is a member of the Government; he is an eminent Member of this House of Commons and we want to know what you had in mind in your reference there to the Hon. Mr. Stewart.—A. I had this in mind, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Forke made the comment to me that when he found the number of permits which had been issued, he wrote to his predecessor—

Q. Who was that?—A. Of the Meighen Cabinet—Doctor Manion, I think it was. He did not mention the name to me, but I think that is who it was. I am speaking now from memory—and that that gentleman replied to him referring him to the records of his predecessor, who was the Hon. Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Forke said that when he looked into those records he found that the condition had existed, that in fact—and he used these words or as nearly as possible these words, or words which at least indicated this, that the condition was even worse.

[Mr. M. J. Coldwell.]