

WITNESS: I should say, when I remember, that this position was to be filled by a man of bi-lingual qualification.

By Hon. Mr. Stevens:

Q. Is that the only qualification?—A. No. But he had to possess that qualification. He was not qualified without it.

By Mr. Donaghy:

Q. Was he the best man available?—A. Of the applicants, yes.

By Hon. Mr. Stevens:

Q. Aside from that qualification did you consider that Clerk was actually qualified for the position of head inspector for the port of Montreal?—A. I am not called upon to answer that, for the simple reason that the appointment was made under qualifications.

Q. You would rather not answer?—A. Yes.

Mr. DONAGHY: He has already answered.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Please leave me alone.

Mr. DONAGHY: What are we going to do, leave it vacant?

WITNESS: In other words, you want to know from me whether he was as well qualified for inspection work as Mr. Busby? No, because I do not think that is reasonable.

By Hon. Mr. Stevens:

Q. I am asking this, whether you consider Clerk's qualifications were such as to warrant his appointment as chief inspector of the port of Montreal, after Busby had been ordered to leave it alone?—A. I will not make any further statement than I have made.

Q. All right, we will proceed to another point; I want to ask you this, Mr. Farrow, do you recall another report from Mr. Clerk, in which he stated to you that a bribe had been offered by another officer, if he, Clerk would appoint this officer to a certain position in the Customs?—A. It is pretty hard for me to remember that.

Q. You do not recall it?—A. No.

Q. Probably inasmuch as we will have you before us again, we will let that go for the moment and come back to it on a second occasion. You are sure you do not recall it?—A. No. I remember something of him speaking to me once about a bribe but I do not recall the particulars of it.

Q. I wonder can I help your memory a little; do you recall another report to you, in the presence of another witness, that Mr. Bisailon offered this man a bribe, and I think it was \$100 a week to appoint him to that position, or to secure him the position of chief preventive officer for Montreal?—A. No, I do not remember that.

Q. You do not recall it?—A. I remember something; we had a conversation about a bribe or something about getting a hundred dollars a week, but I do not remember the details, Mr. Stevens.

Q. Have you ever discussed it with the Minister?—A. No, I never did.

Q. You do not recall it?—A. No.

Q. Do you remember what particular position that related to?—A. No, I do not think it was a job at all. I think it was something some person wanted to do to get a hundred dollars a week.

Q. I wish you would refresh your memory on that. I realize that perhaps in shooting a question at a witness, without preparation, it is a little difficult,

[Mr. R. R. Farrow.]