

Q. Then it was not a passing allusion you made in your first speech?—A. It was in so far that I did not give the details which Mr. Campbell's question brought out later on.

Q. And you call that "a passing allusion"? Do you want to correct that?—A. I would correct it in the way I suggest, that I did not elaborate further until Mr. Campbell had raised the question. Then I said what was reported later on.

Q. You gave as your reason for that that you were only making a passing allusion in your first speech. What Mr. Campbell said was that there were rumours that Members of Parliament and others were dealing in permits.—A. Yes.

Q. Then you felt called upon to make the statement that you knew the names?—A. Yes.

Q. Did you know that either of these men were Members of Parliament at this time?—A. The Members of Parliament at the present time were never mentioned.

Q. This speech was made in November, 1927?—A. Yes.

Q. The statement is, "I know at least some of the Members of Parliament who have sold them".—A. I never at any stage stated that the men were Members of Parliament now.

Q. You did not think that inference would be drawn from what you said?—A. Well, the reporter may have had—

Q. You did not think that inference would be drawn from what you said?—A. Well, I did not think so at the time, no, because I said "prior to Mr. Forke's ministry".

Q. And you did not intend to?—A. No.

Q. And you know nothing whatsoever with regard to the present Members of Parliament?—A. I know nothing with regard to the present Members of Parliament.

Q. Did Mr. Forke in his statement say that it was rumoured, or this was what he heard?—A. No sir. I do not remember at any stage that the word "rumours" was mentioned.

Q. Or "gossip"?—A. No.

Q. You mean to tell me that Mr. Forke said he knew that as an absolute fact?—A. He did not say "absolute fact" but I clearly understood—

Q. Do you mean to tell me that Mr. Forke said that he had personal knowledge?—A. Mr. Forke?

Q. Yes. Did he say that he had personal knowledge of this? You understand that?—A. Let me say this: that Mr. Forke gave me this, that he believed that to be the case.

Q. But you do not say at any stage that he said he had personal knowledge? That question can be answered by "Yes" or "No"?—A. Yes, many questions can be answered by "Yes" or "No," but it conveyed to me—

Q. I did not ask you that. You did not say at any stage that he said he had personal knowledge?—A. Personal knowledge?

Q. Yes, personal knowledge?—A. I certainly believed that Mr. Forke had.

Q. Will you be good enough to answer my question. You did not say at any stage that Mr. Forke had personal knowledge?—A. I would say then, No.

Q. Mr. Forke, you knew, only came into office in October, 1926?—A. Yes.

Q. And you understood that whatever was referred to was something that had taken place before Mr. Forke came into office at all?—A. Yes.

By Mr. McGibbon:

Q. Mr. Coldwell, to clear up a point: did Mr. Forke lead you to believe that he had knowledge that Mr. McMurray was getting \$100 apiece for these permits?—A. Yes.

[Mr. M. J. Coldwell.]