

*By Mr. Carmichael:*

Q. Is it not a fact that Canada is divided into four different districts with a Commissioner in charge of each, and is it not a fact that each of those Commissioners may issue a permit without your knowledge?—A. I have not understood that it was done. I have always understood that the Deputy Minister has issued those permits.

Q. Are you sure the Commissioners have not issued any?—A. It never entered my head that they could do so.

*By Mr. Garland (Bow River):*

Q. Would it be contrary to the regulations?—A. I think it would be contrary to the regulations. The Minister issues the permits and I would say that only his Deputies can do so.

*By Mr. Lucas:*

Q. The previous witness just stated that you had sent a letter to your predecessor, and your predecessor had written back referring you to his predecessor. Have you anything to say about that?—A. After I came into the Department, I had a letter from Sir Henry Drayton, to which I replied, which did not refer to any previous permits that had been issued. That is the only communication. I do not know what was meant by writing to my predecessor and then my predecessor writing to his predecessor. That is all strange to me. I did not understand it. The letter I got from Sir Henry Drayton, I replied to it.

*By Mr. Fansher (Last Mountain):*

Q. Might we have this letter?—A. I am very sorry to say, Mr. Chairman, that I have the reply to the letter but I have not got the letter itself; and I did not want to bring the reply to the letter before the Committee because I thought the question would be immediately asked: "Why did you not bring the letter?" I asked for the correspondence in my Department this morning, and, strange to say, they were able to give me my reply, but they were unable to find Sir Henry Drayton's letter.

*By Hon. Mr. Edwards:*

Q. Did it refer to permits?—A. It referred to permits. If I had had Sir Henry's I would have produced both letters. I have only got the reply. I can read the reply, but in fact I have not got it here with me. I may find it.

*By Mr. Coote:*

Q. Will you make a search for it?—A. I may find it. It might have disappeared off the files.

The CHAIRMAN: Any more questions?

Mr. COOTE: Mr. Chairman, I would like some more information about permits, but I feel that it can be got better from the Deputy Minister, and perhaps Mr. Forke will agree that if any question comes up, regarding the permits, which may arise out of the evidence we get from Mr. Regan, that we may get answers from him. As far as I am concerned I do not wish to ask any questions now.

The CHAIRMAN: I think Mr. Forke will always be available when the Committee is sitting.

Hon. Mr. FORKE: Always.

Mr. FANSHER: I would like to see that reply which Mr. Forke has just spoken of, at some part of the evidence, with the hope that we can get the copy of both letters.

[Hon. Mr. Forke.]