

"A regular traffic was carried on at Ottawa in the sale of permits to admit men who were not originally eligible for entry into Canada. These permits were sold by Members of Parliament in Canada for the sum of \$100 each. That went on for several years. I am not stating what I do not know to be an absolute fact. It is not hearsay; it is not guesswork; I got that possibly from the highest authority in Canada on immigration affairs. These permits were sold and the bars were let down and people were allowed to flow in who were not ordinarily eligible for our immigration." From whom did you obtain the information that permits were sold by Members of Parliament in Canada for \$100?—A. From Mr. Forke.

Q. Then what did you mean when you said you had given us the whole purport of your conversation?—A. I think I showed you that Mr. Forke did mention to me that these permits were obtained for the sum of \$100.

Q. I do not understand that.—A. I mentioned that in my statement.

By Hon. Mr. Ralston:

Q. What I understood you to say was that Mr. Forke told you about a man approaching him, and he refused to give him his permits and he asked this man what there was in it for him if he got them, and he said \$100 each. Was that your friend from Regina?—A. No sir.

By Mr. Cahan:

Q. Now, did Mr. Forke tell you, as a layman, that these permits were sold by Members of Parliament in Canada for the sum of \$100 each, and that that went on for several years? Did Mr. Forke make that statement?—A. That was the inference and the understanding I obtained from the conversation with Mr. Forke.

Q. Leave out your inference and your understandings, which may depend upon your own mind, and upon an exaggerated form of expression. Tell us exactly what Mr. Forke said with regard to that.—A. Mr. Forke told me that when the gentleman who wanted a large number signed came to see him he told him they were issued for a fee of \$100 each—

Q. But they had never been issued?—A. May I point this out, that Mr. Forke very clearly intimated to me that that was the usual fee at which these permits were sold.

Q. Can you remember the words Mr. Forke used?—A. It is now fifteen months ago—

Q. Tell me as best you can, free from your own inferences. We want to know what Mr. Forke said.—A. I am on oath—

Q. Yes. If you say you cannot remember, well and good, but tell us as nearly as your memory will permit exactly what Mr. Forke said.—A. I will not attempt to quote words, not having thought of that particular point in the interim.

By Hon. Mr. Ralston:

Q. You quoted them eight months afterwards.—A. Oh no, sir.

By Mr. Cahan:

Q. What was the date of your conversation with Mr. Forke?—A. March 15th, 1927.

Q. And you delivered this address on November 23rd, 1927?—A. Yes sir.

Q. And you were giving them, as I understand you now to say, the purport of a statement made to you by Mr. Forke?—A. Yes.

Q. Now state, as nearly as you can again, the purport of the statement made to you by Mr. Forke in respect to the \$100 payment.—A. Very well, sir. I would

[Mr. M. J. Coldwell.]