

Mr. P. R. Watson, Manager of Grout's Limited, St. Catharines, testified, referring to the smuggling of Silks -

"It is our contention that at least 90% of the goods stolen in the United States comes into Canada by the smuggling route. I would say as a conservative estimate of the amount of goods that comes into Canada by the smuggled route, or the undervalued route, or the various phases I have tried to mention, amounts to between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 - a very conservative estimate. We (the silk industry) employ about 3750 employees, and if we could do away with the smuggling and the other phases of it, I am sure we could increase that by 100 per cent to-day. Not only could we do that, but we are willing to do it."

Mr. John Cowling, of Roessel & Co., Montreal -

"I really and honestly dread to think what would have happened to the silk trade during the years 1922, 1923 and 1924 if our cause had not been championed the way it has been by the Commercial Protective Association. The thing went on in 1923 and grew worse in 1924. I recommended to our concern that they get out of business because we could not make it go - it was impossible to import goods and sell them at a profit."

Mr. J. A. Caron, of Caron Bros., Jewellery Manufacturers, Montreal -

"The extent to which the business has been affected naturally is very hard to say definitely, but our estimate is that the jewellery business has been affected in the last three

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