

It was impossible to always do it. We made it pretty close sometimes; but sometimes we missed it. The man would be away on vacation, or he would be ill when our man was in the district, and we had to miss him. But we got around every two years to doing it. Where everybody lived in Montreal, we would check the bridge.

This check is not a day affair. Sometimes it is over four or five weeks. The men would go on the road, come back and make another check.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): On their checks on the Victoria bridge, would you find very much negligence every year?

Mr. SHEA: No. Sometimes we found a fellow did not wear his badge. He would give you a receipt—

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): He would not give you a receipt?

Mr. SHEA: He would; but he would not put on his badge. We would report that.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): You checked this periodically, and you felt this helped to keep things in order?

Mr. SHEA: There is no doubt about it. And we let it be known. They were admonished every time we made a check. It was in 1957 that I think I said to the head of that department, "I will tell you what I advise you to do. There are quite a number of these men—20 odd—doing this work." I said, "We have maybe three or four reported for negligence"—who did not give a receipt, or some other negligence. I said he should call in the man and make him sign that he had been found wanting in such a respect; whether it was in his clothing, not wearing his badge, or whatever it was.

I said, "Tell him: 'You are going to be checked, and often. The next time you are checked, you will not have a job, if we find this condition'".

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): In your opinion, as an investigator of the C.N.R., do you think it is wrong that a bridge goes without a check for five or six years?

Mr. SHEA: I would not like to adjudicate upon that: it is somebody else's affair. I understood they had supervisors on there.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): I am talking about independent checks. I understand that your organization in the C.N.R. is an independent investigation branch and nobody knows what is being done?

Mr. SHEA: That is right.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): I understand that on some of the railways you have supervisors too that will go along and check?

Mr. SHEA: That is right.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): That would be under the same circumstances as the supervisor on the bridge. But for a five- or six-year period you would leave the Victoria bridge without a check. Would you feel, as an investigator, that this would be wrong?

Mr. SHEA: That is under the old system, now, of course.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): Yes.

Mr. SHEA: Yes, I would have to say that I think the men are bound to get more careless if they do not give them a check once in a while.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): And this negligence you are referring to on the Jacques Cartier bridge was not giving receipts, not wearing a badge, et cetera?

Mr. SHEA: That is right.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): What other type of negligence did you find on the Jacques Cartier bridge?