

Mr. Charles K. Purkus, Manager of Caulfield, Burns & Gibson, Ltd., Toronto

"As far as dressing-gowns and bathrobes are concerned, we have estimated that we are 'only making 25% of what we should normally be making, through this condition at Rock Island.

At a meeting of the Wholesale Dry Goods Association of Canada held in Toronto on April 6, 1926, it was resolved:

That in the opinion of this Association, the domestic trade of the Dominion is seriously menaced by the whole-sale smuggling which is going on. That the revenues of the country are being depleted by the evasion of duty on these smuggled goods to an extent which has necessitated additional taxes now becoming more than burdensome upon all classes of the community."

Richard B. Oaks, Maker of Women's Cloaks, Suits, and Dresses, Toronto:

"The consequence is that for the last three or four years the ordinary women's ready-to-wear business, as far as the manufacturers are concerned, has become almost bankrupt. Their capital is being gradually wiped out.

It appears to us, and I speak now for the organization, that these evils could be overcome to a very great extent first by employing honest officials. We had hoped when the amendments to the Customs Act went through last year, that there would be a stop, and I think there was for a time, to excessive smuggling, but we feel to-day that it is just as bad as ever."

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