

Q. Does Mr. Busby inspect the port of Montreal?—A. He has not.

Q. For how long?—A. Since 1921, I think.

Q. Why? Would you rather not say, Mr. Farrow?—A. I have made the statement that he has not inspected it.

Q. Why, Mr. Farrow? Let me put it a little better: Has he refrained from inspecting the port of Montreal, and the district of Montreal under your instructions?—A. What do you mean by that?

Q. I mean, Mr. Farrow, did you instruct Mr. Busby not to inspect the port of Montreal?

MR. DONAGHY: That is a fair question, I do not see why you should hesitate in answering it, if they want to know.

WITNESS: I have told him the Minister had decided he was not to inspect the port of Montreal.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. The Minister decided he was not to inspect the port of Montreal?—A. Yes.

Q. That is right?—A. Yes.

Q. Have you any idea why he was so instructed, not to inspect the port of Montreal?—A. Well, it was not only Montreal, but all the province of Quebec.

Q. Tell me, is Mr. Busby a good inspector?—A. Yes.

Q. He is head of the Inspection staff?—A. Yes.

Q. Is the district and port of Montreal an important division as regards customs work?—A. Yes.

Q. Is it the most important in Canada?—A. Our work?

Q. The most important district of Customs in Canada?—A. Yes, Montreal.

Q. Pretty large revenue collections there?—A. Yes.

Q. And a huge amount of goods entering and clearing?—A. Yes.

Q. Requiring a large staff of customs' officials?—A. Yes.

Q. Can you tell me when the instructions were given?—A. Early in 1922.

Q. Could you supply the Committee with a copy of the instructions?—A. They were verbal.

Q. They were verbal instructions?—A. Yes.

Q. Have you received from Mr. Busby during— by the way, Mr. Busby is sick now, is he not?—A. Very ill.

Q. And has been for some little time? How long is it since he was on duty?—A. I think he has been off duty now for a month or so, a little over a month.

Q. Is he still very ill?—A. Yes.

Q. Have you received from Mr. Busby during the last month a report as to his relations to the port of Montreal?—A. No.

Q. You have received no report from Mr. Busby at all on any subject during the past month?—A. Not in the last month. I have received several reports from Mr. Kennedy.

Q. Who is Mr. Kennedy?—A. Acting Chief-Inspector.

Q. In which he refers to Mr. Busby at all?—A. I do not think so.

Q. And Mr. Clerk?—A. Yes.

Q. What are his initials?—A. R. P.

Q. Was he appointed inspector of Montreal?—A. Yes.

Q. When?—A. I could not say.

Q. About when?—A. I really could not give that information; I do not know, I do not recollect, Mr. Stevens.

Q. Three years ago?—A. I should think it was in 1922 or 1923.

[Mr. R. R. Farrow.]