

WITNESS: I can only produce the whole of what I have got.

The CHAIRMAN: And the record will speak for itself.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Yes.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. Have you got an officer called Staff-sergeant Hall?—A. Not at present.

Q. You did have?—A. Yes.

Q. Was he a good officer?—A. He was for about fourteen or fifteen years, but I regret to say—

Q. And he slipped a cog?—A. Slipped a cog. We had to get rid of him.

Q. When did you get rid of him?—A. In 1921, or 1922; 1921, I think.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Do you remember the date?—A. No. It is on the file.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. I want to ask a question regarding Staff Sergeant Hall. Do you remember a report from Staff Sergeant Hall regarding the Lortie-St. George cases?—A. I have the whole file, I dare say.

Q. Can you produce to this Committee—I do not want the whole file of the Lortie-St. George cases, but a part of it. Can you produce to the Committee a report by Staff Sergeant Hall regarding the action of Customs officer Bisailon in connection with the original seizure of the two trunks of drugs that were involved in that case?—A. Yes.

Q. You can do that, can you?—A. I can, if it is there.

Q. There is one other matter. You got a summons yesterday, Mr. Commissioner, setting forth certain documents and so forth, that you were to produce; have you produced them?—A. All I can possibly produce.

Q. Will you produce the documents asked for in this memorandum?—A. I have tried to produce all I can.

Q. Are you producing all that is asked for, or only part of them, and if not all, why not?—A. I have produced everything I have.

Q. Have you got them here?—A. I have them here, if I understand exactly what you want. There is no file I am not ready to produce.

Q. The reason I am asking is that objection was taken to my motion yesterday, on the ground that you would have certain confidential documents. We are all agreed that where there were confidential documents we would give the matter consideration; but speaking personally for myself, I would not like to have you hold back certain documents on the ground that they are confidential, and not apprise the Committee of them. So I am asking you the question. Are you producing all documents called for here, or are any held back?—A. None are held back, no. If anything is not here, it is because we have not thought that anything was wanted. Nothing was omitted from what you asked for.

Q. If there are any confidential documents, will you advise the Committee?—A. Certainly I will advise the Committee. I said a moment ago that there were certain things I would not feel justified in making public.

*By Mr. Bell:*

Q. How can you explain that in a number of cases you have to get your instructions before any prosecution is instituted. Does that apply in the discovery of stills, for instance?—A. Yes. That is, the prosecutions?

Q. Yes?—A. If we have rumours about a still, we do not do much of that in the east here, because we have not the number of men sufficient, but in the west, in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, where there