

enforce these laws simply because we want peace and good will on this border." There was an object for using that argument. It was not intimidation. The object was to point out to the American people that we ought to get good will for good will, and our good will was being extended from day to day to the American people, and that the duty of the American people fairly was that they should extend good will towards us. That, I have no doubt, was the object of the collector of Customs in saying that to the American people and not for the purpose of intimidating 60,000,000 of people. Why the thing is so absurd.

WITNESS—If my evidence is to be recorded I want it most distinctly stated that the gentlemen opposite to me there, puts the matter altogether in a different light from what the real facts of the case would warrant. The statements made to the Minister of Customs, my superior officer, were mere hearsay statements. My instructions were simple. I was not instructed as to any course to pursue at all. My instructions were of the simplest character possible, and these few words conveyed them. The Honorable Mr. Bowell, the Minister of Customs, said to me—"Mr. Ormiston, I wish you would visit the frontier port and ascertain just how the matter stands." These were my instructions pure and simple. With regard to intimidation, I wish it to be distinctly understood that Dr. Ferguson puts the matter exactly, as to the discussion of the matter with the hotel keepers and the collectors over there. I showed them how desirous our Government were of pursuing a friendly course, and illustrated it by saying—here are the Customs laws which you know are not enforced. We do not ask any entries or clearance fees. We extend to your people the utmost courtesy. My whole object was to ascertain how affairs existed and how far the Alien Labor Law was in force, and how far it was injurious to our people. My report is in the hands of the Department. I received no instructions but what I have stated. There was no particular course laid down, except the statement "Mr. Ormiston, you will visit the frontier ports and just ascertain the real facts of the case, so that we may have a final report."

*By Mr. Taylor:*

119. What are the number of guests during the months of July to the first of September at the different water places opposite your district on the American side as near as you can say approximately?—It would be mere approximation. I have nothing from which to give accurate figures.

120. What number of people resort there during the summer, including the Park?—It is a mere approximation. I know the hotels are very large. I can hardly give an approximation. I know they go into the hundreds, the smallest of them. I know that we have at Island Park a very large hotel filled. We have a very large hotel and innumerable cottages in what is known as the camp ground at Thousand Island Park. We have three hotels: at Fisher's Landing a very large hotel, and at Alexandria Bay two monstrous hotels and several smaller houses and boarding houses.

121. The greater number of those guests come there for the purpose of fishing, —fishing on the Canada side?—Yes.

122. Hundreds of small boats can be seen daily about Gananoque, American boats fishing in our waters?—The river is dotted with them. I have had five and six steam yachts in one day call and make a report of courtesy. They had with them four, eight or ten skiffs, and each skiff would have perhaps two fishermen and an oarsman.

123. Those parties all reside on the American side, coming over to spend the day in Canadian waters and returning home in the evening?—Yes; the fishing is all done in Canadian waters.

124. If the fishing in Canadian waters was not permitted, what would be the effect upon the summer resorts on the American side and the hotels?—It would virtually mean their closing up. They would fail.

125. DR. WILSON.—I would like to know what this has to do with the Alien Law. If you will show me what relationship this has to alien labor I might understand it?