

conversation with Mr. Forke.—A. I must plead ignorance of the proper procedure before a committee of this nature.

The CHAIRMAN: Anything which appeared in the press with reference to Mr. Forke or what he said before this committee should not be quoted by you, unless it is of record in our minutes of evidence. It is purely a press despatch. Anything you may have seen in the papers is not official.

The WITNESS: There is one other point which I might also mention in this connection, since the statement is under discussion. Briefly it is this: Mr. Forke told me in the same connection that he had checked up on the Department and that he had written to his predecessor regarding the work of the Department, and the number of permits which had been issued, and that his predecessor had further referred him to the record of his predecessor in the Cabinet. I think those things are perhaps relevant.

I think, gentlemen, that is all I have to say in this connection.

*By Mr. Cahan:*

Q. Have you given us as nearly as you can from memory the whole conversation you had with Mr. Forke, upon which you based your statement made before a public audience?—A. As nearly as possible, yes.

Q. You have given us all?—A. Yes. I will answer that definitely, yes.

Q. Therefore, when you made the statement which you did, which was read by the Secretary of this Committee, it was based on a statement alleged to have been made to you by Mr. Forke with regard to a former Member of the House of Commons?—A. Yes sir.

Q. And no other person was implicated directly or indirectly by Mr. Forke's statement?—A. I would not say that, sir, because the whole conversation was such that I certainly believed that the issue of permits, not necessarily to or by Members of Parliament—

*By Hon. Mr. Ralston:*

Q. It is the Members of Parliament about whom we are speaking.—A. I was not speaking about Members of Parliament at the time I made this address.

Q. Go on.—A. I was dealing with the whole issue of permits.

*By Mr. Cahan:*

Q. When you said at this meeting, reported in the Regina Leader of November 24th, 1927,

I know who have sold them, I know at least some of the members of Parliament who have sold them, and I know what the records of the Department were under both Hon. Mr. Stewart and his successor. Definitely, I know the names of some members who sold these permits.

I should say Mr. Campbell was not one of these Members.

Now, I ask you if you based that statement which I have quoted from the Regina Leader, and which you admit was a fairly correct synopsis of your statement, upon the conversation with Mr. Forke relating solely to Mr. McMurray? I ask you if that is the fact?—A. No sir. I mentioned that another man came to Mr. Forke—

*By Hon. Mr. Ralston:*

Q. A defeated candidate?—A. I think I said a defeated Member.

*By Mr. Cahan:*

Q. You mentioned another one?—A. Yes sir.

Q. So this statement which I have read was based upon a statement alleged to have been made to you by Mr. Forke—A. Yes sir.

Q. —and some statement made by Mr. Forke with regard to another Member?—A. I do not quite understand you.

[Mr. M. J. Coldwell.]