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Mr. Max Jacobs, of the Union Overall Co., Montreal.

"They (the Rock Island smugglers) are doing a business of a million dollars a year, with nobody to check them up, so they have a pretty free hand. Nobody could run a business like that..... I should judge that about 25% of the goods sold here in Canada are brought in from that particular point..... There is no question that the goods are coming in, smuggled in, and they are sold under value and they cover the whole Dominion of Canada..... I think we could operate easily if this thing were stopped, and let them come out in the open and fight with the rest of us. I think we could increase our business from twenty-five to forty per cent."

Mr. A. C. Dawson, Canadian Cottons, Ltd., Montreal

"I feel certain that were it not for the goods that have been smuggled into Canada during the last three years, these five mills would have been running to capacity) instead of being compelled to run, during that period, at 71% of the possible.....During the last three years referred to there were more than three million dollars lost by our operatives in wages..... These smuggling operations have become so extended in recent months that certain manufacturers, not being longer able to stand this unfair competition have been compelled to close their factories, and instead of buying goods made in Canadian mills, are buying goods from firms supposed to be smugglers and goods which are supposed to be prison-made."

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