

secutions, under section 180 of the Inland Revenue Act. Mr. Justice Choquette claims that as this section provides for both fine and imprisonment, he has no other alternative than to send him to jail, if the Department may not insist on the imprisonment portion of the sentence. He has therefore requested the Department, before rendering sentence, in each case, to obtain your opinion as to whether or not he may dispense with the imprisonment, and I shall be glad to have you advise me in this regard at your earliest convenience.

As the sentence against the parties concerned has been suspended pending expression of your opinion, I would request you to give the matter your immediate attention."

Do you know whether, on August 25th, Mr. Justice Choquette had rendered sentence?—A. I do not think so.

Q. Had Plamondon pleaded guilty at that time?—A. Yes, I believe that Plamondon's instructions were given, through his solicitors, that he would plead guilty if the term of imprisonment was not insisted upon. Then came the question of imprisonment, and Mr. Justice Choquette said that according to his opinion he had to give a sentence of both fine and imprisonment.

Q. Whereat Mr. Plamondon must have been somewhat disappointed?—A. He was disappointed because I think he had turned King's evidence for that reason.

Q. With regard to the question of King's evidence, will you tell me whether it is a fact, as I am instructed, that he turned King's evidence to secure a conviction against the men who were in his employ?—A. I think there were four of those men who had been employed by him, another was practically his partner, and another was a man who had built the stills.

Q. In other words, Plamondon turned King's evidence, and furnished proofs which led to the conviction of men who had been employed by him, and solicited by him in the carrying on of the distillery business?—A. Partly, sir. One was his partner.

Q. With whom did the idea originate? I have not the evidence before me.—A. I cannot say as regards that. I know it was on Plamondon's evidence that they were all condemned. Plamondon furnished the information to me. Alfred Dombroski, Sr., was connected with it. Plamondon was something like the manager, as far as I could see.

Q. Are my instructions correct that Plamondon also induced Dombroski to enter into that partnership?—A. I do not know about that; I do not think the evidence revealed that. I know Dombroski was a partner in the business. I found that out through Plamondon.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. How many convictions were there in this case?—A. I think there were seven arrests, sir. Six were convicted and one was acquitted.

Q. This was on evidence given by this man Plamondon?—A. Yes, by Plamondon.

Q. Who had already turned King's evidence?—A. Yes sir.

*By Hon. Mr. Bennett:*

Q. The arrangement was approved of by the Department, by which he was to do so—A. Yes. As a matter of fact, in the other six cases the Department did not want those persons sentenced to jail; they told us they did not wish these people to go to jail; not only in the Plamondon case.