

*By Mr. Morphy:*

Q. Mr. Fraser, this informant was a comparative stranger to you when you got this information from him. Now, did he, or did you, impose the seal of confidence upon the interview?

MR. BOYS: It was not imposed, he said.

THE WITNESS: I did not say there was any seal of confidence imposed.

*By Mr. Devlin:*

Q. An international code of courtesy?—A. It is very often understood.

*By Mr. Morphy:*

Q. This Committee is to understand it was not given you in confidence?—A. I take it it was in confidence.

Q. Did you tell him you accepted it that way?—A. Yes, possibly, but I am not sure.

Q. You possibly did not.

*By Mr. Boys:*

Q. He did not ask you to keep this information confidential? You told me that.—A. I do not think he did.

THE CHAIRMAN: He says he considered it that way.

MR. MORPHY: He makes it confidential himself, as Auditor General.

THE WITNESS: Let me explain that: I may have a conversation with the Minister of Customs here (Hon. J. D. Reid); various things are talked over, and I would take it for granted that anything he told me was confidential.

*By Mr. Stevens:*

Q. Would it be possible for this profit, that you alleged to have been made by some parties, to be made without the knowledge of the Dominion Government?—A. Now, before answering that question, you have been stating that I have made statements here that go to the public that are only one-sided. That is why I prefer not to answer these questions until the Department's information is brought down.

*By Mr. Davidson:*

Q. You have suffered a change of heart?—A. I still maintain that it was my duty to report it to Parliament, and they could do what they are doing now or otherwise.

*By Mr. Stevens:*

Q. As Auditor General, which is really an enlarged position as an auditor, you have full access to all the documents pertaining to this transaction?—A. I have access to the documents they give me.

Q. Were you denied any documents by the Department?—A. No.

Q. Then you got all the documents pertaining to this that you wished?—A. I do not know about that, I could hardly answer that.

Q. You are the sole judge of that as an auditor?—A. Well, the transaction passed and closed.

Q. Not before you made an examination, Mr. Fraser, according to your own letter?—A. Yes, before I made an examination.