

Mr. G. Lafolley, Senior Canadian partner of Mark Fisher Sons & Co.

"For the past four years the market has been flooded with enormous quantities of goods, notably silks, unmanufactured and manufactured garments, woollens, tailors trimmings and other goods. The situation created by this is very serious.....Our country suffers in two ways; in the loss of the duty which should have been collected and again in the loss of the income tax which would have been paid had the firms doing an honest business handled the same line of goods with a profit..... I should like to see the law so administered that everybody would have an equal chance with his neighbour. It is not so at the present time."

Mr. Alfred J. Doherty, President of the Doherty Mfg Co., of Toronto.

"We have in the last four years experienced a state of affairs in the manufacturing of silk garments in Canada that is dwindling down farther each year; we cannot compete with the underground methods of selling merchandise in Canada."

Mr. Herbert T. Piper, Vice-President of J. C. Bourcier, Ltd, Montreal.

"Now 1924 was the year in which smuggling was at its height and during the whole year our sales decreased to an extent of 21 per cent approximately, and we attribute that decrease to the fact that smuggling was carried on on such an extensive scale. The Preventative Service apparently was not functioning, at least we could see no evidence of it."