

Mr. CALDER, K.C.: May I have those cheques, Mr. Stevens, the Brien cheques?

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Yes, I will get them for you. Here they are, Mr. Calder, you might as well put them in.

Mr. CALDER, K.C.: I want to put them in by this witness, because he is the only man who can identify the signatures.

By Mr. Calder, K.C.:

Q. Mr. Brien, will you please look at these two cheques, which I show you now, and state whether these two cheques were drawn by you on the account, where the moneys accruing from the operations of J. E. Belisle were deposited?—A. The cheque to the order of J. E. Bisailon was drawn, I believe, on the account of J. E. Belisle.

Q. And you state that, because it is signed "Ludger Brien, in trust"?—A. If I recall well, yes.

Q. And this other cheque was drawn on your personal account?—A. I am not certain, I do not recall the distinction between the two signatures.

Q. I produce as Exhibit No. 169 a cheque drawn on the Hochelaga bank at Montreal, Delorimier Branch, at the corner of Mount Royal avenue, 10520, in the amount of \$1,300, to the order of J. E. Bisailon and signed Ludger Brien, in trust, and bearing the serial number 136. I also produce as Exhibit No. 170 a cheque drawn on the same bank in Montreal, on the 29th of June, 1920, to the order of A. E. Giroux, for the sum of \$300, bearing serial number 198, and the deposit No. 15690.

You are under the impression that these two cheques were drawn on separate accounts.—A. Yes, I believe so, because they are not signed in the same way, or similar.

Q. Since we are dealing with the cheques, will you tell us why the cheque for \$1,300 was made out in favour of Mr. Bisailon?—A. That must have been—

Q. As payment for profits?—A. That must have been the case.

Q. And why the cheque for \$300 in favour of A. E. Giroux?—A. That had to do with a loan which I made to him.

Q. Did he reimburse you?—A. No.

Q. When you were arrested on board the train, you were supposed to have shown certain cheques which were subsequently removed from your person at Quebec?—A. Yes.

Q. Will you please produce those cheques?—A. I thought these cheques here were the cheques you speak of.

Q. No, the cheques were more numerous than that?—A. Oh no. I was under the impression that this was the Bisailon cheque.

Q. No, Mr. Brien, because a rather large bundle or parcel of cheques was removed from your person?—A. No sir.

Q. Wait a minute. This was a bundle of cheques which you are supposed to have shown, and stated, "I can take care of Bisailon with that."—A. I never said that.

Q. Only two cheques were taken from your person?—A. Well, two or three cheques were taken. I believe I can recall that one cheque for \$1,000 was taken from me. That cheque was made out in favour of Bisailon. That is why I stated that I believed it was a cheque for \$1,000.

Q. Were not a larger number of cheques taken from your person?—A. No sir.

Q. Were not a larger number of cheques removed from your person? That is to say, cheques taken from you at Quebec to serve in evidence?—A. No sir; those cheques were seized at my home by Detective Rioux who went and made a search there, after I had reached Quebec.

[Mr. Ludger Brien.]