

Q. What did you ascertain?—A. Well, I have certain documents which I discovered in connection with it.

Q. What documents?—A. Matters relating to the deposits at Farnham.

Q. What did these documents disclose?

Mr. DONAGHY: What documents are those?

Hon. Mr. BENNETT: Documents which he himself discovered in his investigation.

The WITNESS: What did they disclose?

*By Mr. Donaghy:*

Q. Have you got the documents?—A. I have them in my office.

Mr. DONAGHY: The proper thing to do is to produce these documents to show what they disclosed. There is only one way of doing this, and that is to produce the documents.

Mr. BELL: There is no reason why the witness should not give his recollection.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. What did these documents disclose?

Mr. DONAGHY: No, I object to that. There is only one way to find out the true contents of a document, and that is to produce the document.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: I will ask for it in a moment.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. What did the document disclose?

Mr. DONAGHY: I object to that. That is not the way to get the evidence.

Mr. BELL: If it were being put in in chief, yes, but not in cross-examination. Mr. Chairman, may I just say this: that in every court of law in this country it is a recognized principle that a witness may be questioned as to the contents of a document, without that document being shown, and that the only occasion for the actual production of a document comes when it is introduced in chief, and not in cross-examination.

Mr. DONAGHY: We are only wasting time this way.

The CHAIRMAN: If a document is not produced in chief, you will await your turn and file your exhibit, and then the other party has the right to cross-examine on the exhibit filed.

Mr. DONAGHY: It is a very elementary rule of law.

The CHAIRMAN: We cannot make this proof before the Committee, unless we make the best proof, and the best proof is the document itself. It must be brought down and produced before the Committee, and then the questions may proceed within the limits of the document. The objection is well taken.

*By Mr. Stevens:*

Q. You say that you investigated this case after seeing this report in the press?—A. Yes.

Q. Were you instructed to investigate this case by the Minister of Customs?—A. No, not at that time, I made the investigation myself.

Q. You made the investigation on your own initiative?—A. Yes.

Q. And you discovered certain documents?—A. Well, would you allow me to make a statement in connection with it?

Q. Certainly, Mr. Farrow.—A. When I saw the evidence in the press as to the deposits of the money I did not think it could be possible that the men could

[Mr. R. R. Farrow.]