

92. You have had an admission from another party that he was aware that such was the case, but I mean from your own knowledge. You appear to have been sent out for the purpose of obtaining the information?—Oh, yes; when I visited Rockport, an outport of my own port, I received the statement of persons who had been sent away. I have their statements because their custom was to go over there in the morning, perform the work required of them and return to their homes in the evening.

93. Well, I think you said the officials on the other side did not enforce the law, they did not desire to enforce the law and they did not intend to enforce the law, unless they were compelled to do so by the American authorities. I think you conveyed the impression that the American authorities did not request them to enforce the law. I want to know how it is that the American officials are not desirous of enforcing the law, if they do not enforce the law unless compelled to do so, and if the American authorities have not compelled them to do so, how it is so many are refused permission to work?—Perhaps you misunderstood me. It is not the American authorities. Any individuals can, under the Alien Law of the United States, file a complaint with the collector or deputy collector and he is bound to act. Now in the case at Alexandria Bay there were scores of men who had been working there for years who were sent home to Canada. There is not the slightest doubt about that?

94. By whom?—By the Customs authorities.

95. Or the employers, not wishing to re-engage them, lest they might get into difficulty?—With the Customs authorities.

96. You now say that the Customs authorities do refuse to allow Canadians to go over there and work. Am I to understand that they have ordered Canadians back?—Yes.

97. You know that for a certainty?—I know that for a certainty, because I have the admission of the collector himself at Ogdensburg.

98. How do you make that agree with the statement that the authorities do not interfere unless they take the risk?—That was the case at Morristown, the case of the three cheese makers.

99. Did the authorities feel disposed to enforce the law as they found it on the Statute book? Do the Customs authorities feel disposed to enforce the law or are they slack and seem not to wish to enforce it? You have mentioned Morristown where they do not enforce it. Do you know of any other place?—Alexandria Bay, up to the time I have mentioned, when this proclamation was issued. Persons who had worked there for years were sent home before that.

100. Have they enforced the law since this proclamation prohibiting all Americans from acting in this manner in the future? Have they enforced the law since the proclamation of the member for Leeds?—You mean Canadian?

101. No, I mean American. Do they enforce the law still against Canadians?—I am inclined to think that since that proclamation the matter has been quiet.

102. What do you mean by quiet?—The collector at Alexandria Bay has not enforced the law rigidly.

103. Since Mr. Taylor's proclamation there has not been the enforcement of the law?—I cannot give you a positive opinion, but I am rather inclined to think not.

104. Do they enforce it at other points?—I cannot give you the information.

105. You were authorized by the Department to go along the border and ascertain the facts?—Yes, along the border. At Ogdensburg they enforce the law.

106. Since the proclamation?—The proclamation was subsequent to my visit.

107. You mentioned something about enforcing the Fishery Laws. What are we to understand as a Committee by the enforcing of the Fishery Laws? What course did you propose to take?—I had more particular reference to the Customs Law.

108. But in connection with the fishery laws. I think you mentioned about fishing smacks coming up and down, and you had given them to understand that dire consequences would immediately result if the fishery laws were enforced?—