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MORE SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE GIVEN AT CUSTOMS ENQUIRY; INTERFERENCE IS ALLEGED

Ottawa, Feb. 24—Reaffirming his conviction that "ministerial interference" with the prosecution of smugglers had impaired the effectiveness of preventive measures, and declaring that by the end of last summer he was convinced that the acting minister of customs (Hon. P. J. A. Cardin) "was not serious in his attempts to stop smuggling," R. P. Sparks, president of the Commercial Protective Association, occupied the witness stand throughout today's sitting of the customs probe.

Mr. Sparks was questioned for two hours by the present Minister of Customs, Hon. G. H. Boivin.

Hon. Mr. Boivin sought to place in evidence the statement that his department had done everything possible to cooperate with organization of the business men, which Mr. Sparks represents, in the prevention of smuggling. From time to time he challenged Mr. Sparks to prove some of the submissions he has made during the several weeks of the committee's sittings, and finally on the question of prison-made goods sold in Canada, he accused Mr. Sparks of putting in evidence against the customs department when he had no positive knowledge.

Won't Cite Every Case.

Mr. Sparks took the stand that it was not his responsibility to quote case after case where Senator Jacques Bureau, former Minister, intervened to prevent prosecution of smugglers. He cited two cases, where he claimed, there had been ministerial intervention and added that the committee would find many more cases where its work was done.

The black shirt, allegedly prison-made and smuggled, which has become a familiar exhibit, was again discussed. Mr. Sparks introduced this shirt some time ago as one he had purchased in an Ottawa store. It was prison-made in the United States, he said, then, and obviously smuggled because there was an embargo against the importation of such goods.

Retailer's Name Asked.

Today Mr. Boivin asked Mr. Sparks to reveal the name of the retailer who sold him the shirt. The customs department and the public had a right to know.

Mr. Sparks' counsel, G. F. Henderson, K. C., suggested that the name should be revealed only to the committee and the minister of customs. Conservative committeemen one after another protested that the name should not be given.

Mr. Sparks had said that the retailer did not know the origin of the shirt he was selling and should not be penalized by publicity.

Hon. H. H. Stevens moved that the name be not published.

Hon. R. B. Bennett supported it.

Boivin's Stand.

Mr. Boivin could not see, when other people involved in any way in this investigation were compelled to take the stand, why the retailer of this shirt should be exempt from publicity. The Liberal members of the committee supported him.

J. E. Elliott, of West Middlesex presumed that if the retailer was in order he would be glad to come before the commission and help to clear up the mystery of how such a shirt got into Canada. Donald Donaghy, of North Vancouver moved that the retailer be called as a witness.

Cross-examination of R. P. Sparks, of the Commercial Protective Association, was resumed by Hon. G. H. Boivin.

He elicited the information that the association began its investigation of smuggling with detectives loaned by the government, the Canadian Pacific Railway and other organizations.

Premier's Promise.

Reference was made to the promise made by Premier Mackenzie King verbally to Mr. Sparks, that if the latter would bring any specific charge against any officers of the customs department, the Premier would appoint a Royal Commission to investigate these charges. Mr. Sparks had drawn

the attention of the Premier to extracts from evidence in court cases, which Bisailon had testified to, records of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and to certain papers in the possession of the Deputy Minister of Customs, which indicated that J. E. A. Bisailon, inspector at Montreal, owned property on "both sides of the line."

Mr. Sparks considered this sufficient evidence to justify the government making a rigid investigation of Bisailon's conduct.

Charges Not Specific.

Mr. Boivin—"Did you consider that you had complied with the Premier's request for a specific charge and you consider it was sufficient to warrant the appointment of a Royal Commission?"

Mr. Sparks—"Certainly not. I did not at the time take the position that I was laying any specific charge against Bisailon."

Mr. Boivin—"Then we are agreed that at no time did you attempt to comply with the condition imposed by the Premier as grounds for the appointment of a Royal Commission?"

Evidence Told Cabinet.

Mr. Sparks—"I consider it an improper suggestion to make to private individuals, that they should lay charges that public officials had been false to their oath of office. I drew the government's attention to evidence which, while it was not conclusive, in my judgment should have led to an investigation."

Asked how he knew that Bisailon owned land on both sides of the line, Mr. Sparks said that officers of the customs department told him. Mr. Boivin asked at what time did Bisailon ever own property on both sides of the line. Mr. Sparks replied that he only knew what he had heard.

Mr. Boivin—"Then you informed the government of what you had heard concerning these officers, without having any positive knowledge?"

Honest Officers.

Asked if he had changed his expressed opinion that R. R. Farrow, Deputy Minister of Customs, and his two chief lieutenants, W. F. Wilson and C. P. Blair, were "competent and honest officers," Mr. Sparks said he had not.

Mr. Boivin turned to the question of ministerial responsibility.

"You said yesterday you considered there was too much ministerial interference."

"Yes."

"Do you refer to ministerial interference concerning organization appointments or disposal of cases?"

Meddling Charged.

"I mean ministerial interference with the prosecution of smuggling individually and collectively."

"As I understand it, you desire to convey to the committee the idea that in certain cases where penalties for the prosecution have been recommended by the officers, they have been interfered with by the minister and the prosecutions have been stopped or the penalties reduced?"

"That is the fact."

Dealers' Name Handed In.

Mr. Boivin demanded that Mr. Sparks make public the name of the Ottawa retailer from whom he had bought the alleged prison-made shirt. Mr. Sparks preferred to hand in the name privately to the committee and to Mr. Boivin. The minister took the ground that the department and the public had a right to know who it was. Other people who were innocent of wrong doing were being brought before the committee and their affairs were being made public.

Three Conservative members of the committee protested against the publication of the name.

Mr. Boivin asked bitterly why other people involved in the probe were not examined privately and spared publicity. Liberal members of the committee thought the name should be published.

Chairman Paul Mercier said Mr. Sparks had "flung the shirt at the committee" without warning and had

created public interest without completing his investigation of the channels through which prison-made goods were supposed to be reaching Canada.

Mr. Boivin said that if Mr. Sparks would admit that he did not know for a fact that the shirt was prison-made he would not press the question.

Mr. Sparks finally admitted that he was "not in a position to swear" but had good reason to believe that it was.

The name of the retailer was not given out, and a motion to call him as a witness was laid on the table until a further date. It was revealed that a large consignment of shirts, supposed to be prison-made and smuggled, had been seized in Montreal recently. The minister explained that no shirts were made in Canadian prisons and those manufactured in United States prisons were banned from the Dominion. Nevertheless, Mr. Sparks insisted that many were being brought in, the labels being removed as a ruse to disguise them.

Interference Cited.

Mr. Boivin brought up Mr. Sparks' charges that the former Minister of Customs interfered to prevent prosecution of smugglers. Mr. Sparks mentioned one specific case, where Mr. Bureau failed, he asserted, to order prosecution after his deputy minister recommended it. Asked to say what other cases Senator Bureau interfered in, Mr. Sparks retorted that he did not think the responsibility rested with him to say. The committee would find out for itself before it went much further.

"I know of my own knowledge that ministerial interference has been constant," he added.

Individuals Blamed.

Mr. Boivin asked if Mr. Sparks' main complaint was not against the system rather than the individual and Mr. Sparks replied:

"I think after the representations which were made to the government, and keeping in mind the importance of the people who made them, that individuals are at fault for not taking action."

At another stage he expressed the opinion that Hon. P. J. A. Cardin, Minister of Marine who was acting Minister of Customs for most of last year, had not made any serious effort to cope with smuggling.

WOODSTOCK GIRLS WINNERS

Woodstock, Feb. 24—By defeating the Co-Eds of U. N. B. by a score of 26 to 21 the Woodstock girls in a closely contested basketball game at the Armory here this evening won the right to meet the Saint John Rovers for the provincial championship.

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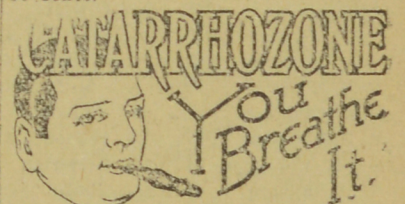
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