

Pose as "Pro Bono Publico."

Witness then detailed the odd efforts of Courrian and others, including himself, to arouse protest against the subsequent failure to take action against this "notorious bootlegger." The policy adopted was to deluge the Attorney-General and the department with letters signed "Citizen," "Ratepayer," and so on, asking for prompt and immediate action.

McCutcheon told the committee how he was apparently the "pal" of the bootleggers, mingling freely with them, all the time he was in the employ of the department. And, he said, he was Courrian's "pal" all the time he was detailed to gather evidence against him as to his dishonesty and double-dealing with the department. Every day, he said, he forwarded his reports and the information he had received to the department.

The case of a man named Gordon

was gone into extensively. Gordon, according to McCutcheon, went to Kitchener with him to "clean up" the hotelmen and the bootleggers, and, after considerable information had been secured, accepted a bribe and went to Regina.

Gordon Came Back.

Later Gordon came back and again entered the employ of the department, and, according to McCutcheon, his re-employment was discussed by Inspector Hammond and Chief Inspector Ayearst. Gordon, it seemed, got into trouble in connection with a Victory bond theft, served a term in jail, and then finished up a case. At McCutcheon's suggestion he was then dropped from the department.

Mr. Lennox sought to extract in detail from the witness the nature of the questions as they referred to him (Mr. Lennox) that were asked of McCutcheon when he was brought to the office of the Inspector of Prisons at the Parliament Buildings last week. One question McCutcheon said he had been asked was what amount Mr. Lennox had offered him for information.

"I told them," said McCutcheon, amid laughter, "that you weren't man enough to give me a car ticket after I walked all the way to your office."

One or two passages occurred between the Attorney-General and Mr. Lennox during the examination, notably that which followed the Attorney-General's demand to know where Mr. Lennox had obtained a copy of the statement of McCutcheon and the Bailey girl. Mr. Lennox said the Attorney-General might ask where he got it, but he would not tell, and the Attorney-General retorted with the declaration that eventually he would tell. McCutcheon himself subsequently threw some light on it by admitting that he had showed Mr. Lennox certain documents.

McCutcheon said that there were plenty of cases "where money was taken" by operators, and he said in one aside that the further the committee would go into the matter of bribery the more startling would be the disclosures.

Bill About Waterways Comes Up Next Session

Hon. Beniah Bowman, in introducing into the Legislature yesterday an act respecting water lots, told the House that it was not the intention to press the bill this session, but

to have it referred to a special committee of the House, which would consider it during the recess and report for next session.

The bill is for revision of laws relating to rivers and streams, and in it is a suggestion that a controller be appointed to direct and deal with all matters affecting the rights on waterways.

CHARGE WRONG AS TO BACKUS, LEWIS ADMITS

But Persists Attorney-General's Department Was Not Vigilant

ACCEPTS HARDING'S WORD

Major Lewis, M.P.P., in cross-examination at the MacIntosh Commission of Inquiry into the death of Capt. Orville Huston, yesterday stated that, after hearing the evidence of E. W. Backus on Saturday, he had to admit that his charges, so far as that gentleman was concerned, were baseless. Thus the most serious allegation made by the North-east Toronto member in his speech in the Legislature fell to the ground. He also accepted the statements of Mr. Harding and Mr. Backus, that the former was not a lawyer in the employ of the latter; and also accepted the evidence that Inspector Jeffery had not had an interview with Mr. Harding before he went to investigate Capt. Huston's death.

No Charge of Corruption.

Major Lewis persisted in his opinion that the Attorney-General's Department had not made all the inquiry which the case demanded; but he insisted that he was making no charge of corruption against any official, nor had he ever done so, he said. He also stated that in what he had said in the Legislature he had not intended to refer to Mr. Backus personally, but to the Backus interests, and, in reply to a question by I. F. Hellmuth, K.C., who is appearing for Mr. Backus, he said he did not think it was his intention to mention the name of Mr. Backus when he commenced his speech. It was an interruption by the Attorney-General which led him to mention the name.

Having admitted that the only information on which he had based his allegations in the House was that which he obtained from The Toronto Telegram and The Toronto Daily Star, Major Lewis was submitted to a rather scathing cross-examination by Gordon Waldron, K.C., for the Crown, and by Mr. Hellmuth, as to his action in failing to verify his information before making such grave statements. Major Lewis persisted that his only motive was to bring the matter to the attention of the Legislature in order to ensure that there might be a proper investigation into the young man's death.

Cannot Find Report.

Both Mr. Waldron and Mr. Hellmuth appeared to set great store by the report which has been mentioned as having been submitted by "Col." Porter, The Telegram's staff correspondent at Winnipeg, but it has not been found, and Major Lewis, who said he returned it to Mr. Robinson after reading it, could not say anything as to its present whereabouts.

On behalf of The Toronto Telegram, a promise was made to make another search in an effort to locate the document, and Major Lewis also promised to produce his notes concerning it, if they have not been destroyed.

Major Lewis was on the witness stand throughout the day, and may be further examined and cross-examined if the Porter report is produced. He produced a letter which he received in March from Miss May Huston, sister of the deceased officer. There was a brief discussion