

"Swore His Life Away."

In one aside, in relating Slavin's activities, witness mentioned the name of Mr. Dewart, saying he had heard that Mr. Dewart had sent a man up to Slavin with \$3,000 to get him to tell what he knew about Mr. Ayearst. But Slavin, he understood, went to see Mr. Ayearst and subsequently "swore his life away for Ayearst in the Homer investigation." "And Slavin claims today," he added, "that any time he wants money he has just to go to Ayearst's office and get it."

Q.—Who was the man said to be sent by Mr. Dewart?

A.—I don't know who that man was.

Mr. Ferguson—What you mean is Slavin says he perjured himself to protect Ayearst?

A.—Yes, and he got a job as operator after that. He was working for the department after that.

In reply to the Attorney-General's questions, McCutcheon disagreed with the exact accuracy of the statement in the House of T. H. Lennox, K.C., that "thugs and criminals" were employed by the department to enforce the Ontario Temperance Act.

Kept Only Short Time.

Requesting to be permitted to answer the question in his own way, he said that during the past summer there had been men employed by the department that some of the officials knew had been convicted—Nash, convicted of desertion from the army, and two Italians found to be bootleggers. But they were kept on only a month or two to give evidence.

Under some protest, and only after the committee's promise of protection had been given, McCutcheon related the details of a trip to Owen Sound made by himself and an operator named Henry, where, he said, Henry perjured himself to secure a conviction against a hotelkeeper named Tommy Joint. McCutcheon said that Joint was undoubtedly selling liquor there, but by the glass—50 cents a glass. But Henry, who said he could not do anything under the circumstances, declared on the train coming back that he would go into court and swear that he bought a bottle at Joint's place. He bought a bottle in Toronto, took it to Owen Sound, swore in Police Court that he bought it at Joint's place, and Joint was convicted and fined for selling the bottle.

Anxious to Make Good.

Witness went on to say that one of the conditions which sometimes led operators to go wrong in that respect was the conviction they had that when they were sent out with expenses for a week's work they had to show some results. Witness was not able, however, to justify such a conviction from any orders that had been given by the department or the officials in charge of the operators.

Lengthy examination by Mr. Lennox and the Attorney-General took place on the point of whether Mr. Lennox had called McCutcheon into his office for the purpose of extracting information from him or whether McCutcheon went there voluntarily on other business. Witness maintained that he went to Mr. Lennox for the purpose of getting assistance in extricating him from his predicament at the jail, and that, although Mr. Lennox had written him asking him to call, it was after he had visited the office and seen Mr. Keith Lennox, the partner of the member for North York.

Not Offer One Dollar.

McCutcheon steadfastly maintained that he had not been offered a dollar for his evidence or his information by Mr. Lennox, and that he did not expect to receive anything. To Mr. Raney he admitted that what he expected from Mr. Lennox when he first went to him was legal assistance.

Asked if he had ever been offered pay for anything, McCutcheon said on one occasion he had been offered \$100 by former Operator Courrian for "standing pat" on certain evidence. He denied that a man named Bell had ever said anything that would lead him to believe he would later on receive money.

Witness told of gatherings at certain places of all the big Toronto bootleggers, whom he was able to name, also mentioning individuals in the business in Guelph and Kitchener. He quoted a statement of one of them to the effect that he had made \$210,000 in the business, and he told of this man's shipments of liquor to the border in trunks, and the connivance of an expressman, purchased at a price of \$5 a case.

Resents Lennox's Remarks.

McCutcheon admitted that he resented some of Mr. Lennox's references to himself on the floor of the House, and was unable to account for any reason for the references. Concerning some rather severe criticism of Mr. Lennox which he had made in his statement to Inspector Dunlop, McCutcheon said he meant that, although Mr. Lennox had promised to write to Ottawa and press for his release from jail, he understood that he had not been active on his behalf.

During the taking of evidence the Attorney-General stated to McCutcheon his opinion that he had been badly treated in connection with the charge of operating a still, upon which he was convicted and sentenced, and in regard to which the witness declared yesterday he had positive proof that he was the victim of conspiracy.

PORTER NOTES NOT LOCATED, WITNESS AVERS

Telegram Reporter Admits Showing Manuscript to Major Lewis

PROBE PROCEEDS FRIDAY

Evidence of newspaper reporters as to the investigations they made at the Attorney-General's Department, at Fort Frances and at Winnipeg, occupied the attention of Commissioner MacIntosh at both sessions of the inquiry into the death of Capt. Orville Huston yesterday. Colin Sabiston of The Toronto Telegram, and W. L. McGeary of The Toronto Daily Star were the two witnesses, and they both were examined by Gordon Waldron, on behalf of the Crown.

"Most Admirable Witness."

Mr. Waldron and The Telegram man did not get along very well together, but Mr. Waldron had nothing but praise for the manner in which Mr. McGeary gave his testimony. Crown counsel told Mr. McGeary that he was "a most admirable witness," and, as the witness stepped from the stand, remarked: "See how much information we have got in a short time from a witness apparently willing to tell the truth." When Mr. Sabiston's answers were not just to Mr. Waldron's satisfaction, Mr. Waldron said: "I want to keep before your eyes this honest young man (Mr. McGeary), who gave evidence as a model."

Report Not Found.

The report of "Colonel" Porter, the staff correspondent of The Toronto Telegram at Winnipeg, which the Commissioner, Mr. Waldron and Mr. Hellmuth, consider to be a very important document in the inquiry, has not yet been found. Mr. R. E. Laidlaw, solicitor for The Telegram, stated that on the previous evening he had been present at The Telegram office when a thorough search was made, but it had not been possible to locate the document. Mr. Waldron recalled Mr. Snider, the News Editor, in connection with the matter, whereupon Mr. Laidlaw protested against the