

Mr. Ferguson examined witness at some length as to what he had done with reports of improper conduct which McCutcheon had testified to having handed to him. All reports in writing he had delivered over to Gen. Elliott, witness said. Resulting from some reports made by McCutcheon to Gen. Elliott direct, the witness stated he had had a conference with the commissioner, at which it was thought desirable that an investigation should be held. The General had said he would take the matter up with the Attorney-General. One of the allegations of the witness was that Mr. Ayearst had asked

James Haverson to defend Slavin, whom the department was attempting to obtain a conviction against. This had roused his suspicions, he said, that the Chief Inspector had been trying to interfere with the work of the department.

Mr. Ayearst explained on the stand that Slavin had come to his office complaining that he was down and out and had no lawyer to defend him. At that moment Mr. Haverson entered, and witness had explained the situation to him. As a matter of fact the accused had eventually been defended by R. H. Greer, K.C. Mr. MacBride took up the remainder of the examination until the committee adjourned to 9.30 o'clock Tuesday morning.