

Mounties Now Admit Failure to Get Man

Couldn't Locate Men Shown on Payrolls of Engine Works, Inspector Harvison Says

Montreal, Jan. 29 (CP).—Inspector Cliff Harvison of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police testified in the Court of King's Bench today that attempts were made to locate persons shown on the payroll of Engine Works and Trading Incorporated and 135 could not be found for various reasons.

Inspector Harvison said that his men made more than 475 inquiries and found that some of the persons shown on the payroll had moved from the addresses listed for them or were not at the listed addresses. In some cases, he said, the listed addresses were found to be non-existent.

In one list of 95 names, he said, 31 were located, 28 unlocated and he could find no record of an investigation in connection with 36 names. In another list of 63 names, only five were located.

Inspector Harvison gave the testimony at the trial of four men charged with conspiring to defraud the Federal Government and three companies of \$200,000 in connection with war subcontracts for the Munitions Department. The men are Patrick Lynch, president and general manager of Engine Works; his son Donald, former production manager; Patrick Noonan, paymaster, and Daniel Taugher, clerk.

Inspector Harvison gave his testimony at the request of Defense Counsel John Ahern, K.C., who said he would have called certain witnesses but believed it impossible because the Royal Canadian Mounted Police could not find them.

An argument over the calling of witnesses occurred shortly before the luncheon adjournment, when Glen Brown, a former night foreman and tool specialist at Engine Works, was asked to identify certain employees in pictures taken at the plant.

Crown Prosecutor Gerald Fauteux, K.C., objected. He said the photographer who took the pictures should be called to establish when the pictures were taken. Then, he said, the employees the defense wishes to identify should be called.

Mr. Ahern said that it was impossible to locate some of the men he wished to identify, and to prove he wished to identify, and to prove it the results of the R.C.M.P. investigations.

Brown, a well-known football player, said that the ordinary night shift at Engine Works was 13 hours, but that the men often worked longer. Machinery at the Engine Works plant was antiquated, he said, "and five times the amount of work could have been done with modern machinery."

Another witness at the morning sitting was Louis D. Hudon, comptroller of Sorel Industries Limited, who testified that his employers, on orders from the Government, are withholding payment of a bill of \$75,351 which Engine Works holds against them.

"We believe," he said, "that the amount owed us by Engine Works is more considerable than the amount we owe them."

The trial will resume Monday afternoon following the opening of the February term of the court of King's Bench.

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