

## ENDNOTES

### CHAPTER 1: TRAGICO—TRAGEDY

p. 3: *as many as fifty vessels*—C. W. Hunt, *Booze, Boats and Billions: Smuggling Liquid Gold*, 143.

p. 4: *fifteen trips together for the Perri outfit*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 26, 1923, page 12.

p. 5: *But those customs men could be bought off*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1828. See also J.C.S. reports, August 21, 1926, interview with bootlegger Mildred Sterling. “The customs officers can be bought easily,” she said. “They have been getting \$10 a load right along.”

p. 6: *Jones and Johns*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 18, 1923, page 10.

p. 6: *same purchaser*—“Say Booze Stolen by Careful Trick,” *Hamilton Herald*, November 20, 1923 (referred to as A. Gion). See also *Toronto Daily Star*, October 23, 1923, page 20 (referred to as A. Guyon). “Rocco Perri Tells of Fatal Shooting,” *Hamilton Herald*, October 18, 1923, gave his locations as Lockport and Lewiston, New York.

p. 6: *fill them with lake water*—“Say Booze Stolen by Careful Trick,” *Hamilton Herald*, November 20, 1923. I have made the assumption as to who and why. The number of bottles containing only water was reported as twenty-one in this issue of the *Herald*, and as twenty-seven in an item (“Dispensers of Water”) on November 21, 1923.

p. 7: *Frank (Shorty) Di Pietro*—Antonio Nicaso, *Rocco Perri: The Story of Canada’s Most Notorious Bootlegger*, 67. Nicaso has Di Pietro acquiring the nickname late in his association with Perri. I’m operating according to the idea that nicknames are generally applied early.

p. 7: *Sydney slept at Fred VanWinkle’s place*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 18, 1923, page 10.

p. 7: *On the buyer’s end*—This paragraph is my proposal for what likely happened. Throughout this chapter, the descriptions of the activities of Rocco Perri, Frank Di Pietro and the *Hattie C* crew are built from the timeline revealed in published reports of the subsequent inquest and trials. The description takes into account, and adjusts for, the fact that some of the testimony was conflicting and contradictory, particularly from Sydney Gogo, who was deliberately misleading. He claimed, for example, that the order was for a buyer named “Guyon” and that the boat was unloading in Toronto because it was damaged by a storm, none of which was true. The idea that Sydney was dropped off, took a train to Toronto and met with Frank Di Pietro is based on the timeline given by Sydney in the *Toronto Daily Star* on October 18, which he attributed to the storm and damage that never occurred.

p. 7: *Mike Romeo, drove a Marmon sedan*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 23, 1923, page 20.

p. 8: *Louis Coronus*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 23, 1923, page 20. His name was also spelled Luiga Carruzzi and could well have been gang member Louis Carruzzo.

p. 8: *Frank Bucco*—His name appears in many different spellings in various reports: Buco, Book, Bucco.

p. 10: “*Polizia! State attenti!*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 18, 1923, page 10. Rocco says he shouted in Italian to be careful. It was also reported in the *Toronto Daily Star* on October 6, 1923, page 2, that he shouted *Police! Police!* “in lurid language.”

p. 10: “*That doesn’t seem very healthful*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 26, 1923, page 12.

p. 11: *he gave the name Francisco Serge*—“Rocco Perri on an O.T.A. Charge,” *Hamilton Herald*, October 19, 1923. “Sergi” is the Calabrian spelling of this name, but in the Hamilton and Toronto papers, as well as legal documents, it was usually spelled “Serge.” I’ve left it that way to make the link between Rocco’s use of the alias “Francisco Serge” and later instances of the name more apparent.

p. 11: “*Stop your engine!*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 12, 1923, page 12.

p. 11: “*Stop! Turn off the engine!*”—“Who Was Boss of Whisky Fleet?” *Hamilton Herald*, October 23, 1923. I’ve attempted to construct as accurate a picture as possible of the events and utterances that night, drawing the snippets of dialogue and descriptions of events directly from the published reports of sometimes contradictory inquest and trial testimonies. The *Hamilton Herald* quotes Michael Romeo saying, “Rocco Perri called out to the police not to shoot, for there were people on the boat” and “I think Rocco Perri called out to the boat to stop the engine.”

p. 11: “*What do we do, try and sink her?*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 18, 1923, page 10. This is Fraser’s version. Mitchell said something slightly different on October 12, but this version is the more logical of the two.

p. 11: “*Shoot low and sink her!*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 18, 1923, page 10.

p. 12: “*Don’t shoot!*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 18, 1923, page 10, and October 23, 1923, page 20.

p. 12: “*For God’s sake get a doctor!*” and “*You have killed my son*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 26, 1923, page 12.

p. 12: “*There’s a man wounded!*” and “*Call for an ambulance*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 12, 1923, pages 12 and 13. Direct quote and quote taken from description, respectively.

p. 12: “*I think he’s done for*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 12, 1923, page 12.

p. 13: “*I think so*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 26, 1923, page 12.

p. 13: “*He isn’t dead, is he?*” and “*What is your right name?*” and “*We don’t give our right names in a thing like this*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 12, 1923, page 12.

- p. 14: *"The little brown-eyed woman" and "I simply can't understand it" and "We have only moved in here last Saturday"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 6, 1923, page 2.
- p. 14: *both of them were licensed in his name*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 8, 1923, page 25.
- p. 14: *"I shall allow him to go"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 6, 1923, page 1.
- p. 15: *"Take a good look at him"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 6, 1923, page 1.
- p. 15: *"What right has a constable to shoot"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 8, 1923, page 25.
- p. 15: *"You were using firearms against defenceless men"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 12, 1923, page 12.
- p. 15: *"How do you explain" and "How do you account for" and "Can you account for it?" and "No"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 12, 1923, page 13.
- p. 16: *"When I seen that they were going to unload whisky" (and all October 17 inquest testimonies)*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 18, 1923, page 10.
- p. 17: *"Weird and wonderful" and "I don't for a moment believe Perri"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 26, 1923, page 12.
- p. 17: *"The confiscation of the liquor"*—*"Hamiltonian Pays \$1,000; 6 Acquitted," Hamilton Herald*, November 21, 1923.
- p.17: *"Such men as he deserve to be down and out" and "very undesirable citizens"*—*Hamilton Herald*, November 21, 1923.
- p. 17: *Eric Armour announced that he would take criminal proceedings—"To Prosecute Police Squad," Hamilton Herald*, October 26, 1923.
- p. 18: *"When police constables"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 29, 1923, page 1.
- p. 18: *"A spectacle unprecedented"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 5, 1923, page 1.
- p. 18: *"Don't give comfort"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 24, 1923, page 29.
- p. 18: *"It is not the custom"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, February 11, 1924, page 4.
- p. 18: *he travelled to Rocco's home in Hamilton to ask for help*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. The fact that Bessie turned him away comes from *King of the Mob* and also from an oblique reference in John Miller's report from August 19, 1930.
- p. 19: *He ordered an enormous gravestone from Massena, in New York State, had the name "Gogo" carved in relief*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 74.

## CHAPTER 2: PAESE—COUNTRY

- p. 20: “*make a fortune*”—John E. Zucchi, *Italians in Toronto: Development of a National Identity, 1875–1935*, 14.
- p. 21: *seventeen hundred people*—*Boston Post*, April 28, 1904. This was the last voyage from Naples to Boston that the SS *Republic* ever took before it was shifted to the New York run. According to the *Boston Post*, there were 1,859 passengers aboard, and 1,725 of them were in steerage.
- p. 22: *Rocco was the first of five children*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri* (the chief source for Rocco’s early life).
- p. 22: *riven by cholera and malaria*—Zucchi, *Italians in Toronto*, 25. See also Jerre Mangione, *America Is Also Italian*, 27.
- p. 22: “*feeling of being the victims*”—Kenneth Bagnell, *Canadese: A Portrait of the Italian Canadians*, 111.
- p. 23: *the Picciotteria or the Camorra*—Letizia Paoli, *Mafia Brotherhoods: Organized Crime, Italian Style*, 36–37.
- p. 23: “*Listen to me, I am a camorrista*”—Giovanni De Nava’s poem “*Malavita*” quoted and translated in *Mafia Brotherhoods* by Letizia Paoli.
- p. 23: “*A prince*”—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 324.
- p. 24: *In April of 1904*—There is some confusion around the date of Rocco’s departure from Naples. In *King of the Mob* (page 25), Dubro and Rowland give the year 1903 based on Perri’s application for naturalization (which has since disappeared from the national archives). But it is likely that Rocco misremembered the date when preparing his application. The actual SS *Republic* passenger manifest says Rocco Perri arrived in Boston as a sixteen-year-old in April 1904. If it was indeed the SS *Republic* that conveyed him, the date would have to have been April 1904, not April 1903, because the SS *Republic* (also known as the RMS *Republic* in England) did not have her maiden voyage as part of the White Star Line until October 1903.
- p. 24: *crawled with padroni*: Zucchi, *Italians in Toronto*, 35–36; 46–47.
- p. 24: *In the years 1903 and 1904 alone, more than 420,000 Italians*—Gjenvick Gjonvik Archives, “Immigration Archives—Our Immigration During 1904—Commissioner General of Immigration,”  
<http://www.gjenvick.com/Immigration/ImmigrantTypes/1905-01-OurImmigrationDuring1904.html#axzz4YJEApxRV>.
- p. 24: *Most were in their twenties, thirties and forties*—From the SS *Republic* passenger manifest, April 1904, listing passengers from Platì.

p. 24: *At Reggio Calabria, he boarded a packed train*—It's my theory, based on historic rail routes, that Rocco had to go to Reggio Calabria in order to take a train to Naples.

p. 25: *Rocco lied, telling them he was going to America to visit his father*—Passenger manifest from the *SS Republic*, April 14, 1904.

p. 25: *he walked up the gangplank of the SS Republic*—White Star Line History Website, "RMS Republic (II)," <http://www.whitestarhistory.com/republic2>. See also "Treasure of the R.M.S. Republic," <http://www.rms-republic.com/index.php>; Gjenvick-Gjonvik Archives, "White Star Link History—Documents, Passenger lists, etc.," [www.gjenvick.com/SteamshipLines/WhiteStarLine](http://www.gjenvick.com/SteamshipLines/WhiteStarLine). Information about the *SS Republic* comes mainly from these three websites. The *SS Republic* would become famous five years later in 1909, when, after a collision with the *SS Florida*, it sank 50 miles from Nantucket. At the time, it was carrying a secret French fortune in gold coins meant to help the Russian czar fend off the Bolsheviks, as well as relief supplies bound for Italy to help in the aftermath of the December 1908 earthquake that destroyed much of Messina and Reggio Calabria.

p. 25: *Literacy in the north far surpassed that in the southern regions*—Gjenvick Gjonvik Archives, "Immigration Archives—Our Immigration During 1904—Commissioner General of Immigration," [www.gjenvick.com/Immigration/ImmigrantTypes/1905-01-OurImmigrationDuring1904.html#axzz4YJEApxRV](http://www.gjenvick.com/Immigration/ImmigrantTypes/1905-01-OurImmigrationDuring1904.html#axzz4YJEApxRV).

p. 25: *A December baby*—James Dubro and Robin Rowland, *Undercover: Cases of the RCMP's Most Secret Operative*, 18. Most information about Frank Zaneth's early life comes from this source. His birthdate was December 2, 1890.

p. 26: *when their mother, Christina*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 18.

p. 26: *Over the next few years the Zanettis*—This material, and indications of Alfredo's career, have been cobbled together from surviving Springfield street and business directories.

p. 27: *Ambrogio, who eventually gave in to American*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 19.

p. 27: *Franco could not have been more different*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 18–19.

p. 27: *including the sport of wrestling*—This is a supposition based on Zanetti's subsequent desire to take lessons in Moose Jaw.

p. 27: *On April 27, 1904, after a "moderate" voyage*—*Boston Post*, April 28, 1904.

p. 28: *With very little grasp of English*—Passenger manifest from the *SS Republic*, April 14, 1904.

p. 29: *Italy wanted rid of as many of the brigands*—Nigel Cawthorne and Colin Cawthorne, *The Mammoth Book of the Mafia*.

p. 29: *usually by gangs, which by the 1890s were common*—N. Cawthorne and C. Cawthorne, *Mammoth Book of the Mafia*, 54.

- p. 29: *"a queer tale of conspiracy and extortion"*—*The New York Times*, September 13, 1903.
- p. 30: *"I'm not worrying"*—*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, September 17, 1903.
- p. 30: *Assumed by the press and the public to be a vast*—Jerre Mangione and Ben Morreale, *La Storia: Five Centuries of the Italian American Experience*, 167–69.

### CHAPTER 3: INIZIO—BEGINNING

- p. 31: *Rocco spent four years in Massena*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 26–27.
- p. 32: *"A few years ago"*—*The Massena Observer*, August 15, 1907.
- p. 32: *"gang of Italians"*—*The Massena Observer*, July 14, 1904.
- p. 32: *"army of dagos"*—*The Massena Observer*, August 15, 1907.
- p. 32: *The men who ran those rooms*—*The Massena Observer*, 1904–08. "The men" included people like John Woodman, Elmer Wainwright, Frank Lalone and George H. Miles.
- p. 33: *There are vague rumours*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 27.
- p. 33: *Rocco had declared himself to immigration officials*—United States District Court, October 31, 1904. An entry for "Perri, Rocco" appears in the records of the United States District Court in Western Pennsylvania for October 31, 1904.
- p. 34: *Then he met a young woman named Grace Russell*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*.
- p. 35: *on July 30, Grace gave birth to their daughter, Rena May Zanetti*—Information taken from the 1910 birth registry for the City of Springfield, Massachusetts.
- p. 35: *"Kerrobot"*—*Winnipeg Tribune*, November 15, 1911.
- p. 36: *"The genius who thought out"*—*Sandusky Register*, July 26, 1911.
- p. 36 *Saskatchewan's population had expanded elevenfold*—Erica Gagnon, "Settling the West: Immigration to the Prairies from 1867 to 1914," Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, <https://www.pier21.ca/research/immigration-history/settling-the-west-immigration-to-the-prairies-from-1867-to-1914>.
- p. 36: *a man named Albino Ernesto Cotti*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 19.
- p. 36: *Cotti was being as persuasive as any lawyer could be*—I've made some assumptions about the kind of speech Cotti used.
- p. 37: *Montreal did not welcome Rocco*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 27–28.
- p. 38: *"Murder!" and "Help!" and "such cries are common"*—*Globe*, September 18, 1908.
- p. 38: *Rocco saw no path here to the future he wanted. After six months*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 28.

p. 38: *Like many Italians he landed first in Toronto*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-8947. This is an assumption based on information from the Frank Griro investigation.

p. 38: *God, it was a filthy place*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 11, 1908. See also Virtual Museum of Canada, “The Cobalt Adventure,” <http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/sgc-cms/expositions-exhibitions/cobalt/en/index.php>. This website is rich in photographs and information from the period when Rocco was there.

p. 38: *Rocco could not get in on this bonanza*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 28. We can’t know for sure what Rocco did for money in this period. Nicaso has him working near Cobalt at a stone quarry run by the Canadian National Railway. But Cobalt was the territory of Temiskaming and the Northern Ontario Railway, not the CNR, so that could be suspect. And it’s odd that Rocco would be working in a stone quarry in a town whose existence was built on silver. See also Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 25. According to Dubro and Rowland, Rocco’s citizenship papers showed him as having worked in Parry Sound, some 300 kilometres south of Cobalt. It’s true that two men with the last name “Perri” worked at a CNR quarry there; they may have been relatives of Rocco’s. They were killed, however, by a falling boulder in December 1907. But Dubro and Rowland do not take into account the letter Rocco wrote from Cobalt to Griro. There are too many connections to Cobalt—including the partial ownership of a silver mine by a future connection of Rocco’s, Domenic Sciarone (date uncertain) and the presence of the Black Hand in that town—to ignore the likelihood that he was working there the whole time and simply lied about Parry Sound for his naturalization application.

p. 40: *More than fifty years later*—Humbert S. Nelli, “Italians and Crime in Chicago: The Formative Years, 1890–1920,” *The American Journal of Sociology* 74 (1969): 378–79.

p. 40: *Drawn by that money, and by the number of Italian*—*Globe*, November 20, 1909.

p. 40: *A few inches taller than Rocco, Griro was*—Information on Griro and Rocco’s association with him comes from *Toronto Daily Star* and *Globe* reports, and from the Archives of Ontario records of the Frank Griro investigation, RG 22-3920-8947.

p. 41: *Joe Musolino . . . set up his headquarters in a dark York Street restaurant*—*Globe*, August 12, 1911.

p. 41: *Dear Friend, I come to you with this letter*—The translation given here is an amalgamation of the original police translation from 1911, done by a visiting detective from Naples, and a modern interpretation from translator Antonio D’Alfonso. I have used D’Alfonso’s translation, which he did at my request. But in the case of the addendum to Rocco’s letter, I have used the original police interpretation regarding the letter or letters Rocco is worried about. The police phrasing “that will say that you are sending the stuff don’t send it” has a more forward-looking sense, which jibes with the possibility of another letter arriving. But as D’Alfonso told me, the original Italian letters are written in a deliberately ambiguous way, with a clear intelligence at work.

p. 42: *The cousin Rocco referred to was apparently Andrea Catanzariti*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 29.

p. 43: “keeping two thirds of the Italian colony”—*Globe*, August 12, 1911.

p. 43: “I will tell you big story”—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-3920-8947.

p. 43: “Don’t be imposed upon”—*Globe*, November 17, 1911.

#### CHAPTER 4: PERSUASIONE—PERSUASION

p. 44: *On one evening alone, the evening of March 15, 1911*—*Globe*, March 15, 1911.

p. 44: *With about twenty thousand citizens*—*Toronto Daily Star*, December 9, 1911. The *Toronto Daily Star* reported the number with apparent skepticism.

p. 45: *In January it had taken a wagon team*—The Canadian Press, January 13, 1911.

p. 45: *Frank Zanetti . . . getting a job as a ranch hand*—Library and Archives Canada (LAC), RG 18, vol. 4839.

p. 45: *Johnstone Lake it was called then*—Marilyn Lewry, “Old Wives Lake,” *Encyclopedia of Saskatchewan*, online edition, [http://esask.uregina.ca/entry/old\\_wives\\_lake.html](http://esask.uregina.ca/entry/old_wives_lake.html).

p. 45: *With the help of other Italians lured west by Ernesto Cotti*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 19. Dubro and Rowland talk of an “Italian colony” created by Ernesto Cotti, but no documentation or evidence exists of a Zanetti home or garden on the land at this time. These are reasonable assumptions, though.

p. 46: *And on June 18, 1912, Zanetti . . . applied for a land grant*—According to the records at Saskatchewan’s Information Services Corporation, including Certificate of Title No. 247-JN, Zanetti was granted a homestead officially described as “the South East quarter of Section Nineteen (19) in Township Fourteen (14) in Range 28 (28) West of the Second Meridian.” He subsequently applied for the property next door, “SW quarter, Section 20,” but his claim was never “proved,” and the land was never granted.

p.46: *a family man*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 21.

p. 46: *broke ten acres of land*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 21.

p. 46: *buy a horse from a neighbouring rancher*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839. As explained in two letters from Frank Zaneth, January 6 and 31, 1921.

p. 46: *build an actual ten-by-twelve-foot house*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 22.

p. 46: *The next summer Zanetti broke another fifteen acres*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 22.

p. 46: *He traded his horse*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839. Letters from Zaneth, January 6 and 31, 1921.



p. 48: *In January of 1912, Rocco was living*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-38, file 1.1, box B222931. Description of Rocco and the Elk Lake events.

p. 49: *“with no funds and no friends”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-38, file 1.1, box B222931.

p. 49: *That was Tuzoni’s version*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-38, file 1.1, box B222931. Details of the crime come from Tuzoni’s confession on May 7, 1912, as well as a summary of the events written on January 14, 1915, by Joseph E. Rogers, superintendent of the Ontario Provincial Police.

On January 30, 1915, Rogers sent a follow-up letter on the case to the deputy minister of justice that said, “I may say that there is no doubt that Roco Pero [Rocco Perri] of North Bay, was connected with the crime.” At the time, names of Italian suspects were routinely misspelled in legal correspondence, as well as in newspaper reports.

p. 49: *“I have been arrested”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-38, file 1.1, box B222931.

p. 50: *“If any information”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-38, file 1.1, box B222931.

p. 50: *Lodging houses without proper plumbing or sources of water*—Toronto Department of Health, “Report of the Medical Health Officer Dealing with the Recent Investigation of Slum Conditions in Toronto, Embodying Recommendations for the Amelioration of the Same,” July 5, 1911.

p. 51: *“unpleasant details”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 11, 1911.

p. 51: *“disgusting hovels”*—Toronto Department of Health, “Report of the Medical Health Officer dealing with the Recent Investigation of Slum Conditions in Toronto, Embodying Recommendations for the Amelioration of the Same,” July 5, 1911.

p. 51: *“simply because he is dealing”*—Toronto Department of Health, “Report of the Medical Health Officer dealing with the Recent Investigation of Slum Conditions in Toronto, Embodying Recommendations for the Amelioration of the Same,” July 5, 1911.

p. 52: *“House after house”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 11, 1911.

p. 52: *And yet life and love unfolded*—Marriage registration for Harry and Bessie, January 11, 1908. The date of the marriage itself was December 15, 1907. The marriage registration lists the last name for Harry, and his father Nathan, as “Tobsen.” Later, in an article in the *Toronto Daily Star* on August 14, 1930, his last name was listed as “Tobin.”

p. 52: *Like four-fifths of the residents*—Toronto Department of Health, “Report of the Medical Health Officer dealing with the Recent Investigation of Slum Conditions in Toronto, Embodying Recommendations for the Amelioration of the Same,” July 5, 1911. See also *Toronto Daily Star*, August 14, 1930; Archives of Ontario marriage registration for Harry and Bessie, January 11, 1908.

p. 52-53: *Gertie, born in August 1908, and Lilly, born in January 1911*—Canada Census, 1911.

p. 52: *But theirs was a hard life*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.

- p. 52: *such as Samuel Menkin*—Directory for the City of Toronto, 1911. Listing for 63 1/2 Chestnut Street (east side).
- p. 53: *And after three months of watching this new boarder*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.
- p. 54: *Just as Frank Zanetti seemed to be getting the hang*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 21.
- p. 54: *about the time he was searching a CPR boxcar*—*Moose Jaw Times-Herald*, August 13, 2010.
- p. 54: *The second person of influence was a man known to Frank as Doctor Feltas*—*Moose Jaw Evening News*, January 1, 1914.
- p. 54: *a handsome figure in a lumberman's red blanket coat*—*Moose Jaw Evening News*, January 1, 1914.
- p. 54: *Frank Zanetti had loved wrestling*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 22. Description of his activities are my supposition, born out of later reports of his interest.
- p. 55: *The Pinkerton name was famous*—David Ricardo Williams, *Call in Pinkerton's: American Detectives at Work for Canada*.
- p. 55: *investigating complaints against the police*—*Moose Jaw Evening News*, April 14, 1916.
- p. 56: *"made up entirely of hearsay" and "worthless for any purpose"*—*Moose Jaw Evening News*, April 14, 1916.
- p. 57: *travelling south to St. Catharines*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.
- p. 58: *The work in Welland was difficult and dangerous*—Statistics on worker deaths from the City of St. Catharines, "Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial," <http://www.stcatharines.ca/en/governin/fallen-workers-memorial.asp>.
- p. 58: *They saw Rocco wearing pants and shoes until they were worn through*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.
- p. 58: *"That woman went through a lot"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.
- p. 58: *They weren't alone in their deprivation . . . On the morning of May 15, 1914*—Fern A. Sayles, *Welland Workers Make History* (Welland, ON: self-published; for sale by W. Sayles, 1963), 59.
- p. 59: *In the midst of this crisis, in May 1914*—The few details of Anterico are taken from the record of thie child's death on October 4, 1914. At least one previously published account suggested that Rocco and Bessie's child was born later in Toronto, lived only two days, and died without a name. That was based on vague records referring to a "Starkman baby, male" born in 1917 to parents who lived on Baldwin Street in Toronto. Further research proved that those parents were not Rocco and Bessie. The father was Nathan Starkman, and there was no mother listed.

A better clue came from interviews conducted in 1930 by the *Toronto Daily Star*. People who had known Rocco and Bessie in St. Catharines in 1913 and 1914 spoke of a baby who had been born and died while they lived there. Research turned up the relevant St. Catharines death records (Bessie's name was recorded incorrectly as "Steinman"), which clearly show that Rocco and Bessie were the parents of "Anterico Perry" ("Perry" being a common misspelling of "Perri"). Anterico's death is listed in the Vital Statistics Index, Archives of Ontario, registration no. 019927-14. His approximate date of birth, May 1914, is extrapolated from his age, shown as five months on his death record.

p. 59: "*hordes of hungry foreigners*"—Sayles, *Welland Workers Make History*, 63.

p. 59: *One of its chief organizers was Filippo Mascato*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930. See also Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 28. Based on a brief mention of the "notorious Filippo Mascato" found in unidentified OPP files.

p. 60: *Already that year in St. Catharines, at least forty-six children*—Taken from a count of deaths recorded that year and listed in the registry of deaths at the Archives of Ontario.

p. 60: *But the child didn't improve*—The scenario presented, of the beginning and advance of Anterico's illness, is based on research into the condition (gastroenteritis) and into the treatment methods available in 1914.

## CHAPTER 5: MERCE—COMMODITY

p. 62: *Hamilton, Ontario, was built to make money*—The history in these paragraphs comes from *Hamilton: An Illustrated History* by John C. Weaver.

p. 62: *never a strategic military or cultural outpost*—Weaver, *Hamilton*, 15.

p. 63: "*It is, I think, the most bustling place in Canada*"—Weaver, *Hamilton*, 50.

p. 64: *Hamilton's march toward its manufacturing destiny*—C. W. Hunt, *Whisky and Ice: The Saga of Ben Kerr, Canada's Most Daring Rumrunner*, 19–26. Information on James Ryan and the May 1906 riot.

p. 65: "*to disperse and peaceably to depart*"—Hunt, *Whisky and Ice*, 25.

p. 65: *Canada's first concrete highway*—John G. Shragge, "Highway 401—The Story, 2007," <https://web.archive.org/web/20071224113717/http://www.roadscholar.on.ca/lateststory.html>.

p. 65: *As usual, however, immigrants, particularly Italians, found this prosperity hard to grasp*—Weaver, *Hamilton: An Illustrated History*, 93. Reference to the practice of spitting tobacco juice.

- p. 66: *And the same pressures that produced crime*—*Hamilton Herald*, October 6, 1909. Information on John Taglierino (also called “Joseph” in newspaper reports) and Salvatore Sanzone.
- p. 66: “*There is more white slave trafficking*”—*Hamilton Spectator*, September 28, 1910. See also Ernest A. Bell, *Fighting the Traffic in Young Girls: Or War on the White Slave Trade* (G. S. Ball, 1910), 357.
- p. 67: “*Negroes, Asiatics, Bulgarians*”—Weaver, *Hamilton*, 103.
- p. 67: *Nevertheless, Rocco and Bessie . . . 157 Caroline Street North*—This address no longer exists. Like many of the houses associated with the Perris and their gang in the 1910s and '20s, the houses of this neighbourhood were bulldozed.
- p. 68: *Rocco was finally done with hard manual labour. He was officially in the food business*—*Toronto Daily Star*, April 5, 1927. See also LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12. Rocco’s testimony during the Royal Commission into Customs and Excise.
- p. 68: *It’s said that near the house on Caroline he rented warehouse space*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 36.
- p. 68: *Mother and daughter returned to Springfield*—Springfield census records from 1920 show Grace and Rena Zanetti living with the Russell family.
- p. 68: *Frank Zanetti sued for divorce . . . granted*—*Springfield Union*, February 6 and 18, 1915.
- p. 69: *It wasn’t until a year later, on March 11, 1916*—Grant 247-JN acquired through Information Services Corporation.
- p. 69: “*in consideration of the sum*”—Saskatchewan Transfer of Ownership document No. 98, November 10, 1916.
- p. 69: “*That I have no wife*”—Saskatchewan Transfer of Ownership document No. 98, November 10, 1916.
- p. 70: “*As I would like to be*”—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1.
- p. 70: “*I felt very bad*”—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1, 19. Zaneth’s letter dated October 12, 1917.
- p. 70: “*I am Italian by birth*”—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1. Zaneth’s letter dated October 12, 1917.
- p. 71: *eight thousand dollars a month a month—\$723 a month*—Bell, *Fighting the Traffic in Young Girls*, 76.
- p. 71: *roughly six hundred a year*—Herbert Lister, *Hamilton, Canada. Its History, Commerce, Industries, Resources* (1913).
- p. 72: *That wasn’t all; they were branching out into gambling too*—Hunt, *Whisky and Ice*, 63. See also Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 18–19.

p. 72: "Toronto has been known all over the world as the biggest betting town"—*Star Weekly*, December 29, 1923.

p. 74: *One client had reported to police*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 36.

p. 75: *The next day, Bessie appeared in court*—*Hamilton Spectator*, March 6, 1917. There were a number of oddities in this story. The writer seemed to mix up the names of Rose and Mary at one point, and Bessie, as "Rose Cyceno," claimed to have been in Hamilton only for seven weeks. But throughout her life Bessie Starkman almost never spoke the truth when she was in court.

p. 75: *According to court records he was out of town*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 38.

p. 75: "Is that her?"—*Hamilton Spectator*, March 6, 1917.

p. 75: "I don't know"—*Hamilton Spectator*, March 6, 1917.

p. 75: "what a lot of friends"—*Hamilton Spectator*, March 6, 1917.

#### CHAPTER 6: BALDORIA—DEVILRY

p. 77: *That sentiment had been building for decades or longer*—Edward Butts, *Outlaws of the Lakes: Bootlegging & Smuggling from Colonial Times to Prohibition*, 103–04. See also Hunt, *Whisky and Ice*; Hunt, *Booze, Boats and Billions*; Nicholas Faith, *The Bronfmans: The Rise and Fall of the House of Seagram*; and Allen Winn Sneath, *Brewed in Canada: The Untold Story of Canada's 350-Year-Old Brewing Industry*.

p. 79: "Crazed by drink!"—*Globe*, September 23, 1912.

p. 79: "I believe we have a better Premier"—*Globe*, March 20, 1915.

p. 80: "Both Sides are Dissatisfied"—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 14, 1915.

p. 80: "crucified" and "heart-broken"—*Toronto Daily Star*, March 23, 1916.

p. 80: "This act!"—*Toronto Daily Star*, March 23, 1916.

p. 80: "any liquor which contains"—J. C. McRuer, *Ontario Liquor Laws, being the Ontario Temperance Act and Amending Acts, 1916 to 1922* (Toronto: Canada Law Book Co. Ltd., 1922), 2.

p. 81: *In the two and a half years following the passage of Bill 100, more than one million quarts*—*Globe*, April 5, 1919.

p. 81: *One physician wrote out 222 prescriptions*—C. H. Gervais, *The Rumrunners: A Prohibition Scrapbook*, 59.

p. 82: "desirous of obtaining the famous"—*Ottawa Evening Journal*, September 11, 1916.

- p. 82: *just over fifty*—Hunt, *Whisky and Ice*, 43.
- p. 83: *There seems a peculiar and seductive*—*Globe*, July 27, 1907. The original article misspelled the Latin word as “sus coecus.”
- p. 83: *Rocco had plenty of opportunity to learn about blind pigs when he lived in Cobalt*—*Globe*, May 23, 1908, and January 1, 1910.
- p. 83: “*moderate estimate*”—*Globe*, May 23, 1908.
- p. 83–84: *By 1911 . . . the total was over a hundred*—Cobalt Mining Legacy, “Introduction,” <http://cobaltmininglegacy.ca/>.
- p. 84: *Murphy was bragging*—*Hamilton Times*, September 18, 1916.
- p. 85: *swank parties*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 40.
- p. 85: “*It would almost seem*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 6, 1917.
- p. 86: *you could order a quart of Gooderham & Worts*—*Hamilton Times*, December 18, 1917. Ad for Montreal’s Pacific Liquor Co.
- p. 86: “*I am here by accident*” and “*just as human*” and “*There is work to be done yet*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, February 27, 1918.
- p. 86: “*one of the clearest*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, February 27, 1918.
- p. 87: “*The Federal enactment has destroyed*”—*Globe*, March 13, 1918.
- p. 87: *a doctor tried giving out prescriptions for people to “bathe” in liquor*—*Globe*, March 15, 1918.
- p. 87: *a Russian man stepping off a train*—*Globe*, April 19, 1918.

## CHAPTER 7: COMPLICAZIONE—COMPLICATION

- p. 91: *In Yorkton, Saskatchewan, two immigrant brothers*—Faith, *The Bronfmans*, 34–35.
- p. 92: *he could convincingly pose as a travelling salesman*—City of Hamilton Directory, 1918. Listing for Robert Suseno at 157 Caroline North showed his profession as “Trav” for traveller or travelling salesman.
- p. 92: *Kerr had a remarkable combination of skills*—Hunt, *Whisky and Ice*, 32, 45–46.
- p. 93: *ALL NIGHT SERVICE*—Hunt, *Whisky and Ice*, 46.
- p. 93: *Germo (Jimmy) Celona*—Celona’s name was reported in the press and police reports by various spellings, including Germo Celona, Jimmy Celona, James Celano, James Saloni, and as Joe Celoni/Celona. In fact, Joe/Joseph was one of James’s brothers.

p. 93: *In the four years since Rocco and Celona had known each other in St. Catharines—Hamilton Herald*, April 18, 1918, and April 24, 1918. See also *Hamilton Herald*, November 14, 1918, and November 15, 1918; *Hamilton Spectator*, November 15, 1918. These paragraphs are based on inquest and trial testimonies.

p. 93: *Sciarrone*—In various sources, this name appears with multiple spellings, including Sciaroni, Scaroni, Saranie, Schroni and Shoroni. Anglophone spellings of immigrant names at the time were often based on the sound of the name, and because in this case many of those spellings suggest a *sh* sound at the beginning, I've used the letter combination "Sci," which creates that sound in Italian.

p. 93: *Frank and Salvatore Sciarrone*—There was less confusion in the press over the spelling of Frank and Salvatore Sciarrone's last name. Because of the similarity between their last name and Domenic's, depending on the spelling, and because of their nearly identical extortion style, I've made the link that they were likely related.

p. 93: *he still maintained a based there at 17 Portland Street*. Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 1.19, box B222906. The John Miller report from the February 22, 1919, Fortunato Tedesco murder investigation. See also Directory for the City of Toronto, 1918, which listed the residents of 17 Portland Street as "foreigners."

p. 94: *Suspicious neighbourhood storekeepers were certain it was being turned into a brothel—Hamilton Herald*, November 14, 1918, and November 15, 1918.

p. 94: *still very much a working brothel—Hamilton Herald*, March 25, 1918. Reported that "Bessie Susino" had again been charged with keeping a house of ill fame at 104 Hess Street North. The prostitute who was arrested was Annie Skeloney, and the customer was Tony Ross. Magistrate Jelfs dismissed the charges because he "could not depend" on the witness's testimony.

p. 94: *"I take him nice and easy"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, November 15, 1918. Part of Rocco's testimony at the Speranza murder trial.

p. 94: *a kitchen knife—Hamilton Herald*, November 15, 1918. Speranza's defence, argued by Michael J. O'Reilly, claimed that Celona had threatened Speranza with a knife, which led to the shooting.

p. 95: *"I want fifty dollars"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, November 15, 1918.

p. 95: *"This is the last day"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, November 15, 1918.

p. 95: *"Mama!"*—*Hamilton Herald*, November 15, 1918.

p. 95: *Celona's grief-stricken wife, father and two brothers—Hamilton Herald*, April 17, 1918.

p. 95: *a tall red-headed barrister—Dubro and Rowland, King of the Mob*, 46.

p. 95: *"A good boy, not quarrelsome"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, November 15, 1918.

p. 95: *"I've seen him hit and kick"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, November 15, 1918.

- p. 95: *"I think so, because that is the way he lived"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, November 15, 1918.
- p. 96: *"All Italians are my friends"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, April 24, 1918.
- p. 96: *Frank Zaneth was the first of his kind*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839. See also Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 25.
- p. 99: *Some days she drove into the city*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 14, 1930, and August 15, 1930.
- p. 100: *And then in 1917, when Olive was twenty-one*—Previous books have put Olive's age at thirty when she left home. This seems to have been based on reports in the *Hamilton Spectator* and the *Globe* in 1922 during their reporting of subsequent events. The coverage at the time contained several errors, though, and documents discovered during the research for this book, including the registration of her birth in Hastings County, show definitively that she was born on July 6, 1896. This puts her at age twenty-one or twenty-two when she met Rocco. It also confirms the spelling of her last name as "Rutledge."
- p. 101: *One night, as Rocco was scanning the crowd*—No one knows exactly how they met, but this is a reasonable possibility.
- p. 101: *slender beauty*—I've extrapolated this description of Olive from indirect reports, pictures, and the descriptions of her daughters.
- p. 101: *the letters Olive sent to her parents*—*Hamilton Spectator*, February 17, 1922.
- p. 102: *They married on March 4, 1918*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 28, 1922.
- p. 103: *a flashy new roadster a week or two before*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 2.2, box B222907.
- p. 103: *"There is enough evidence"*—*Globe*, July 30, 1914.
- p. 104: *"I have no faith"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, May 18, 1918.
- p. 105: *he'd fired about seventeen shots*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6792 and RG 22-392-0-6798. Files relating to the murder of Tony Martino and the investigation of Alberto Naticchio.
- p. 106: *A few minutes later, constables Robert Smith and Walter McLean were walking*—The newspaper stories, the subsequent trial testimony, and the Rocco Perri books by Nicasso, and Dubro and Rowland, contained a lot of conflicting accounts of what happened that night. For example, at the inquest, Rocco said he did not know about the shooting until police arrived. At the trial, he testified that he went in search of a police officer after the shooting, and that he was the one who led the constables back to the house. Their testimony, as reported by the press, didn't address this discrepancy.
- p. 106: *"Who shoot you?"*—*Hamilton Herald*, January 10, 1919.
- p. 106: *"Leave me alone" and "Go easy"*—*Hamilton Herald*, January 10, 1919.



- p. 107: *with Naticchio safely out of the country*—*Hamilton Herald*, January 10, 1919.
- p. 108: *“at an entertainment”*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 45. From Rocco’s affidavit in support of his application for naturalization.
- p. 108: *“must have bathed”*—*Hamilton Herald*, January 6, 1919.
- p. 108: *“It looks to me”*—*Hamilton Herald*, January 6, 1919.
- p. 108: *“Well, I was wrong then”*—*Hamilton Herald*, January 6, 1919.
- p. 109: *forty-six-year-old Michael J. O’Reilly*—*Globe*, April 12, 1930.
- p. 109: *The senior partner went back to court with a liquor licence inspector*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 46–47.
- p. 109: *“five or six months”* and *“I didn’t put anybody out”* and *“I know so many people”* and *“pretty”* and *“stylish”*—*Hamilton Herald*, January 10, 1919.
- p. 110: *“What’s the matter with you?”* and *“I never before heard”*—*Hamilton Herald*, January 10, 1919.
- p. 110: *“from Hamilton’s foreign colony”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 16, 1917.
- p. 110: *“We find that Tony Martino”*—*Hamilton Herald*, January 10, 1919.
- p. 111: *“I might know him”*—*Hamilton Herald*, April 7, 1922.

#### CHAPTER 8: FIDUCIA—CONFIDENCE

- p. 112: *Bootlegging and organized crime in Southern Ontario*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 80–81.
- p. 112: *causing injury to his wife*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 1.19, box B222906. John Miller’s report on the Fortunato Tedesco murder from January 27, 1919.
- p. 112: *Jim Sullivan*—LAC, RG 33–88, vol. 12. Rocco’s testimony during the Royal Commission on Customs and Excise, April 4, 1927.
- p. 112: *(or Sullirano)*—Hunt, *Booze, Boats and Billions*, 258.
- p. 113: *“I’ll bet there’s some of those foreigners”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 1.19, box B222906. Harold Carrol’s statement to the Provincial Police, during the Fortunato Tedesco murder investigation, April 16, 1919.
- p. 113: *“such a strong smell of liquor”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2. John Miller’s report on the William Griffin murder investigation, April 25, 1917.
- p. 113: *“Nine hours passed”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 1.19, box B222906. John Miller’s report on the Fortunato Tedesco murder investigation, January 18, 1919.

p. 114: *"This gang is so strong"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 1.19, box B222906, 23–220. Miller's report on the Fortunato Tedesco murder investigation, February 22, 1919.

p. 114: *Joe's son—who had once told his father that one of them would be killed*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 1.19, box B222906. Joe Tedesco inquest testimony during the Fortunato Tedesco murder investigation.

p. 114: *"You are a bad man"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 1.19, box B222906. Inquest transcript from the Fortunato Tedesco murder investigation.

p. 115: *"This man is a brother"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 2.2, box B222907, 6. John Miller's report, January 29, 1919.

p. 115: *Police issued an arrest warrant for Joe*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 2.2, box B222907. Telegram that referred to the warrant that spelled his name "Guisephe alias Joseph Cialona," and Rocco's last name as "Perro," January 29, 1919.

p. 116: *"This man appears capable"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1, 45.

p. 116: *"I made it a point to cultivate"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 3, 57.

p. 116: *"up to my neck"* and *"Inspector Spalding reported to me"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1, 49.

p. 117: *"I would suggest"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1, 49.

p. 117: *"ARRESTED HERE TODAY"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1, 53.

p. 118: *"Const. Zaneth has worked most faithfully"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1, 58. Inspector Spalding's report, July 24, 1919.

p. 119: *"I'd just like to cut the heart"* and *"I'm with you, Jack"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1, 59.

p. 119: *"The way things are shaping at present"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1, 57. Zaneth's report, July 24, 1919.

p. 119: *"He has been a most excellent man"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 3, 59.

p. 120: *"It is certainly very remarkable"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 3, 64.

p. 120: *"valuable man"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1, 70. Assistant commissioner letter from September 30, 1919.

p. 120: *"Much as I value the opinion"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1, 71. Alfred J. Andrews letter from October 2, 1919.

p. 121: *80 Geneva Street*—The 1921 Canadian Census shows the address, rent, and details of the St. Catharines house in which Olive Rutledge lived. In its coverage of subsequent events in February 1922, the *Hamilton Spectator* published a different account of Olive's life with the father of her children. The paper reported that Olive returned to Hamilton from Musclow after the birth of her child, and that she then discovered Rocco's deception

and, heartbroken, left for St. Catharines. The paper suggested that Olive and her lover then reconciled a few months later and Olive returned to Hamilton. But this account, which has formed the basis for subsequent accounts of the Olive and Rocco period, was based on an interview with Olive's father, George Rutledge, who was in a fog of grief and largely in the dark about what had been going on with his daughter. The scenario he painted seems unlikely.

It's possible that Olive wanted to return to Hamilton after the birth of Autumn, and perhaps Rocco told her then about Bessie. George Rutledge, though, did not explain why she would have chosen to go to St. Catharines, a city she didn't know, or how, with an infant in her arms, she could have established a household there on her own with no money. Neither did it explain why, when Olive lived in St. Catharines, she listed Rocco as the head of the household. In fact, St. Catharines was Rocco's city almost as much as Hamilton. He had the contacts, the means, and the motive to set her up there. Thus it's my view that Olive's move to St. Catharines was Rocco's doing.

- p. 121: *two thousand dollars' worth of furniture*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 20, 1922.
- p. 121: *Whenever Rocco "came home" . . . his new blue-green Liberty touring car*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 2.2, box B222907. Inspector Boyd letter, January 30, 1919.
- p. 121: *occasionally in her letters home*—*Hamilton Spectator*, February 17, 1922. See also *Hamilton Herald*, February 28, 1922.
- p. 122: *"We had no mandate"*—*Globe*, July 31, 1919. Hearst strongly denies conniving with Rowell.
- p. 123: *Bank of Toronto account*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 53.
- p. 124: *"This is an outrage"*—*Winnipeg Tribune*, December 6, 1919.
- p. 124: *"high pitch of excitement"* and *"Is this trial getting on your nerves?"*—*Globe*, December 6, 1919.
- p. 125: *"I got mixed up with Socialists"*—*Globe*, December 6, 1919.
- p. 125: *"I'd like to shoot him"* and *"Don't you worry"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1, 81.
- p. 125: *"You are a liar then?"*—*Winnipeg Tribune*, February 5, 1920.
- p. 127: *But there is no doubt whisky was moving . . . Thirty thousand cases*—James H. Gray, *Booze: When Whisky Ruled the West*, 120.
- p. 128: *"Well, you know. We got it. They ain't got it"*—Hunt, *Booze, Boats and Billions*, 78.
- p. 128: *kept his champagne and liquor in an ice room*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 58.
- p. 129: *And he won big*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 80.

## CHAPTER 9: DELIRIO—DELUSION

- p. 130: *For a story he wrote*—*Star Weekly*, June 5, 1920. An Ernest Hemingway story.
- p. 130–131: *Mothers . . . would cross the border pushing prams*—Gervais, *Rumrunners*, 45.
- p. 131: *In winter, hardened Windsor men . . . would push loaded dories*—*Globe*, January 20, 1923.
- p. 131: *Others bought old junker autos*—Gervais, *Rumrunners*, 30.
- p. 131: *in the first ten months of 1919, police shut down eighty-five stills*—Hunt, *Whisky and Ice*, 44.
- p. 132: *an unidentified Toronto bootlegger*—*Globe*, August 8, 1921.
- p. 132: *Three of those provided Rocco*—Hunt, *Whisky and Ice*, 51.
- p. 132: *a frame house at the end of Burlington Street*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 2.2, box B222907. Police files connected to the Domenic Paprone murder shows that they were aware of Rocco's use of a frame house at the end of the Burlington Street as early as January 30, 1919. A police report described it as a house at the corner of Burlington and Belmie streets, which must have been an error because there was no Belmie street in Hamilton. Bay Street North did connect to Burlington Street West, though, and a house there would have been very close to Ben Kerr's marine garage.
- p. 133: *So for about six thousand dollars*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 66.
- p. 133: *"unpretentious" and "plain-looking"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 19, 1924.
- p. 135: *"nothing I can now say which would be too flattering"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file 0284, part 1, 129. Extract from the letter of appreciation from A. J. Andrews, April 3, 1920.
- p. 135: *suggested that first they send him to Springfield*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file 0284, part 1, 96. Zaneth's letter to the commanding officer at the southern Saskatchewan district, April 12, 1920.
- p. 135: *Grace, who was living*—Springfield census records from 1920.
- p. 135: *a tradesman named Raymond Fountain*—Information regarding Grace's marriage to Fountain comes from the "Fontaine L" archives within Ancestry.com. See also Grace's obituary, December 24, 1958; and *Springfield Union* reports March 10 and 17, 1921, regarding the exhumation of the first Mrs. Fountain's body.
- p. 136: *"It would appear"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839. Zaneth's report to the commanding officer of the Montreal division, May 15, 1920.
- p. 136: *"This N.C.O. did not get the credentials he thought"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839. Zaneth's report, May 15, 1920.

- p. 136: *Over the summer in Montreal*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 3. Details of Zaneth in Montreal and the encounter in the bookstore.
- p. 136: *“Hello, Harry”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 3, 117. Zaneth’s secret memo to the commanding officer in the Montreal division, October 19, 1920.
- p. 137: *“This is only what could be expected”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 3, 117. Zaneth’s memo, October 19, 1920.
- p. 137: *“There are thousands of people”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 10, 1920.
- p. 138: *“It will deal an effective blow”*—*Globe*, April 7, 1921.
- p. 138: *Welcome to the next great loophole*—Hunt, *Whisky and Ice*, 49–50. See also Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 68; *Toronto Daily Star*, February 27 and 28, 1929.
- p. 139: *Manufacturers employed an elaborate subterfuge*—*Toronto Daily Star*, February 28, 1929. The name Irwin S. Yarrow appears in the *Toronto Daily Star*. Coverage of the customs inquiry against Seagram found many cheques from Bessie to Yarrow in 1922 and 1923.
- p. 139: *the Atun, the Elmo, the Kitty, Miss Ontario*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11. Taken from testimonies during the Royal Commission into Customs and Excise.
- p. 139: *For enough money, some customs officers would stamp a batch of blank B-13s*—Hunt, *Booze, Boats and Billions*, 118.
- p. 140: *“overrun with blind pigs”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, January 11, 1921.
- p. 140: *a twenty-seven-year-old Italian known in Hamilton as James Saunders*—*Hamilton Herald*, June 20–25, 1921. His real name may have been Nunzio Corazzo.
- p. 141: *Rocco spent an entire month there*—*Hamilton Spectator*, February 17, 1922.
- p. 141: *Rocco helped the family with money*—various articles in *Hamilton Herald* and *Hamilton Spectator*, February 1922.
- p. 141: *They had, admittedly, been a little confused*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 28, 1922. Revealed during the testimony of George Rutledge during the inquest into Olive’s death.
- p. 142: *The ceremony took place on April 2 in . . . Our Lady of Mount Carmel*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 99. The date and location are correct, although the authors believed the wedding to have been a renewal of the vows of a previous 1910 ceremony between Frank and Rita in Hartford; in fact, Frank had married a different woman, Grace Russell, on that occasion.
- p. 142: *“He is doing excellent work here”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, 131.
- p. 142: *For the next several years, Zaneth worked as a control officer*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 98.

## CHAPTER 10: RISOLUZIONE—RESOLUTION

The events this chapter have been pieced together from newspaper reports and inquest testimony published in the *Hamilton Herald* and the *Hamilton Spectator* in February, 1922.

p. 143: *in an effort to push the matter*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 18, 1922.

p. 143–44: *down payment wasn't much—just \$850*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 28, 1922.

p. 144: *Then in December, during her family's celebrations of Christmas in Musclow*—*Hamilton Spectator*, February 28, 1922. See also *Hamilton Herald*, February 28, 1922 (which mistakenly put the date of Rocco's letter as December 13, 1921).

p. 144: *a gift of six hundred dollars*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 20, 1922.

p. 144: *"I know the children cannot stay in the woods"*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 28, 1922.

p. 144: *"endearing"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, February 28, 1922.

p. 144: *people in the community began to whisper*—*Hamilton Spectator*, February 17, 1922.

p. 144: *he lost eighty thousand dollars in seizures*—*Hamilton Spectator*, November 20, 1924.

p. 144–45: *Magistrate Jelfs . . . dismissed many of the resulting arrests*—*Toronto Daily Star*, February 13, 1922.

p. 145: *Frank Morison*—Spelled in this way in the Directory for the City of Hamilton, the *Toronto Daily Star* and the *Globe*.

p. 145: *Hotel Stroud, at the corner of Merrick and MacNab streets*—Directory for the City of Hamilton, 1922. The directory shows the address of Hotel Stroud as 28–40 Merrick Street, but this street no longer exists in Hamilton. What was once Merrick Street was later reconfigured as a section of York Boulevard running between Bay Street North and James Street North.

p. 146: *his stenographer, Miss Velma Williamson*—Hamilton's newspapers were confused about the identity of Morison's stenographer. The *Hamilton Herald* had the name Williamson, while the *Hamilton Spectator* thought it was Stevenson. The city directory listings for 1922 prove she was Miss Velma Williamson.

p. 146: *"And this is what I get for it"*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 17, 1922.

p. 146: *"What?"* and *"You won't give me a goddamned cent?"*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 16, 1922. The story left evocative blanks where "goddamned" would have appeared.

p. 146: *"God will strike you dead"*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 28, 1922.

p. 147: *"If you come in your car"* and *"Good night, Papa"*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 28, 1922.

p. 148: *In the light of day, Olive was no better*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 16, 1922.

- p. 149: *"Tell him that I forgive him"*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 15, 1922. Hamilton newspapers reported at least four versions of Olive's line, all from different witnesses. This one, though, seems the most likely.
- p. 150: *"You can't drive him"*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 28, 1922. The source for all the police testimonies.
- p. 151: *"That high building"*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 28, 1922.
- p. 151: *Somehow during this short walk, Olive decided*—*Hamilton Spectator*, February 16, 1922.
- p. 152: *"She appeared to be in good spirits"* and *"I'm afraid she might jump"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, February 16, 1922.
- p. 152: *"Come here!"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, February 21, 1922.
- p. 152: *"Had my fingers been"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, February 16, 1922.
- p. 153: *"in his farmer's coat and Sunday clothes"*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 17, 1922.
- p. 154: *"be apprehended and"*—*Hamilton Herald*, February 28, 1922.

#### CHAPTER 11: PERICOLO—DANGER

- p. 156: *had gotten into an argument*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-6, box B211609.
- p. 156: *It was bad for business, and Rocco had to do something*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 75–76. The documents relating to Rocco's attempts to become naturalized appear to have gone missing at LAC. The information for these paragraphs comes largely from *King of the Mob*.
- p. 156: *"This man has the reputation of being in illegal liquor traffic"*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 75.
- p. 156: *"qualified and fit"*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 75.
- p. 156: *There were a few upstanding and civically involved local citizens*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 75–76.
- p. 157: *"It's a funny thing"*—*Hamilton Herald*, March 14, 1922.
- p. 157: *"I never knew of a man"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, April 14, 1924.
- p. 157: *Already possessed of enough information*—*Hamilton Herald*, March 15, 1922.
- p. 157: *The day after Attilio's court appearance . . . five detectives arrived*—*Hamilton Herald*, March 17, 1922.

- p. 158: *Louis Corruzzo, who a year before had lived, like Carboni, with the Perris*—Canada Census, 1921. The Canadian Census shows Lewis Cauraco (although the handwritten record is slightly unclear) as a resident of 166 Bay Street South. In the context of 1920s record keeping and immigrant documentation, this constitutes a match.
- p. 158: “*Three months and a hundred dollars*”—*Hamilton Herald*, March 17, 1922.
- p. 158: “*not, in my opinion, a fit and proper person*”—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 78.
- p. 159: “*In connection with these matters*”—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 81–84. The original documents pertaining to Perri’s naturalization affidavit have since been lost or destroyed.
- p. 159: “*Unhappily we know all too well*”—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 78.
- p. 160: *In Montreal, Frank Zaneth was getting along fine*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 101–102.
- p. 160: *Inspector C. E. Wilcox, sent a letter to the commissioner*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file 0248, part 1. Memo from C. E. Wilcox, January 30, 1922.
- p. 160: “*No action is being taken*”—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file 0248, part 1. Memo to the commanding officer of the Quebec district from Superintendent H. M. Newson, February 1, 1922.
- p. 160: “*request*”—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file 0248, part 1. Memo to the commissioner from Inspector J. W. Phillips, commander of the Quebec district, September 29, 1922.
- p. 161: *Once home to so many unemployed immigrant men, the region was now thick with Black Hand-style extortionists*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-9, box B211609. One police informant suggested that the town of Thorold alone had 300 members that were part of Black Hand society.
- p. 161: *in retaliation for shooting another Italian in Buffalo*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-9, box B211609.
- p. 161: “*This man should not have got away*”—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-9, box B211609. John Miller’s report, dated March 25, 1922.
- p. 161: “*Look here, look!*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, April 3, 1922.
- p. 162: *The Good Killers*—Michael F. Rizzo, *Gangsters and Organized Crime in Buffalo: History, Hits and headquarters*, 62. See also Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 88–89.
- p. 162: *Domenic Sciarrone . . . met an appropriate fate*—*Hamilton Herald*, May 11, 1922, and May 12, 1922.
- p. 162: *he drove to meet with Rocco Perri*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-18, box B2116090. Referenced in the Joe Sciarrone murder investigation report by J. A. Rae, Brantford chief of Police, September 7, 1922.



- p. 163: *the saloon of Louis Deviti*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-13, box B211609. Referenced in the Jimmy Loria murder investigation report by William Stringer, May 31, 1922.
- p. 164: *the body of Jimmy Loria*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-13, box B211609. Jimmy's Italian given name was Vincenzo, and depending on the writer, his last name was also spelled Lorrio, Lorreo, Laurie, Lauria, and Lagoria. See also *Hamilton Herald*, May 19, 1922.
- p. 164: *"his private was out"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-13, box B211609. William Stringer's report, June 19, 1922.
- p. 165: *"I desire to call you"* and *"What were you doing at three o'clock"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-13, box B211609. William Stringer's report, June 19, 1922.
- p. 165: *What they didn't realize was that the letter echoed writings*—Nicaso, Rocco Perri, 62.
- p. 166: *staying in hotels and eating*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-9, box B211609. A list of William Stringer's expenses sent to the Crown attorney, August 30, 1922.
- p. 167: *"I am convinced that these murders"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-9, box B211609. William Stringer's report, May 31, 1922.
- p. 167: *Rocco Perri had a Joseph Restivo on his payroll*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 101.
- p. 168: *Antonio Lialle*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-14, box B211609. Police also referred to him as Antonio Bambina, Banbini, Tony Leala, Frank Lialli and Frank Cici.
- p. 168: *"The murders are planned in their respective cities"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-14, box B211609. William Stringer's report, June 28, 1922.
- p. 169: *"trying to locate and capture his wife"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-14, Box B211609. Stringer's report, June 25, 1922.
- p. 170: *when Lialle was arrested and sent to jail for four months*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-18, box B211609. John Miller's report, September 28, 1922.
- p. 170: *Early on Sunday, September 3*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-18, box B211609. Miller's report, September 11, 1922.
- p. 171: *he planned to see three men in particular*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-18, box B211609. Miller's report, September 23, 1922.
- p. 171: *Don Simone . . . would often come to Welland*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-18, box B211609. Miller's report, September 23, 1922.
- p. 172: *what had happened between Guelph and the canal*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-18, box B211609. Miller's report, October 5, 1922.

p. 172: *"We frequently get the opinion"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-18, box B211609. Miller's report, September 20, 1922.

p. 172–73: *"He is at the present time closing up"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-18, box B211609. Miller's report, September 20, 1922.

p. 173: *"has been such a bad man himself"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-18, box B211609. Miller's report, October 26, 1922.

## CHAPTER 12: GUAIO—PROBLEM

p. 174: *a thousand cases of liquor a day*—*Hamilton Spectator*, November 20, 1924.

p. 174: *profits before operating expenses nearly four hundred thousand*—*Hamilton Herald*, November 30, 1924. Based on "making an average profit of \$10 and \$13 or more a case."

p. 175: *"allowed to run unmolested"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292. Stringer's report, December 20, 1922.

p. 176: *Hunched inside a cold car*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292. The description of events before, during, and after the murder of Joseph Trueman is based on information pulled from the extensive OPP investigation files.

p. 176–77: *"What are you doing here?"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292—William Stringer's report from December 17, 1922. The caretaker, Morely, remembered these words differently at different times, but the differences were always slight.

p. 177: *"Joe, speak to me"*—*St. Catharines Standard*, February 25, 1925. Quote and description of related events come largely from the account given at the second trial by Morely.

p. 178–79: *"That is a very improper question"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292. Indirect quote taken from Stringer's report, December 20, 1922.

p. 179: *he'd been with Sciarrone*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292. Stringer's report, December 27, 1922.

p. 180: *"There is no escaping the fact that they are getting bolder"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292. Stringer's report, January 24, 1923.

## CHAPTER 13: PASSAPORTO—PASSPORT

p. 181: *Frank wrote a letter to his commanding officer*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 3. Zaneth letter, April 4, 1923.

## CHAPTER 14: COMPLICI—ACCOMPLICES

p. 183: *There was a monster sleeping*—Hunt, *Booze, Boats and Billions*, 86–87. Based on the Royal Commission on Customs and Excise testimony from LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11 and 12.

p. 184: *“special privilege”*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13440.

p. 184: *Aladdin, a huge luxury yacht*—Globe, April 3, 1924.

p. 184: *within two years there would be more than fifteen hundred blind pigs in Hamilton*—Globe, November 11, 1926.

p. 185: *There were whispers*—Hush, September 4, 1930.

p. 185: *“I remember very well”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1828. J.C.S. report, August 26, 1926.

p. 186: *“It was only one of the many gifts”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1828. J.C.S. report, August 26, 1926.

p. 186: *Rumours that there was something amiss in Hamilton*—Globe, March 14, 1924. See also Globe, March 19–21, 1924.

p. 186: *a bizarre tale about a conflict*—Hush, November 13, 1930. See also Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 118.

p. 186: *“I know of no good reason”*—Globe, March 21, 1924.

p. 187: *to buy protection from prosecution*—Globe, March 20, 1924.

p. 187: *“We are anxious”* and *“I have no doubt”*—Globe, March 28, 1924.

p. 187: *“I have known Chief Whatley”*—Globe, April 1, 1924.

p. 187: *“well-known tobacconist”*—Globe, April 3, 1924.

p. 188: *“I am quite prepared”*—Globe, March 21, 1924.

p. 188: *“It is common knowledge”* and *“old women’s fish tales”* and *“British fair play demands nothing less”*—Hamilton Spectator, April 4, 1924.

p. 189: *Charles Morgan, appearing distraught*—Globe, April 17, 1924.

p. 189: *Some years later, a different version emerged*—Hush, November 13, 1930.

p. 190: *Rocco left town for a series of meetings . . . in New Jersey*—Hamilton Herald, May 31, 1924.

p. 191: *In his grey suit and silk shirt, he crouched down to hide*—Hamilton Herald, May 29, 1924.

p. 191: *“Throw up your hands!”*—Hamilton Herald, May 29, 1924.

p. 192: *On June 6, just days after the inquest*—Globe, June 7, 1924.

- p. 192: *"The operations on the Essex and"*—*Globe*, June 9, 1924.
- p. 193: *"concrete evidence of the full status"*—*Globe*, June 7, 1924.
- p. 193: *"dealt a death blow"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, July 19, 1924.
- p. 193: *A five-thousand-dollar truck shipment*—On September 6, 1924, a Perri truck loaded with five thousand dollars of whisky and gin was seized near the Hamilton waterfront. John Ross and another Perri gang member were arrested on September 10 with a small load of alcohol in their car. Bessie bailed Ross out and C. W. Bell defended him.
- p. 193–94: *"Hamilton is the center of the cleverest"*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 130. Dubro and Rowland use references from the *Hamilton Spectator* in late July 1924.

#### CHAPTER 15: CATTURA—CAPTURE

- p. 195: *"His sister would like to know"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292. H. H. Steen letter, April 19, 1923.
- p. 195: *temporarily appointing E. Taylor*—*St. Catharines Standard*, December 19, 1922.
- p. 197: *"what I did to Trueman"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292. As reported, indirectly, by Stringer, May 29, 1924.
- p. 197: *"I am writing you in Reference to Reward"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292. George Stockbridge letter, May 18, 1924.
- p. 197: *"I have been used rotten"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292. Stockbridge letter, May 25, 1924.
- p. 198: *Stringer hadn't much liked the tone*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292. Stringer letter, May 29, 1924.
- p. 198: *"fixed"* and *"Like I fixed one down in Thorold"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 13, 1924.
- p. 198: *another Italian in South Porcupine named James Fera*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 13, 1924. Spelled variously Faro, Fara, Fera. See also *Globe*, October 8, 1924 (where also spelled Ferra).
- p. 201: *"pounced on Trott"*—Archives of Ontario, vol. 1, box B223090.
- p. 201: *almost immediately they convened a meeting*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292. Details of this meeting and subsequent plans from Guelph Chief Constable J. A. Rai letter, October 9, 1924.
- p. 201: *Sacco brothers*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,220–21. Rocco's testimony on April 4, 1927 during the Royal Commission on Customs and Excise.

- p. 201: *“spill his guts”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292. Rai letter, October 9, 1924.
- p. 202: *“and to prevent any interference”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 22-392-0-6292. Stringer’s letter, September 25, 1924.

#### CHAPTER 16: PROPAGANDISTA—PROPAGANDA

- p. 207: *Joseph Boitowicz*—The press could not agree on the spelling. For example, the *Toronto Daily Star*, November 18, 1924, had it as *“Baytoizae.”*
- p. 208: *“Hamilton Mountain has become a place of skulls”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 17, 1924.
- p. 208: *“It is no exaggeration”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 18, 1924.
- p. 209: *“plain” and “unpretentious”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 19, 1924.
- p. 210: *“Who killed Joe Boitowicz and Fred Genesee?”* and subsequent quotes from this interview—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 19, 1924.
- p. 211: *Whether or not Rocco*—While the killings of Joe Basile and Fred Genesee went unsolved, Rocco and his men apparently had nothing to do with the murder of Joseph Boitowicz. After police spoke to the dead man’s young children, they realized Boitowicz had died the night he came home after gambling away all the family’s money at the race track. Soon after, the police charged and tried his wife with the murder—she had apparently hit him over the head with a fireplace poker. The case, which relied heavily on a child’s testimony, was ultimately dropped.
- p. 211: *This was a time of some challenge for the Perris*—*Toronto Evening Telegram*, November 20, 1924.
- p. 219 *“That vain little man signed my proofs”*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 142.
- p. 219: *The November 19, 1924, Toronto Daily Star was a sensation*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 142.
- p. 219: *“If an Italian comes to my home”*—*Hamilton Spectator*, November 20, 1924.
- p. 219: *“If Rocco Perri went away tomorrow”*—*Hamilton Herald*, November 30, 1924.
- p. 220: *“If he didn’t give them money”* and *“The very ones it is supposed to protect”*—*Hamilton Herald*, November 30, 1924.
- p. 220: *“We do not sell to every man who wants it”* and *“I sell only the real, good liquor”* and *“Small bootleggers do not sell good liquor”*—*Hamilton Spectator*, November 20, 1924.

- p. 221: *"I'm practically out of the business"* and *"Sometimes it is not the fault of the men"* and *"Of course, we can't blame you newspapers"* and *"They're . . . often fooled"*—*Hamilton Herald*, November 30, 1924.
- p. 222: *"It was the most shameful confession"*—*Hamilton Herald*, November 21, 1924.
- p. 222: *"Brazen-faced effrontery"* and *"If I were in a position of authority"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, November 20, 1924.
- p. 223: *"several newspapermen"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, November 20, 1924.
- p. 223: *"A man can say anything he likes about himself"*—*Hamilton Herald*, November 30, 1924.
- p. 223: *"Rocco Perri, he talk too much"*—*Hamilton Herald*, December 3, 1924.
- p. 223: *"How will we go about it?"* and other quotes from this exchange—*Toronto Daily Star*, December 11, 1924.
- p. 223: *"Yes"* and *"Go out and get petition signed"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, December 11, 1924.
- p. 224: *"We are very busy men"*—*Hamilton Herald*, December 10, 1924.
- p. 224: *It was just two days later that Attorney General Nickle*—*A Globe*, December 16, 1924, story says he was told on Saturday, December 13.

#### CHAPTER 17: VELENO—POISON

- p. 225: *found his trucks being run off the road*—*Hunt, Whisky and Ice*, 70.
- p. 225: *eighty cases at a time*—*Hunt, Whisky and Ice*, 109.
- p. 226: *a "row"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 26, 1931.
- p. 226: *G & W had to stop selling to Ben Kerr*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 26, 1931. Regarding suit filed by Hatch & McGuinness.
- p. 226: *Ben Kerr was a go-getter . . . and actually expanded*—*Hunt, Whisky and Ice*, 68.
- p. 226: *"courteous, zealous and at all times ready"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O281, part 1, 179. Letter to Commissioner Starnes, March 16, 1926.
- p. 227: *He sold or gave away almost everything he owned*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O281, part 1, 180. Zaneth memo to the commanding officer, March 3, 1926.
- p. 227: *Sergeant Birtwistle*—*Toronto Daily Star*, May 18, 1927. See also *Globe*, January 11, 1923. His last name was spelled in these two news reports as Birtwhistle, while RCMP files spelled it Birtwistle.

p. 227: *“My object in making this recommendation”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O281, part 1, 182. H. M. Newson letter to the commissioner, July 29, 1926.

p. 228: *walking along the street with a white handkerchief*—*Globe*, January 9, 1923.

p. 228: *Around Hamilton it was popular to drive out*—*Globe*, June 7, 1924.

p. 228: *“in the habit of indulging”*—*Globe*, January 13, 1926.

p. 228: *In July of 1923, it was revealed*—*Globe*, July 26, 1923.

p. 228–29: *“victory of law and order”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 20, 1924.

p. 230: *just an ounce of which*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 28, 1926.

p. 230: *\$1.10 a gallon and Then they sold the result*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 30, 1926.

p. 231: *the Jopp Drug Company*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1765, box B740893. Most of the information regarding the Jopp Drug Company and the Falls Tonic Manufacturing Company comes from two June 1926 reports from Mark H. Crehan Jr., an agent of the Special Alcohol Division, 3rd district, New York. See also *Globe*, July 30, 1926; *Toronto Daily Star*, July 30, 1926.

p. 232: *brother in-law Joseph Spallino*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 154.

p. 232: *Rocco would ship some of his precious high-quality Canadian whisky . . . to Sottile*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 155. Dubro and Rowland discuss Rocco’s arrangements to supply Sottile with Canadian liquor and beer, as well as denatured alcohol from Montreal’s Canadian Industrial Alcohol Co.

p. 232: *Port Dalhousie*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 26, 1931. Port Colborne was another frequently cited bootlegging port.

p. 232: *In one of his most lucrative schemes . . . then shipped it to St. Pierre and Miquelon*—*Hunt, Whisky and Ice*, 133.

p. 232: *Sottile and another of Rocco’s friends, Joe Serianni, arranged for his murder*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 154.

p. 233: *“chap named Joseph Henry Sottile”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1828 (2), box B740894. Letter from Teed and Teed Barristers, Saint John, NB, November 27, 1925.

p. 233: *he sent cash to two Liberal MPs*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-93, file 1.9, box B247445. Sottile’s letter to James Lavallée refers to “Jacobs” and “Hon. McDonald, Minister of Finance.” There was no minister of finance named McDonald in the federal cabinet at the time, but there was an Edward Mortimer Macdonald, minister of national defence. It’s likely that Sottile simply got his ministries mixed up.

p. 233: *“They took advantage of the situation”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-93, file 1.9, box B247445.

- p. 233: *he paid trained chemists*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 29, 1926. See also Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 155.
- p. 233: *On May 13, a special Prohibition agent*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1765, box B740893. The date of the raid itself was not mentioned in Mark Crehan's report. In *King of the Mob*, Dubro and Rowland give the date as May 14, while the *Globe*, from July 30, 1926, gives the date as May 17.
- p. 233: *Shortly after, the agents broke into the safe*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 157.
- p. 234: *bootlegged sacramental wine*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 157.
- p. 234: *Rocco shuttled him*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 157. A reasonable assumption.
- p. 234: *230 Beverley Street*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1828 (2), box B740894.
- p. 234: *Samuel Jacobs sent a nudging note*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1828 (2), box B740894.
- p. 234: *a special citizenship hearing*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1828 (2), box B740894. Hearing took place on June 8, 1926.
- p. 234: *Before Judge Emerson Coatsworth in Toronto, he swore allegiance and Canada's undersecretary of state confirmed*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1828 (2), box B740894.
- p. 234: *he was hoping Rocco Perri would accompany him*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1765, box B740893.
- p. 234: *Voelker was a cog in the organization that linked Sottile with Don Simone*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 157.
- p. 234: *built his bank account to about fifty thousand dollars*—*Globe*, July 27, 1926.
- p. 235: *two other Buffalo links in the chain*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 29, 1926.
- p. 235: *twenty sixty-gallon drums*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 158.
- p. 235: *When they arrived, Voelker had samples taken*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 29, 1926.
- p. 235: *trucks labelled as coal*—*Globe*, September 3, 1926. Many other sources referenced this information as well.
- p. 235: *On Wednesday, July 21*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 29, 1926, and August 6, 1926.
- p. 236: *surrounded on all sides by scrub meadow*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 27, 1926.
- p. 237: *burnt sugar*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 27, 1926.
- p. 237: *the pleas and protests of his wife and It was so crowded and James Johnston had at least one drink*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 6, 1926.



- p. 237–38: *He vomited about a dozen times*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1765, box B740893. Rex v. Miller court testimony.
- p. 238: *“Come and help me lie down” and “Right here” and “I can’t see you”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1765, box B740893. Rex v. Miller court testimony.
- p. 238: *“Jim . . . you have been poisoned”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 6, 1926. Ida’s testimony as transcribed during the Rex v. Miller court case differs slightly. She said that Johnston admitted he had gotten the liquor at Maybee’s, and made no mention of him suggesting he wouldn’t squeal. See also Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1765, box B740893.
- p. 238: *By Saturday morning there were nine dead*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 24, 1926.
- p. 238: *By ten o’clock . . . David Kerr had tracked down*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 29, 1926.
- p. 239: *“Look, the leaves are black”*—*Hamilton Spectator*, July 29, 1926.
- p. 239: *“I am reasonably certain”*—*Globe*, July 26, 1926.
- p. 239: *TRAIL OF DEATH ACROSS PROVINCE*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 26, 1926.
- p. 240: *“I got it from different people” and police closed twenty “soft drink” stands*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 26, 1926.
- p. 240: *phone records linking him to Louis Sylvester*—*Hunt, Whisky and Ice*, 114.
- p. 240: *“thoughtful, dark eyes”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 3, 1926.
- p. 241: *“Heartbroken”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 3, 1926.
- p. 241: *“They are not going to use me as a goat”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1765, box B740893. An unsigned report of an interview with Edward Miller, apparently written out from memory by the informant on October 7, 1926.
- p. 241: *“About two weeks ago . . . Harry Sullivan told me”*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1829, box B740893. Edward Miller statement on July 27, 1926.
- p. 242: *James Voelker entered a plea of Not Guilty*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 28, 1926.
- p. 242: *\$15 million in capital*—*Hamilton Spectator*, July 30, 1926.
- p. 242: *“as well-oiled a machine”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 28, 1926.
- p. 243: *“In my opinion”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 30, 1926.
- p. 243: *Ed Miller had received threats*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1765, box B740893. Report on the interview with Edward Miller, October 7, 1926.
- p. 243: *“considerable reticence”*—*Hamilton Spectator*, July 30, 1926.
- p. 243: *“You are punishing them first”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 30, 1926.
- p. 244: *“Net Closing Around Boss”*—*Hamilton Spectator*, July 30, 1926.

- p. 244: *"the most terrible ever heard of"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 29, 1926.
- p. 244: *"I heard that I was wanted"* and *"unlawfully slay and kill"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, July 31, 1926.
- p. 245: *They smiled; he smiled*—*Hamilton Spectator*, July 31, 1926. See also *Toronto Daily Star*, July 31, 1926.
- p. 245: *"You had better see my lawyer"* and *"I knew. That's enough"* and *That's up to me"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, July 31, 1926.
- p. 246: *sixteen cents a gallon* and *"It is quite possible the German manufacturers"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 31, 1926.
- p. 246: *"much more composed"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 3, 1926.
- p. 246: *"downy pillows, white sheets and fine blankets"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, July 30, 1926.
- p. 246: *porridge and coffee or tea*—*Hamilton Herald*, August 3, 1926.
- p. 247: *"his pleasant smile"*—*Hamilton Herald*, August 3, 1926.
- p. 247: *expensive cars, inlaid mahogany radio sets and macaroni and manila rope*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 5, 1926.
- p. 247: *"They may have their reasons"* and *"We understood last week"* and *"I would like to state"* and *"torn up my floors"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 7, 1926.
- p. 248: *"driven many a load"* and *"Mildred Sterling and I became"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1765, box B740893. J.C.S. report, August 21, 1926.
- p. 248: *taken her last name*—Mildred Sterling also went by the names Mildred Cooper and Mildred Cooney.
- p. 248: *"Rocco Perri and his strong-arm men"* and *"Rocco Perri has this fellow tied"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1765, box B740893. J.C.S. report, August 21, 1926.
- p. 249: *"Rocco Perri and other millionaire rum-runners"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1765, box B740893. J.C.S. report, August 21, 1926. Investigation into the deaths in Toronto revealed that they were caused by wood alcohol poisoning.
- p. 249: *found 130 cans*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1765, box B740893. Memo for the assistant commissioner, October 7, 1926.
- p. 249–50: *By now, a team of eight Crown attorneys . . . two special prosecutors*—Archives of Ontario, RG 4-32, file 1765, box B740893. G. W. Ballard letter, October 2, 1926.
- p. 250: *"Here, Mr. Perri"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 11, 1926.
- p. 250: *"in a condition of slavery"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, December 4, 1926.
- p. 250: *Police had cheques*—*Toronto Daily Star*, December 13, 1926.

p. 252: *"ill advised"*—*The Daily Messenger*, December 30, 1926.

p. 252: *"the chief smuggler of the ring"*—*Globe*, February 3, 1926.

#### CHAPTER 18: INDAGINE—INVESTIGATION

p. 253: *224 witnesses*—*Globe*, June 19, 1926.

p. 253: *"a sink of iniquity"*—Allan Levine, *King: William Lyon Mackenzie King, a Life Guided by the Hand of Destiny*, 141.

p. 254: *Hoping to avoid censure*—*Toronto Daily Star*, June 26, 1926.

p. 254: *"heated and dangerous"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, June 18, 1926.

p. 254: *over tea and buttered bread*—Levine, *King*, 156.

p. 255: *by loading them into a large, dark car*—*Toronto Daily Star*, March 23, 1927.

p. 256: *three-quarters of a million gallons of liquor and three million gallons of beer*—*Toronto Daily Star*, June 18, 1926.

p. 256: *"We are not strictly interested in the Volstead Act"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,444.

p. 257: *"We would throw this in his face"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,450.

p. 257: *"Let me make myself clear"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,453.

p. 257: *"We do not ship the goods"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,454.

p. 257: *"Do you know a man called Rocco Perri?"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,467.

p. 257: *no or "Not that I know of"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,468.

p. 258: *"Who is the person who has a credit in your book"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,468.

p. 259: *"Do you know Penna personally?"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,587.

p. 261: *"You live in Hamilton?"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,612.

p. 262: *"Lots of people can come into my house"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,616.

p. 263: *"Do you know Mr. Herbert Hatch?"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,619.

p. 264: *"So that would explain every Toronto call?"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,622.

p. 264: *"I don't interfere"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,623.

p. 264: *"What kind of a home is your home?"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,626.

p. 264: *"Why did you ask them for their call records?"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,628.

- p. 265: “substantial” and “In this one parcel alone”—*Toronto Daily Star*, March 31, 1927.
- p. 265: “Were you living in Hamilton during that period?”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,807.
- p. 266: “This is the truth”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,808. This line is given as, “This the truth.” See also *Toronto Daily Star*, March 31, 1927, which reports Bessie as having said, “I am telling the truth.” This sort of discrepancy, between official transcript and press reports, was quite common.
- p. 267: “It is your housekeeper calling up Gooderham & Worts?”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,813.
- p. 267: “I will go with them”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 11, 13,814.
- p. 267: *Frank Di Pietro, had just been arrested*—*Hamilton Spectator*, April 1, 1927.
- p. 268: *meeting with Mike Romeo*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 15, 17,799. Romeo admitted that he saw the officers speak to Rocco.
- p. 268: *The minute he did, the cops shoved the subpoena into his hands*—*Hamilton Spectator*, April 1, 1927. See also *Toronto Daily Star*, April 2, 1927.
- p. 268: *On the following Monday afternoon*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12. See also *Toronto Daily Star*, April 5, 1927.
- p. 269: “a little rent coming to us”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,197.
- p. 269: “When did you stop the export business?”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,198.
- p. 269: “I remember two or three boys were there” and “I was not telling them the truth” and “Did you sign a statement”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,199.
- p. 269: “Did you call yourself the ‘King of the Bootleggers’?”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,200.
- p. 270: “What’s that?”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,201.
- p. 271: “I could not understand what he say the words” and “the wife was playing the piano” and “I have been in Welland a few days”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,205.
- p. 271: “I want you to try and think”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,206.
- p. 272: “I hardly remember”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,207.
- p. 273: “Did you come down with her last week?”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,212.
- P. 273: “Is it Mrs. Perri?”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,215.
- p. 274: “Who uses that telephone?” and “Mr. Joe Penna uses it”—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,216. This series of references to Joe Penna caused some confusion for the court stenographer. She heard and typed it as “Penn,” but the reporter covering Rocco’s testimony for the *Toronto Daily Star* heard it as the more logical “Penna,” so that is the spelling used.

- p. 274: *"Number 914 South Holstead Street"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,221.
- p. 274: *Rocco Pizzimenti*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,221. Spelled "Pitsimenti" in Rocco's testimony during the Royal Commission on Customs and Excise on April 4, 1927.
- p. 275: *"How much did you get a case?"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,222.
- p. 276: *"Who made those calls?"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,223.
- p. 277: *"I am telling you I don't know him"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,225.
- p. 277: *"What were you phoning to North Bay about?"* and *"That is a friend of mine over there"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,227.
- p. 278: *"Oh, he is my godfather"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,228. In this case, the reporter for the *Toronto Daily Star*, as well as the judge, seemed to think Rocco had said "grandfather."
- p. 278: *"I will tell you"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,229.
- p. 278: *"Mike Bernardo is it?"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,235.
- p. 279: *"I have not got any bank account"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,235.
- p. 279: *"Maybe the operator call"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,236.
- p. 280: *"If I knew who was using my name"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,237.
- p. 280: *"They know I was well known at that time"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,238.
- p. 281: *"Have you got the bank book you were to produce?"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,240.
- p. 281: *"She can sign it here"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,241.
- p. 281: *When Nash returned to the commission hearings*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 15, 17,767–69.
- p. 282: *the Globe put the amount the Perris had deposited*—*Globe*, July 27, 1927.
- p. 282: *Hatch's testimony*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 15183–86.
- p. 282: *"any place I feel like going"* and *"any place I can find a man to buy"* and *"Any of us that are handy"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 15,184.
- p. 282: *Other Perri contacts were questioned*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 12, 14,760–848 and 15,100–11.
- p. 283: *"Generally we gave the order to the woman"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 15, 17,816.
- p. 283: *Bart Moriarty, the accountant for Grant's Spring Brewery*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 15, 17476–77.
- p. 283: *a man named Samuel J. Low*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 15, 17,762.
- p. 284: *"The whole tenor of their testimony is perjury"*—LAC, RG 33-88, vol. 15, 17,827.

## CHAPTER 19: SPERGIURO—PERJURY

- p. 286: *RCMP Constable Graham told commissioners—Toronto Daily Star, May 17, 1927.*
- p. 286: *he'd paid about five thousand dollars—Toronto Daily Star, May 12, 1927.*
- p. 286: *"There were certain lawyers who specialized"—Toronto Daily Star, May 11, 1927.*
- p. 286: *the Crown launched a suit—Toronto Daily Star, May 23, 1927.*
- p. 286: *That was equivalent to fully half—Toronto Daily Star, November 2, 1926. Gooderham & Worts net earnings for 1926 were roughly \$850,000.*
- p. 287: *"This is to be a quiet little affair"—Toronto Daily Star, June 15, 1927.*
- p. 287: *Bessie wasn't feeling well that day—Hamilton Spectator, November 18, 1927. This is extrapolated from a reference that "Mrs. Perri . . . appeared in much better health than last spring."*
- p. 288: *"I see no reason why we shouldn't"—Toronto Daily Star, June 15, 1927.*
- p. 288: *Rocco picked up the Marmon and drove off to spend the afternoon—Globe, June 16, 1927.*
- p. 288: *They paid their water bill early—Hamilton Spectator, May 17, 1927.*
- p. 288: *Not that they'd paid very much—Toronto Daily Star, May 17, 1927.*
- p. 289: *he appeared in court in July to protest the revision and "My wife"—Globe, July 27, 1927.*
- p. 289: *she appeared in a lustrous black satin dress—Toronto Daily Star, July 28, 1927.*
- p. 289: *Hamilton's Court of Revision compromised—Globe, October 5, 1927.*
- p. 289: *"as is his usual wont"—Toronto Daily Star, October 20, 1927.*
- p. 290: *"stunning" brown coat—Toronto Daily Star, October 20, 1927.*
- p. 290: *Rocco Perri had no income—Toronto Daily Star, October 22, 1927.*
- p. 290: *Bessie's health looked much better and "We elect for a preliminary inquiry" and the audited figure was set at \$861,000 and "What evidence is there"—Hamilton Spectator, November 18, 1927.*
- p. 292: *"I want the protection of the court" and "two or three loads of whisky"—Toronto Daily Star, December 9, 1927.*
- p. 292: *"Mr. McGuinness told me" and "I got into trouble"—Toronto Daily Star, December 10, 1927.*
- p. 293: *"Mr. Hatch or McGuinness"—Toronto Daily Star, December 10, 1927.*

p. 293: *since their relationship had ended in March—Toronto Daily Star, December 8, 1927.* Herbert Hatch testified that his dealings with the Perris had continued “Till about the last of last year,” meaning the end of 1926.

p. 293: *“When we first started”—Toronto Daily Star, December 10, 1927.*

p. 293: *Jim Sullivan—*During Mike Bernardo’s testimony before the Royal Commission, he mentioned several times that he worked with a “Mr. Sullivan” from New York. It’s likely that Jim Sullivan was either the same as “Mr. Sullivan,” or related to him.

p. 293: *According to reports from U.S. Coast Guard agent Bill Kelly—*Hunt, *Booze, Boats and Billions*, 258.

p. 294: *“I can’t get across” and “Maybe he sold it direct” and “I suppose you gave a statement”—*Toronto Daily Star, December 10, 1927.

p. 295: *“You were the cashier?” and Whenever cash came in and “Sometimes I paid Hatch or McGuinness” and “They take the liquor and give me cheques”—*Toronto Daily Star, December 10, 1927.

p. 296: *“Sometimes Mr. Hatch or Mr. McGuinness would come”—*Toronto Daily Star, December 10, 1927.

p. 296: *William Johnstone—*His name was spelled as both Johnson and Johnstone in Toronto Daily Star reports.

p. 297: *“We dumped all which was found”—*Toronto Daily Star, December 9, 1927.

p. 297: *“The evidence is so voluminous”—*Toronto Daily Star, December 10, 1927.

p. 297: *“They have been engaged in the liquor trade”—*Globe, February 3, 1928.

p. 298: *not a single through bill of lading—*Globe, March 20, 1928.

p. 298: *“unshaken by the cross-examination”—*Toronto Daily Star, March 20, 1928.

p. 298: *forty-year-old Perri—*His profile as prisoner #40075 listed him as being age 39, which may have been based on his age at the beginning of the trial. His occupation was given as “storekeeper,” and he was listed as a moderate drinker with an elementary education. He was also listed as being five feet, four inches tall and 166 pounds, having black hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion.

p. 298: *sat expectantly, his fingers twitching slightly and “he should have only a nominal sentence”—*Toronto Daily Star, April 23, 1928.

## CHAPTER 20: SOLDI—MONEY

p. 303: *“but I consider that they are very high”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O281, part 1, 187. Letter to the commissioner from H. M. Newson, October 21 1927.

p. 304: *she lived now in Lacchiarella*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 1, 190. This information comes from Zaneth’s December 5, 1927, application for re-engagement in the RCMP. Though there are no documents to prove Zaneth was his wife’s sole support at the time, it seems a reasonable assumption. See also LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 1, 242; LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 2, 41; LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 2, 152. On January 18, 1932, a letter from Zaneth’s C division commander informed the commissioner that Zaneth was supporting his wife in Italy, which was obviously a long-term obligation. In January of 1936, Division Commander F. J. Mead revealed that since 1927, Zaneth had been sending seventy dollars a month to Italy for his wife’s care. A letter, dated July 13, 1940, from Superintendent F. A. Blake stated that Zaneth had reported he had been sending one hundred dollars a month to Italy for his wife’s hospitalization up to the beginning of the war.

p. 304: *“The commissioner further states”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 3.

p. 305: *“drastic”*—*Globe*, February 2, 1911.

p. 305: *Bessie converted the fortune*—*Hamilton Herald*, September 6, 1930.

p. 305–306: *nine hundred thousand dollars*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 136. There was a later report that she took a U.S. vacation in the company of nine hundred thousand dollars.

p. 306: *from a single officer in the early 1920s up to ... fifty-five*—Hunt, *Whisky and Ice*, 167.

p. 306: *the Uncas. And the U.S. Coast Guard . . . were nabbing*—Hunt, *Whisky and Ice*, 167.

p. 306: *And the U.S. Coast Guard, which had successfully shut down Rum Row . . . shifted nearly 250 of its patrol vessels to the Great Lakes*—Hunt, *Booze, Boats and Billions*, 249–50.

p. 306: *the Staud family*—Hunt, *Whisky and Ice*, 168–69 and 179.

p. 306: *The summer and autumn flow of liquor cases across the Detroit River from Windsor*—Hunt, *Booze, Boats and Billions*, 252.

p. 306: *less than a fifth*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 291.

p. 306: *Some millionaire liquor men . . . Harry Low*—Hunt, *Booze, Boats and Billions*, 252.

p. 307: *“She reached out for the easy greenbacks”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.

p. 307: *She deeply loved her two daughters . . . Bessie had made it possible*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 16, 1930.

p. 307: *“Mother arranged and paid”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 16, 1930.

p. 307: *“a diamond fiend”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.

p. 308: *“I have found, from observation”*—*Hamilton Spectator*, February 10, 1921.



p. 308: *Charles Bordonaro had switched . . . to selling narcotics*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-18, box B211609. John Miller's report, October 18, 1922.

p. 309: *heroin became 480 "shots"*—*Hush*, October 16, 1930.

p. 309: *one Hamilton doctor was rumored*—*Hush*, October 16, 1930.

p. 309: *By 1926, a gang of Italian dope peddlers*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Letter to the RCMP from U.S. narcotic agent William T. Duffy, March 12, 1926.

p. 310: *"This man is the biggest liquor smuggler"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Letter to the commanding officer of the Western Ontario district from Corporal R. E. R. Webster, March 23, 1926.

p. 310: *Webster warmed . . . an extra dollar*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 211.

p. 311: *fifteen known Perri associates*—LAC, RG 18 vol. 3313A. Letter to the commanding officer from Corporal Webster, March 23, 1926. The list of associates read, verbatim:

Guisto Tobaccharo, Italian, lives with Chas. Austin & wife 3 miles from Hamilton on Caledonia Highway. Was convicted August 1923 of having narcotic drugs illegally in possession. [T]his man is known to be in the employ of Perry.

Mrs. Chas. Austin, "Englishwoman, very much interested in Tobaccharo and travels around with him in car.

Luigi Coruzzi, "said to be a cousin of R. Perry, lives at 102 Caroline St. N. Hamilton. Was convicted of unlawful possession of loaded revolver 16th March 1922.

Nick Curto, Bay St. N. Hamilton

P. Zanglino, 259 Bay St. N.

M. Romeo, 263 McNab St. N. Hamilton

Albert Naticchio,

G. Pasquale,

John de Gregno,

Bruno Attilio, convicted 1922 for breach of Opium & Narcotic drug Act

Harry Barresse, 131 Caroline St. N., Hamilton, arrested for shop-breaking and theft. Is a chauffeur by trade.

Mike Curmo,

Bordanaro,

Restivo,

Joe Napolitano, Grocer, of Hagersville.

p. 311: *American authorities were fairly sure*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Letter to Zeno Fritz, April 24, 1928.

#### CHAPTER 21: STUPEFACENTI—NARCOTICS

p. 312: *"[we] are in possession of evidence showing"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Letter to Superintendent H. M. Newson from U.S. attorney in the western district of Pennsylvania, April 19, 1928.

p. 312: *"the first we have heard of Rocco Perry being engaged in the narcotic drug traffic"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Letter from Inspector C. D. LaNauze to Zeno Fritz, assistant U.S. attorney in Pittsburgh, April 24, 1928.

p. 313: *"How much better can we stand prosperity"*—*Globe*, June 19, 1929.

p. 313: *Frank Zaneth was certainly prospering*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 107–28. Dubro and Rowland give a full account of the forgery case involving Frank Wise and Flavio.

p. 313: *"He is one of the best officers"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1, 216. Letter from F. W. Griffiths.

p. 313–14: *Flavio Masi . . . suspected of selling drugs*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-18, box B211609. Miller's report, October 18, 1922.

p. 314: *"There is nothing this man cannot 'Tackle'"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 1, 218.

p. 314: *By June of 1929, Zaneth was working to build drug connections*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 215.

p. 315: *Tony Defalco, who hung out*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 11, 1929. Detailed account of testimony from Zaneth.

p. 315: *a poolroom and gambling hangout*—*Toronto Daily Star*, September 23, 1929.

p. 315: *"Don't go to Defalco anymore"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 11, 1929.

p. 315–16: *several of his young male relatives were Perri employees*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 217.

p. 316: *the "big gun" in narcotics and "drives very expensive cars"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Letter to O division commander from Zaneth, June 15, 1929.

p. 317: *"It would appear from recent information"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Report from G. L. Jennings, June 15, 1929.

- p. 317: *Zaneth made the hour-and-a-half drive*—LAC RG 18, vol. 3313A. Report from Detective Sergeant H. Darling, June 18, 1929.
- p. 317: *two simultaneous raids*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 133.
- p. 318: *having slept hardly at all*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 11, 1929. Testimony from Zaneth.
- p. 318: *\$1,010 in his pockets and six different kinds of ammunition*—*Mail and Empire*, August 15, 1930.
- p. 319: *“a certain Negro, by the name of Gordon Goins”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. This account and all subsequent quotes on this date are from Zaneth’s report, July 8, 1929.
- p. 320: *dressed in the pinstripe suit and pearl-grey fedora of the 1920s mobster*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 160. Dubro and Rowland described this as a typical costume for Zaneth when he was undercover in the drug world.
- p. 326: *“Tony Ross, Frank Ross”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth’s report, July 8, 1929.
- p. 327: *“I might have been over zealous”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth’s report, July 8, 1929.
- p. 327: *“This man is, as you know, exceedingly alert”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Memo from LaNauze to the commissioner, July 11, 1929.
- p. 327: *Italiano . . . was said to be bitter about it*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 219.
- p. 327: *Helen Groves*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth’s report from February 27, 1930, lists her name as Ethel, but from descriptions in *Undercover*, subsequent reports appear to give her name as Helen.
- p. 327: *the wife of a fruit dealer and known Black Hand extortionist*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-26-2, file 18-9, box B211609. The name of Frada came up during the investigation into the 1922 murder of Mike Lobosco. Frada was said to be a fruit dealer in Thorold who held Black Hand meetings at his house on Chapel Street every Saturday night.
- p. 328: *“What a fine friend Rocco Perri turned out to be”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth’s report, February 27, 1930.
- p. 328: *Curwood contacted Zaneth*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Memo from Zaneth to the commanding officer, July 15, 1929.
- p. 329: *“Rocco Perri is the leader of the drug ring”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Memo from LaNauze to the commissioner, July 24, 1929.
- p. 330: *“Thank you very much for having straightened up”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Memo from W. W. Watson to the director of the RCMP’s criminal investigation branch in Ottawa, August 1, 1929.
- p. 331: *“I was taken by surprise”* and *“wise up to this scheme”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Memo from Zaneth to the commanding officer, July 31, 1929.

p. 331: *Zaneth's commander had advanced him \$660*—LAC, RG 29, vol. 230.

p. 331: *"As you may have gathered"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. LaNauze addition to the commissioner at the end of Zaneth's memo to the commanding officer, July 31, 1929.

## CHAPTER 22: CONFIDENZA—TRUST

p. 333: *"I'm glad I'm through"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 1, 1929.

p. 334: *"I did not feel like paying"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Personal and secret memo from Zaneth to the commanding officer, August 9, 1929.

p. 336: *"takin' it on the lam"*—Dennis E. Hoffman, *Scarface Al and the Crime Crusaders: Chicago's Private War Against Capone* (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1993), 151–52. The book suggests that the Garage Café had not existed before February 5, 1930, but Zaneth's report of visiting it and speaking to Horan and Constantino in August 1929 proves otherwise.

p. 337: *"when the pinch comes"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Personal and secret memo from Zaneth to the commanding officer, August 9, 1929.

p. 337: *"I am not going to string you along"* and *"beat time"* and *"the Informant was not feeling up to the mark"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Personal and secret memo from Zaneth to the commanding officer, August 17, 1929.

p. 338: *"very surprised"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Memo from Zaneth to the commanding officer, August 22, 1929.

p. 338: *"in a good frame of mind"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Memo from G. L. Jennings to the commissioner, August 23, 1929.

p. 338: *"turned him loose in Montreal"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Memo from Zaneth to the commanding officer, August 27, 1929.

p. 339: *"They are making certain that"* and *"I am convinced"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Memo from Zaneth to the commanding officer, August 27, 1929.

p. 339: *Saturday afternoon, August 31, Zaneth was at the wheel*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Details of this trip come from Zaneth's report to the commanding officer, September 9, 1929.

p. 341: *"Italian friends of theirs"* and *"I knew perfectly well"* and *"The negro who guarded it gave me the high sign"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth's report to the commanding officer, September 9, 1929.

p. 343: *"to trail me, watch my actions and see"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth's report to the commanding officer, September 9, 1929.

p. 343: *doing his best to ensure Curwood stayed out*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Jennings's note to the commissioner at the end of Zaneth's report, September 9, 1929.

p. 343: *"a splendid rendezvous for underworld characters"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth referred to "the Market Hotel on York Street," but Murphy was the proprietor of the Athletic Hotel in Market Square, which was flanked by York Street. It's likely Zaneth simply confused the names in his report to the commanding officer, September 14, 1929.

p. 344: *Pat Hays*—Zaneth referred to "Mat Hayes" several times in his reports midway through his investigation, but by the end, Zaneth was calling him Pat Hays. I have taken that to be a correction and have used it throughout.

p. 344: *"the biggest man in Ontario"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth's report to the commanding officer, September 14, 1929.

p. 345: *"Curwood didn't enter into it in any way"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth's report, September 20, 1929.

p. 346: *"If it is at all possible"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth's report, September 20, 1929.

p. 346: *a plain brown-leather suitcase*—*Toronto Daily Star*, September 24, 1929.

p. 346: *each package containing 110 one-dollar cubes of morphine*—*Globe*, September 28, 1929. There is somewhat conflicting evidence. The *Toronto Daily Star* story talked about 100 cubes to a package and a cache of \$3,300, while the *Globe* talked about 110 cubes to a package and a cache of \$3,500 (which is poor math).

p. 347: *who had been living in Italiano's house*—*Mail and Empire*, August 15, 1930.

p. 347: *"They seemed cold and uninterested"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth's report, September 25, 1929.

p. 347: *"After his appearance in court on Monday"* and the three quotes that follow—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Memo to the commissioner from Jennings, added to the bottom of Zaneth's September 25, 1929, report.

p. 348: *"There is no doubt this is the cleverest gang"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth's report, September 25, 1929.

## CHAPTER 23: AGGUATO—AMBUSH

p. 349: *A new RCMP informant named Pietro Licastro and "furnished Roma with sufficient funds"*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 246.

p. 350: *"I have never done anyone a bad turn in my life"*—*Hush*, August 21, 1930.

p. 350: *"strong man"*—*Hush*, October 17, 1929.

- p. 350: *"upsetting the applecart"* and *"I can't afford to hand out whisky"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.
- p. 350–51: *"staggering under the weight"*—*Globe*, September 14, 1929.
- p. 351: *"orgy of speculation"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 3, 1929.
- p. 351: *"the most terrifying stampede"*—*Globe*, October 25, 1929.
- p. 351: *"blind panic"*—*Globe*, October 30, 1929.
- p. 351: *"He is to be detailed entirely to this investigation"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A, 106. Letter from Superintendent Douglas to the commander of the O division, November 4, 1929.
- p. 352: *Tony Roma seemed to be a crucial cog . . . Zaneth tracked sightings of him*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 149–55. The full details of Zaneth's pursuit of Tony Roma can be found here.
- p. 352: *One of Zaneth's strengths*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 249.
- p. 353: *"nothing in this world"*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 152.
- p. 353: *Tony Roma kept running*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 155. Dubro and Rowland state that Zaneth got Roma after searching for eight years. Roma was convicted of three charges of selling morphine and cocaine, and one count of possession; he was sentenced to two years in prison.
- p. 353: *J.P. Scott reported*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Extract of communication to the commissioner, October 24, 1929. See also *Toronto Daily Star*, December 14, 1929 (passenger train reference).
- p. 353: *drugs were coming from the United States by air*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Corporal Webster's report, February 12, 1930.
- p. 353: *the Perri gang was getting drugs shipped in tins*—LAC RG 18, vol. 3313A. Webster's report, March 12, 1930.
- p. 353: *more like a "yarn"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Mathewson's report, February 24, 1932.
- p. 353: *probably including the New York*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.
- p. 354: *"Legs told me"*—*Hush*, November 27, 1930.
- p. 354: *at least one Toronto society doctor*—*Hush*, October 16, 1930.
- p. 354: *wives and children went hungry*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.
- p. 355: *into dialects*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 18, 1930.
- p. 355: *"She could not fit in"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.
- p. 355: *fimmina*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 131.

- p. 355: *“overbearing”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.
- p. 355: *fear and intimidation*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.
- p. 355: *Bessie confided to Mae Rosen*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Report on the Bessie Perri murder investigation by Inspector John Miller, August 19, 1930.
- p. 356: *\$26 million worth*—*Globe*, November 12, 1927.
- p. 356: *a beefed-up U.S. Coast Guard had mad it harder for the smaller*—*Hunt, Booze, Boats and Billions*, 249.
- p. 356: *“a giant combine of Great Lakes rum runners”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, June 13, 1929.
- p. 356: *Lake Ontario*—*Hunt, Booze, Boats and Billions*, 251. See also *Toronto Daily Star*, June 13, 1929, which mentions Lake Erie and Lake Huron. The addition of Lake Ontario comes from *Booze, Boats and Billions*.
- p. 356: *The following month, the Coast Guard . . . five thousand rounds*—*Hunt, Booze, Boats and Billions*, 248.
- p. 357: *“The amateurs are out now”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 14, 1930.
- p. 357: *people like the Staud brothers*—*Hunt, Booze, Boats and Billions*, 262–63.
- p. 357: *Ross . . . had developed into a competitor*—Milford Smith letter, December 29, 1930, Hamilton Public Library, Local History and Archives, Milford Smith collection.
- p. 358: *Rocco’s sister Mary*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 20. See also *Toronto Daily Star*, August 18, 1930. The name of Rocco’s sister was given as Maria by Antonio Nicaso, and he does not make the link to Mary Serge; however, a report in the *Toronto Daily Star* pointedly referred to her as Rocco’s sister.
- p. 358: *and her husband, Mike Serge*—Sergi was the Calabrian spelling of this name, but in the Hamilton and Toronto papers, as well as legal documents, it was spelled Serge. I’ve left it that way to make the link to Rocco’s use of the alias “Francisco Serge” in the Gogo shooting incident more apparent.
- p. 358: *they used the kitchen stove*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 132.
- p. 358: *robbed them of ten thousand dollars*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 16, 1930.
- p. 359: *Rumbold had been involved in bootlegging and narcotics*—Archives of Ontario, RG-23-50-2, microfilm 40-187.
- p. 359: *he had come to Hamilton for a meeting*—*Toronto Daily Star*, July 25, 1930.
- p. 359: *As he motored along, someone took aim and “He has been sick”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 16, 1930.
- p. 360: *she told her friend*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Report by Miller on the Bessie Perri murder investigation, August 19, 1930.

p. 360–61: “*haggard and worn*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 14, 1930. See also Milford Smith letter, December 29, 1930.

p. 361: *Frank Zaneth received*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth’s letter, March 25, 1931.

p. 361: “*go to the law*”—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3313A. Zaneth’s report, March 25, 1931.

p. 362: *Tony Marini*—There was much confusion about this man. The papers called him Tony Maranto (*Hamilton Spectator*), Tony Marini (*Toronto Daily Star*) and Tony Maria (*Toronto Evening Telegram*). Meanwhile, the OPP thought the man was Mike Perri, but he was at 166 Bay Street South that night.

p. 362: “*where he would be more comfortable*”—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Report by Miller on the Bessie Perri murder investigation, August 14, 1930.

p. 362: *He told Bessie that she looked beautiful*—*Toronto Daily Star*, Athol Gow interview, August 16, 1930. These are Rocco’s recollections of what occurred, which means they may be fabrications, although Mary Serge, who was there, didn’t refute them.

p. 363: *He would go there twice*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Report by Miller, August 14, 1930.

p. 363: “*we used to go there every night*”—Rocco Perri’s testimony at the Bessie Perri murder inquest on September 5, 1930. Inquest transcript from Hamilton police department files.

p. 363: *Mary Latyka*—Sometimes spelled Latika, as by Mathewson in his RCMP report, October 24, 1930.

p. 364: “*I am coming home*”—Mary Latyka’s testimony at the Bessie Perri murder inquest on September 5, 1930. Inquest transcript.

p. 364: *Rocco thought they were likely to lose*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Report by Miller, August 14, 1930.

p. 364: “*Put the light on*”—*Toronto Evening Telegram*, August 14, 1930.

p. 365: “*I had just started . . . I ran towards Bessie*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 14, 1930.

p. 365: “*He was alongside of her*”—Detective Sharpe’s testimony at the Bessie Perri murder inquest on September 5, 1930. Inquest transcript.

p. 366: “*He reacted by trying to grab for her*”—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Report by Miller, August 14, 1930. Like many of the records from this investigation, this report was badly preserved for posterity and is almost illegible in places. In this account, only a few incidental words are in doubt.

p. 366: “*There was a second shot*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 14, 1930.

p. 366–67: “*I thought she had slipped*”—*Toronto Evening Telegram*, August 14, 1930.

p. 367: “*He seemed completely out of his head*”—*Toronto Evening Telegram*, August 14, 1930.



- p. 368: *they bent down and barely missing a tree*—*Hamilton Spectator*, August 14, 1930.
- p. 368: *"They've shot my girl!"*—Testimony from David Robbins at the Bessie Perri murder inquest, September 5, 1930. Inquest transcript. See also *Toronto Daily Star*, April 14, 1930.
- p. 368: *"Rocco seemed awfully scared"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, April 14, 1930.
- p. 368: *"There was a young fellow"*—*Toronto Evening Telegram*, August 14, 1930.
- p. 369: *"tried to lift her"*—Testimony from Rocco Perri at the Bessie Perri murder inquest, September 5, 1930. Inquest transcript.
- p. 369: *"They were all excited and scared"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 14, 1930.

#### CHAPTER 24: DOPO—AFTERMATH

- p. 370: *So, apparently, was Frank Ross*—Milford Smith letter, December 29, 1930.
- p. 370: *"She's gone!"*—*Toronto Evening Telegram*, August 14, 1930.
- p. 370: *"I do not know"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 14, 1930.
- p. 370: *"I am sure they intended to rob her"*—*Toronto Evening Telegram*, August 14, 1930.
- p. 371: *"Gertie, someone killed your mother"* and *"Oh, why did you tell her that?"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 14, 1930.
- p. 371: *"Bessie and I worked together"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 14, 1930.
- p. 371: *"What good is that to me now?"*—*Toronto Evening Telegram*, August 14, 1930.
- p. 371: *"If only I could have Bessie"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 14, 1930.
- p. 371: *"They were after her diamonds"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 16, 1930.
- p. 372: *"I wish I was going with her"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 16, 1930.
- p. 372: *John Miller, sixty-two years old*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 7.
- p. 372: *"From the present outlook"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Miller's report, August 14, 1930.
- p. 373: *Papalia happened to be a cousin*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 262.
- p. 373: *"We do not seem to be able to escape"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Miller's report, August 15, 1930.
- p. 373: *"We are unable to get"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Miller's report, August 15, 1930.
- p. 374: *"My people, the Italian people"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 16, 1930.

- p. 374: "He is so kind to the poor"—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 15, 1930.
- p. 375: "She died as she deserved to die"—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 14, 1930.
- p. 375: "I do not want to be mixed up in this"—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 16, 1930.
- p. 376: "WE SLACKENED UP AFTER BELTING TELEGRAM"—Milford Smith telegram, August 14, 1930, Hamilton Public Library, Milford Smith collection.
- p. 376: "INTERVIEW ROCCO"—Milford Smith telegram, August 14, 1930.
- p. 378: "Close the door tight"—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 18, 1930.
- p. 378: "I might break down"—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 16, 1930.
- p. 379: "Order! Keep that door shut!"—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 18, 1930.
- p. 379: *Anthony Marando*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*. Dubro and Rowland give the spelling as Tony Moranda.
- p. 379 "Hush!"—*Toronto Evening Telegram*, August 18, 1930.
- p. 379: "I never saw so many people"—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 151. See also Luigi Malafarina, *LA 'Ndrangheta* (Rome: Gangemi Editore, 1986), 184–86.
- p. 380: "Get it out of here!"—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 18, 1930. Much of the most vivid and thorough observation of the day came from *Star* writer Frederick Griffin.
- p. 380: "I have never seen anything so pitifully terrible"—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 18, 1930.
- p. 381: *Charlie Bordonaro*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 143.
- p. 381: "Where is Lillian?"—*Toronto Evening Telegram*, August 18, 1930.
- p. 381: "And without looking over them"—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Miller's report, September 5, 1930.
- p. 383: *to[o] impatient*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Miller's report, September 5, 1930 (his misspelling of "too").
- p. 383: "he has good reason"—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Miller's report, August 19, 1930.
- p. 383: *Leo's own husband, Joe Leo, had disappeared*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 287. The OPP files indicate Joe Leo also went by the name "Tim George," but Dubro and Rowland say that it may have been "George Teme." See also Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 155. Nicaso says Joe's real name was something entirely different—Giuseppe Pennestri (no source given). Nicaso also gives Jessie Leo's real name as Maria Vincentia Rossetti.
- p. 383–84: "my woman and the money"—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 287. This source spends a bit more time on the Joe Leo mystery.

- p. 384: *"One lead after another"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Miller's report, August 22, 1930.
- p. 384: *"Many of the above"*—Archives of Ontario, RG 23-50-2, microfilm 40-189. Miller's report, August 28, 1930.
- p. 385: *Frank Ross stored his car*—Milford Smith letter, December 29, 1930.
- p. 385: *Handwritten on legal-sized foolscap*—*Hamilton Spectator*, December 5, 1998.
- p. 386: *Jessie Leo arrived from Sudbury*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 1, 1930.

#### CHAPTER 25: CAMBIAMENTO—UPHEAVAL

- p. 389: *"Writs innumerable"*—*Hush*, November 27, 1930.
- p. 389: *Hatch & McGuinness sued Rocco*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 3, 1930.
- p. 389: *one by a Toronto man named Charles Calarco*—*Hamilton Spectator*, December 18, 1930.
- p. 390: *one was Henry Corti*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 3, 1931.
- p. 390: *"It's a lie!"*—*Hamilton Spectator*, November 4, 1930.
- p. 390: *Charles W. Bell successfully argued*—*Toronto Daily Star*, January 8, 1932.
- p. 390: *"a conspiracy to violate the laws"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 25, 1931.
- p. 391: *"How should I know"*—*The Sudbury Star*, November 1, 1930. Quoted via *Hush*, November 13, 1930.
- p. 391: *"They know more about it than I do"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 1, 1930.
- p. 391: *"I will always be single"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 4, 1930.
- p. 391: *inviting Mike Serge's brother Tony to live there with his wife*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 156.
- p. 391: *Rosario Carboni, to buy up land*—*Toronto Daily Star*, May 27, 1931.
- p. 391: *Then he paid for a new iron fence*—*Toronto Daily Star*, August 13, 1931.
- p. 392: *averaged forty-five weeks*—Weaver, *Hamilton*, 131.
- p. 392: *"Times are very bad"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, November 4, 1930.
- p. 392: *One example, discovered by police*—*Toronto Daily Star*, October 6, 1932.
- p. 393: *"one of the barons of the Montreal underworld"*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 291, citing Jean-Pierre Charbonneau, *The Canadian Connection* (Optimum, 1976).
- p. 393: *living alone and occasionally eating in the RCMP mess*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839.

- p. 393–94: *watching pro wrestling*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 158.
- p. 394: *“The conspirators may repent and stop”*—Royal Canadian Mounted Police Quarterly (1937), 239. Zaneth quotes from the ruling of J. A. Brett in *R. v. Aspinall* (1876) 2 Q.B.D., 58.
- p. 394: *The proof that ultimately tied Harry Davis*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 182–84.
- p. 395: *Zaneth put together a complete brief and “Only Staff Sergeant Zaneth’s experience and devotion”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O281, part 1.
- p. 395: *an investigation that led to the arrest, five months later, of Davis’s main partner, Pincus Brecher*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 186–92.
- p. 395: *Commissioner MacBrien created a new rank*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O281, part 1.
- p. 395: *“He is . . . one of the outstanding detectives of the Force”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O281, part 1.
- p. 396: *but not bootlegging*—Faith, *Bronfmans*, 92–93.
- p. 396: *20 percent of American spirits consumption*—Faith, *Bronfmans*, 92.
- p. 396: *5 Crown would be the biggest*—Faith, *Bronfmans*, 105.
- p. 397: *“destroy everything”*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 202.
- p. 397: *“Enough incriminating evidence was found”*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 201.
- p. 397: *but one account*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 207.
- p. 397: *what Zaneth later told a friend*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*. According to Dubro and Rowland, this friend was John Marrett, who apparently worked with Zaneth after he retired from the RCMP. The story emerged in an interview conducted by Dubro.
- p. 398: *“This affair,” he said, “has indications of being”*—Peter C. Newman, *King of the Castle: The Making of a Dynasty—Seagram’s and the Bronfman Empire*, 118.
- p. 398: *forcing the press to sit in the jury box*—Newman, *King of the Castle*, 119.
- p. 398: *Zaneth travelled to New York*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 219.
- p. 399: *“We proved an ‘agreement’”*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 224.
- p. 399: *“the cold, blue eyes of a killer”*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 303. The description was made by her nephew, Harry Gold.
- p. 399: *“Very good-looking but greedy”*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 304.
- p. 399: *before long Annie had moved in*—Annie was listed on the 1935 voting register as the maid at 166 Bay Street South in Hamilton.
- p. 400: *Ford and Dodge coupes*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6089-1.

- p. 400: *craps and horses and thirty dollars in debt*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087, 288.
- p. 400: *"A smooth duck"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087, 287.
- p. 401: *gambling equipment and parts for an illegal still*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 120.
- p. 401: *"short Jewish man with glasses"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 97. Armaly gave three statements to the police. In the first, he said this man was Milton Goldhart, but Goldhart disputed Armaly's version, and in a subsequent interrogation, Armaly remembered the short Jewish man with glasses.
- p. 401: *"best man in the alcohol racket"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6089-1.
- p. 402: *"birds"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6089-1.
- p. 402: *"auntie and uncle"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 232-91. Zaneth's interrogation of David Armaly.
- p. 402: *he went to Anne Newman*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 13, 37. Goldhart's statement to the police.
- p. 402: *The first significant hitch*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 13, 39-41. Goldhart's statement to the police.
- p. 403: *"The still put me out of business"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 13, 41. Goldhart's statement to the police.
- p. 403: *the Black Hand leader he'd worked with before*—Milford Smith noted in a timeline of events he compiled that Rocco and Taglierino ran a gambling joint over Levinson's shoe store. Smith placed this store on James Street North in Hamilton, but the 1922 Vernon's *City of Hamilton Directory* puts it at 26 King Street West, on the north side near James Street. He sometimes payed a Detroit dealer to come up and run craps games, as he did on August 1, 1930. The Milford Smith timeline, donated along with other documents to the Hamilton Public Library, seems to have gone missing since a version was printed at the back of Nicaso's 2004 book, *Rocco Perri*.
- p. 403: *"In the first place there must be"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, January 8, 1934.
- p. 403-04: *Rocco began offering more money*—*Toronto Daily Star*, January 11, 1939.
- p. 404: *shaking down others with the help of criminals like John (The Bug) Brown and Donald (Mickey) McDonald*—*Toronto Daily Star*, January 11, 1939. See also *Toronto Daily Star*, October 28, 1939. In May 1939, Donald (Mickey) McDonald was convicted and sentenced to hang for the murder of a wealthy Toronto bookmaker named James Windsor. That murder was considered one of the flashpoints of a bookmaking war that had been instigated by Rocco's expansionary push in the late 1930s. John (The Bug) Brown was not obviously involved in the James Windsor murder, but he had been previously bailed out of jail by Rocco, and after McDonald's successful appeal of his murder conviction, he was used as a witness to help overturn the guilty verdict. Donald (Mickey) McDonald would go on to become, for a time, Canada's "Public Enemy No. 1."

- p. 404: *"They're trying to get me!"—Toronto Daily Star, March 17, 1938.*
- p. 405: *an explosion tore through the veranda—Hamilton Spectator, March 21, 1938.*
- p. 405: *"I had a headache"—Toronto Daily Star, March 21, 1938.*
- p. 405–06: *John Marrett, a man who knew Zaneth—Dubro and Rowland, Undercover, 159.*
- p. 406: *"I have the honour respectfully to request"—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 2, 16. Memo from Zaneth to the commanding officer, May 18, 1934.*
- p. 406: *"I have the honour to request that I be furnished"—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 2, 23. Memo from Zaneth to the commanding officer, September 4, 1934.*
- p. 407: *"I trust this application will receive"—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 2, 37. Memo from Zaneth to the commissioner, June 17, 1935,*
- p. 407: *"The Commissioner does not approve"—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 2, 39. Memo to the commanding officer of the C division, June 20, 1935.*
- p. 407: *"For The Perusal"—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 2, 65. Letter from Zaneth to the commanding officer, April 11, 1938.*
- p. 407: *"would constitute an injustice"—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 2, 66. Letter from Zaneth to the commanding officer, April 11, 1938.*
- p. 407: *Commissioner Wood . . . whose father—Elle Andra-Warner, The Mounties: Tales of Adventure and Danger from the Early Days, (Surrey: Heritage House Publishing, 2009), 81. His full name was Zachary Taylor Wood. See also Dictionary of Canadian Biography, [http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/wood\\_zachary\\_taylor\\_14E.html](http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/wood_zachary_taylor_14E.html).*
- p. 408: *"Can Inspector Zaneth name"—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O281, part 2, 70. Letter from S. T. Wood to the commanding officer, April 16, 1938.*
- p. 408: *Rocco had gotten hints—Hamilton Spectator, December 1, 1938.*
- p. 408: *John Rosso's house—Toronto Daily Star, November 30, 1938. The Star says it was Frank Rossi, while the Hamilton Spectator says John Rosso and King of the Mob says John Russo.*
- p. 409: *"Next I remember"—Toronto Daily Star, November 30, 1938.*
- p. 409: *"I saw the fire start all around me"—Hamilton Spectator, November 30, 1938.*
- p. 409: *"pineapple"—Toronto Daily Star, November 30, 1938.*
- p. 409: *Agro was . . . a "shrewd and well-educated Italian"—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3563. Information on Agro came from a secret federal government memorandum sent on August 10, 1940.*
- p. 410: *"I am okay"—Hamilton Spectator, November 30, 1938.*
- p. 411: *Stuart Wood sent a personal note—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file 0284, part 2, 84.*

p. 411: *“any inquiry or investigation into matters”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 3, 545. Previously, on July 18, 1938, he had been authorized to conduct investigations into the excise under Section 67 of the Excise Act.

CHAPTER 26: COSPIRAZIONE—CONSPIRACY

p. 412: *“OPEN FOR BUSINESS”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 13, 27.

p. 412: *“friends”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 321–33.

p. 413: *He was arrested on May 26*—*Toronto Daily Star*, May 26, 1939.

p. 413: *Bernat was making noises about calling the RCMP*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 97. Zaneth interrogation of David Armaly, September 18, 1939.

p. 414: *to say how “gratifying” it was*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 345. Letter from Scully to S. T. Wood, June 28, 1939.

p. 414: *David Armaly could no longer hold back his moral horses*—*Windsor Daily Star*, January 17, 1940. Previous books have put Armaly’s sudden confession down to the discovery of a red notebook, apparently belonging to Sam Miller. It contained Armaly’s phone number, which was thought to have led police to him and prompted his confession. But the only red notebook referenced in RCMP files around the case belonged to Sam Motruk, and it was discovered on July 14, 1939, at least ten days after Zaneth’s interrogations began following Armaly’s confession. In fact, court testimony made clear that Armaly’s confession was voluntary; he came to them. It happened immediately after the RCMP’s investigation of the Madden case at the Windsor border and Bernat’s threat to talk.

p. 414: *lit a Philip Morris cigarette*—LAC, RG 10, vol. 10, 74. In a May 1940 letter to Victor Bernat, Armaly mentioned that he smoked Philip Morris cigarettes. I’m proposing that he would have needed one here.

p. 414: *it was Zaneth who gave the head of customs the bad news*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 344. Memo from Sergeant A. Downs, June 30, 1939.

p. 414: *“What is your name in full?”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 232–91. All quotes from Zaneth’s interrogation of Armaly come from this source.

p. 416: *“This lawyer does not appear”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 340. Letter from Zaneth to E. W. Bavin, July 7, 1939.

p. 416: *“I am now loading two cars each”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6089-1, 122.

p. 416: *“the delicate nature of this enquiry”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 336. Memo from Zaneth to the commanding officer of the O division, July 22, 1939.

p. 417: *“a dandy Dan with spectacles”*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 324.

- p. 417: *"Do you know Dave Armaly of Windsor?"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 320. All quotes from the Zaneth interrogation of Milton Goldhart, July 24, 1939.
- p. 420: *"directly connected"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 192. Zaneth's memo to the commanding officer, July 26, 1939.
- p. 421: *Tilley charged five hundred dollars a day*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 177. Memo from A. Downs, undated.
- p. 421: *only three hundred a day*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 317.
- p. 421: *"It seems to me," he began, "that further investigations"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 170. Letter to Zaneth from Phelan, August 7, 1939.
- p. 422: *"It will be noted"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 152. Letter to Phelan from F. W. Schutz, August 21, 1939. The article was mostly a reprise of Zaneth's 1937 *RCMP Quarterly* article, updated with references to a few recent cases.
- p. 422: *concern was building*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 151. Memo to the commissioner from Schutz, August 21, 1939.
- p. 423: *Phelan saw it exactly the other way around*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 87. Letter to Schutz from Phelan, August 22, 1939.
- p. 423: *"Dear Mr. Zaneth"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 79. Letter to Zaneth from Phelan, August 22, 1939.
- p. 423: *"place before him our opinion"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 78. Memo to the commissioner from Schutz, August 26, 1939.
- p. 424: *"As you are aware," he wrote, "we are fully seized"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 78. Memo to the commissioner from Schutz, August 26, 1939.
- p. 424: *"it is only natural that we would be guided"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 76. Memo to H. D. Scully from R. R. Tait, August 28, 1939.
- p. 425: *at the corner of Bathurst and Nina*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 195–96. Memos to the commanding officer from Sergeant F. E. Smith and Constable H. S. Bateman, September 2, 1939. The police reports don't mention keeping 14 Wells Hill under surveillance, but it's a reasonable assumption given how close to that address Rocco and Anne were arrested.
- p. 425: *"Warrants to apprehend"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 42. Telegram to the commissioner from Zaneth, August 30, 1939.
- p. 425: *"Let's talk about the war"*—*Toronto Evening Telegram*, September 1, 1939.
- p. 426: *"Canada is my country"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, September 1, 1939.
- p. 426: *in memos, pressed Phelan*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 7.
- p. 427: *mail they wanted to send had to be given*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 186. Memo from A. Downs, September 6, 1939.



- p. 427: *"violent furor"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 21. Memo to the commissioner from Superintendent Kemp, September 1, 1939.
- p. 427: *"through intimidation or bribery"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 192. Memo to the commanding officer from Zaneth, September 4, 1939.
- p. 427: *"self-confident" attitude*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-5, 30. Memo to Scully from Tait, September 2, 1939.
- p. 428: *agreed to two main charges under Section 573*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 169. Memo to the commissioner from Kemp, September 7, 1939. See also LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 155. Memo to Staff Sergeant Archer from Phelan, September 13, 1939.
- p. 428: *bribing a customs official, or accepting a bribe*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 143.
- p. 428: *Zaneth involved himself*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 164. Memo to Superintendent Day from Zaneth, September 8, 1939.
- p. 428: *"I think the Court at the trial"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 154. Memo to Archer from Phelan, September 13, 1939,
- p. 428: *"very much disturbed"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 134. Report by Detective Inspector W. Mortimer, September 16, 1939.
- p. 429: *"in every minute detail"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 134. Report by Mortimer, September 16, 1939.
- p. 429: *twenty-two points of concern*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 130. Memo to Zaneth from Downs, September 18, 1939.
- p. 429: *Zaneth promised to do more*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 56. Memo for the detective chief inspector from Zaneth, September 21, 1939.
- p. 429: *a six-page memorandum*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 47. Memo for the detective chief inspector from Zaneth, September 22, 1939.
- p. 430: *"a prolonged holiday from Canada"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 147. Memo to Scully from Tait, September 16, 1939.
- p. 430: *a stern note*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 149. Memo from Schutz, September 15, 1939.
- p. 430: *"bumped off"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 56. Memo for the detective chief inspector from Zaneth, September 21, 1939.
- p. 430: *"The whole situation is very disquieting"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 37. Report to G. D. Conant, attorney general of Ontario, from the deputy minister of justice.
- p. 430: *they drove him into Toronto*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-6, 15. Report to the commanding officer from Archer, September 26, 1939.
- p. 430: *"would seriously inconvenience us"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-7, 46. Memo to the commissioner from Kemp, November 21, 1939.

- p. 431: *Anne Newman was trying to reach him*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-7, 44. Memo for the commanding officer from Tait, November 22, 1939.
- p. 431: *"a nervous breakdown"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 4, 15–16.
- p. 431: *"no suggestion of hysteria"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 4, 19. Medical report by C. D. T. Mundell, M.D., December 7, 1939.
- p. 431: *"I am still very weak"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 2, 106. Note to "My dear Blake" from Zaneth, December 30, 1939.
- p. 432: *"It almost seems a pity"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-8, 136. Memo to the commissioner from H. H. Ellis, January 3, 1940.
- p. 433: *"Armaly did exceedingly well"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-8, 80. Report to the commanding officer of the O division from Archer, January 17, 1940.
- p. 433: *"You're also dragging your wife into this?"*—*Windsor Daily Star*, January 17, 1940.
- p. 433: *"the biggest frame-up"*—*Toronto Daily Star*, January 22, 1940.
- p. 433: *"It must be admitted"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-8, 81. Report to the commanding officer of the O division from Archer, January 17, 1940.
- p. 434: *"Should a dismissal result"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-8, 74. Report to the commanding officer from Archer, January 20, 1940.
- p. 434: *"return to your families"* and *"The amazing David Armaly"*—*Windsor Daily Star*, January 24, 1940.
- p. 434: *"Is there much in the Criminal Code"*—*Globe and Mail*, January 24, 1940. Quoted in the *Windsor Daily Star*, January 25, 1940, as "Is there much short of everything in the Criminal Code of which you have not been guilty?"
- p. 434: *"I cannot understand"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-8, 52. Report to the commanding officer from Archer, January 24, 1940.
- p. 435: *"I'll get you, you son of a bitch!"*—*Windsor Daily Star*, January 26, 1940. Via LAC, RG 18, vol. 11, 121.
- p. 435: *"disgruntled"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-9, 129. Report to the commanding officer from Archer, February 6, 1940.
- p. 436: *"the evidence of an accomplice"*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 6087-9, 84. Report to the commanding officer from Archer, February 13, 1940.

## CHAPTER 27: PRIGIONIERO—CAPTIVE

- p. 439: “ready to move into action”—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3563. Letter from S. T. Wood to the minister of justice, May 17, 1940.
- p. 439: “The persons whose names”—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3563. Letter from N. A. Robertson, chairman to Lapointe, minister of justice and attorney general for Canada, May 29, 1940.
- p. 439: *And there was Rocco’s name*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3563.
- p. 439: *At about 2:30 p.m. and just before supper time*—Canada Press report, June 12, 1940.
- p. 440: *seventy-seven men and six hundred men*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3563.
- p. 440: *He was picked up at 243 Hughson Street North*—LAC, RG 117, vol. 705. Rocco’s “notice of release” states that at the time of internment, he was living at “243 Usson St. Hamilton.” There has never been an Usson Street in Hamilton, so it was probably a misspelling of Hughson. Several of Rocco’s allies lived on the same street at the time.
- p. 441: *Petawawa*—Columbus Centre, “The Internment Camps,” *Italian Canadians as Enemy Aliens: Memories of World War II*,  
[http://www.italiancanadianww2.ca/theme/detail/internment\\_camps](http://www.italiancanadianww2.ca/theme/detail/internment_camps).
- p. 441: *Mike Romeo, Luigi Mascia*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3563. Memo to the interdepartmental committee regarding Charles Bordonaro.
- p. 441: “he is considered to be”—Columbus Centre, *Italian Canadians as Enemy Aliens*,  
<http://www.italiancanadianww2.ca/>. Research on Durso by Louanne Aspillaga.
- p. 442: *Joseph Constantini*—Columbus Centre, “Interview with Gloria Giroux (Costantini)” [daughter of Joseph Costantini], *Italian Canadians as Enemy Aliens*,  
[www.italiancanadianww2.ca/collection/details/icea2011\\_0011\\_0001](http://www.italiancanadianww2.ca/collection/details/icea2011_0011_0001).
- p. 442: *Carlo Scarabelli*—“Memories to Memorial: The Internment of Ottawa’s Italian Canadians during the Second World War: Part 6—Family Memories of Internment: Carlo Scarabelli,” *Il Postino*, July 18, 2012,  
<http://ilpostinocanada.com/uncategorized/memories-to-memorial-part-6>.
- p. 442: “There was a goodness about him”—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 307.
- p. 442: *A story emerged*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 179. Angelo Principe, a Toronto university lecturer and contributor to a book about the internment of Italians, related this story to author Antonio Nicaso, claiming to have witnessed it. It’s more likely, however, that he heard the story, since Principe’s name does not appear among any official list of internees.
- p. 443: “I am shut up in a camp”—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 183. Based on an interview with Rocco’s nephew, Giuseppe.
- p. 443: *he lost his hard-won four-dollar per diem*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 2, 147. Memo to the commanding officer from Zaneth, July 2, 1940.

- p. 443–44: “*I naturally feel*”—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 2, 193. Memo to Assistant Commissioner W. F. W. Hancock from Zaneth, October 27, 1941.
- p. 444: “I am sorry”—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 2, 195. Memo to Zaneth from Hancock, October 28, 1941.
- p. 444: “*conscientious and loyal work*”—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, file O284, part 2, 197. Memo to Zaneth from Wood, November 11, 1941.

## CHAPTER 28: TERMINE—ENDING

- p. 445: “*bought releases*”—Columbus Centre, “Internee List,” *Italian Canadians as Enemy Aliens*, [www.italiancanadianww2.ca/tour/internees](http://www.italiancanadianww2.ca/tour/internees). Website states that Luigi Mascia’s family paid five thousand dollars to have him released, and there were many others.
- p. 445: “*The need for men*”—LAC, RG 18, vol. 3563. Memo to the minister of justice from Wood, February 25, 1942.
- p. 445: P298—Library and Archives, RG 117, vol. 705.
- p. 446: *They melted down the gold into bars and “buttons”*—*Toronto Daily Star*, May 5, 1942.
- p. 446: *she had handled forty-four \$1,000 bills*—*Toronto Daily Star*, May 30, 1942.
- p. 446: *Buffalo’s Stefano Magaddino had taken over*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 184.
- p. 447: *he lived with the Rombergs*—LAC, RG 117, vol. 705.
- p. 447: *cited Rocco in court*—*Globe and Mail*, October 27, 1944.
- p. 447: *he attended a funeral in Hamilton*—*Hamilton Spectator*, April 26, 1944.
- p. 447: *reports of a meeting in Serge’s house*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 185.
- p. 448: “*They instructed him to go to John Street*”—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 186.
- p. 448: “*was in good spirits*”—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 344. These Hamilton police reports seem to have since gone missing.
- p. 488: *Barrett found not much*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 345.
- p. 449: “*I soon sacrificed*”—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 345.
- p. 449: “*A man pointed a gun*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, December 30, 1960.
- p. 449: “*is in a barrel of cement*”—*Toronto Daily Star*, January 29, 1945.
- p. 450: *the Ontario arm of the Magaddino family*—Bill Freeman and Marsha Hewitt, *Their Town: The Mafia, the Media, and the Party Machine* (Toronto: James Lorimer & Company, 1979), 79.

- p. 450: *Giovanni Durso went missing*—*Toronto Daily Star*, September 11, 1944. Previous accounts have said that Durso went missing in December 1945, but newspapers from the time make the September 1944 timeframe very clear.
- p. 450: *on January 15*—*Toronto Daily Star*, January 29, 1945.
- p. 450: *the FBI, who allegedly received tips*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 187.
- p. 450: *“Mexico is a big country”*—Dubro and Rowland, *King of the Mob*, 349.
- p. 450: *This version*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 188.
- p. 450: *“Don’t worry, he’s fine”*—Nicaso, *Rocco Perri*, 187.
- p. 451: *“Where’s Rocco Perri?”*—*Globe and Mail*, February 27, 1946.
- p. 452: *Edith seemed to adore Frank*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 252.
- p. 452: *Battle of Heriot Hill*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 254–57.
- p. 452: *“What is the country of origin”*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 3, 561. Letter and attachment to St. Laurent from Wood, March 31, 1945.
- p. 452: *\$2,720 a year*—LAC, RG 18, vol. 4839, part 3, 572. Minutes from a treasuring board meeting, September 28, 1945. It was signed by A. D. P. Heeney, clerk of the privy council.
- p. 453: *such as the time he’d been attacked by a vicious dog*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 157.
- p. 453: *Zaneth and Edith lived*—Dubro and Rowland, *Undercover*, 262–68.