

Q. Is this what occurs? You have referred to officers obtaining certain evidence. My friend asked you, if an officer received certain information, he would report it. That is correct, is it?—A. Yes.

Q. To whom would he report it?—A. To the officer commanding.

Q. And if he had reason to believe that this particular suspect had goods in his possession which should be seized, he would seize if he had authority?—A. If he was a Customs and Excise officer. If not, he would report to the nearest Customs officer.

Q. If he was not an officer vested with authority to seize, he would immediately report to the nearest officer having authority?—A. Yes.

Q. Is that correct?—A. Yes, to the regular Customs nearby, by telephone or the quickest way.

Q. Then this evidence would be submitted to whom?—A. The result of his investigation would be put in the form of what we call a Crime Report.

Q. He would make it in the form of a report?—A. Which would be sent to the officer commanding the district, and three copies would be sent here, and we would send it to the department concerned.

Q. That would reach the department?—A. Yes.

Q. Then instructions would be issued by the department, after perusing that report, as to whether prosecution should be taken or not?—A. Yes, unless there was a Customs officer, a regular Customs collector or preventive officer on the spot there, who would take over the case and handle it from his own department. Very often where there is a regular Customs officer he would ask for assistance, and we would simply send a man to assist in carrying out whatever work he had, then the Customs officer would take the responsibility of the case.

Q. Then the prosecution would follow on instructions from the particular department involved? Is that correct?—A. Yes.

Q. Then as I understand it you do not make a report to your own department, the Department of Justice at all?—A. No.

Q. Your report is to the particular department involved?—A. Yes.

*By Hon. Mr. Bennett:*

Q. Did I understand you to say you had nothing to do personally, or your department, with that Bisailon case?—A. Personally?

Q. Your department?—A. We have had reports.

Q. That is what I thought. You had reports with respect to Bisailon?—A. Confidential reports.

Q. Of course they will be produced?—A. If the committee says so.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. You will produce them, Mr. Commissioner?—A. If the committee orders them.

HON. MR. STEVENS: They are ordered. That is what I asked for a moment ago. We want all the reports, that is why I asked the Commissioner very particularly if there were any reports he wanted to hold in reserve.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. If this is one you had in mind, I want to say frankly that we want that report, the report regarding Bisailon. You have got that?—A. Yes.

Q. Is it here?—A. Yes.

HON. MR. STEVENS: Let it remain in the custody of the Committee.

*By Mr. Doucet:*

Q. And the Lortie-St. George report as well?—A. Yes, but that is a much older report.