

Q. Now, in the chart you have furnished—just let me have a look at that chart, please. In the chart which you have furnished, you have just given the officers. You do not attempt here to give the names of the officials?—A. Not in organization, you never do.

Q. I suppose those are very readily obtainable?—A. Yes, they are.

Q. Now, did I understand you to say to Mr. Bennett that you had not a list kept as far as you know of complaints that are received, where they are not acted upon?—A. Where they are not acted upon, no. I say that they go to the Chief of the Preventive Service to investigate.

Q. He will be able to tell us whether or not a record of those has been kept and whether when a decision has been arrived at they are abandoned?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Kennedy:*

Q. The regular preventive staff is numbered 104, I believe?—A. Yes.

Q. I understood you to say that smuggling difficulties had been intensified since 1917, since the adoption of the Volstead Act of the United States?—A. That is what they say.

Q. Was there any sharp increase about 1925, or 1924 or 1925? Did it not call for an increase of the staff by sixty or sixty-seven special officers, in addition to the regular 104?—A. That was the feeling, yes.

Q. We may take it that smuggling is steadily on the increase, apparently, that is—A. Well, I would not know that I would take it that way. The way I would take it would be that the staff of the Department was insufficient to cope with it, not that it was increasing, but that we had not sufficient officers to protect the revenue.

Q. Where were those sixty-seven officers located? Were they located in one part of Canada, or on one part of the boundary?—A. The Chief of the Preventive Service will give you more information on that than I can. No, it is not part of my duty to look after that.

Q. Were the original officials appointed by the Civil Service Commission?—A. Some of them, and I think the larger number of them since 1919. But there were some of these men who were there before the Civil Service Commission.

Q. Are there 67 Special Investigators or Preventive Officers, and are they permanent officials?—A. No.

Q. They are just appointed?—A. Their appointments are revocable at any time in the discretion of the Minister. That is in the terms of their employment. They can be dismissed without notice.

*By Mr. Kennedy:*

Q. Who decides upon the necessity for appointing these officials?—A. The Chief of the Staff makes his recommendations.

Q. I suppose the decision as to the termination of their services would be made when the special work for which they had been appointed was done?—A. He would report.

*By Mr. Bell:*

Q. Mr. Farrow, when Rock Island was a notorious locality, why were no preventive officers stationed there?—A. There were officers there always, Mr. Bell.

Q. Why were none of the Mounted Police sent there?—A. The Mounted Police are not authorized to act for the Department unless they are given employment as Customs officers.

Q. I take it that they were charged with the duty of looking after the border, or some portion of it?—A. The Mounted Police.

[Mr. R. R. Farrow.]