

will notice that circular of instructions to all collectors of customs and all other outside officers dealing with seizures, they are instructed there that where a seizure of goods is made of the value of \$200 or more—and that is duty paid value of goods—not for personal use,—they are instructed to take prosecution forthwith without reference to the department.

*By Mr. Bell:*

Q. Who did you say were instructed to do that?—A. Every officer outside, in that meaning.

*By Hon. Mr. Boivin:*

Q. To whom was that memorandum addressed?—A. It was addressed to collectors of customs throughout Canada.

Q. And a sufficient number of copies sent to them to be passed on to their subordinate officers?—A. Every one.

Q. So the entire force were made familiar with the terms of that circular?—A. Absolutely.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. Were they issued to the preventive officers too?—A. Yes.

*By Hon. Mr. Boivin:*

Q. Could you tell the committee offhand about how many officers there are on the regular preventive service staff, and on the special preventive service staff, constituted in virtue of the vote which was passed in the House of Commons last year?—A. If you could let me see that chart on file, perhaps I can tell you. The regular organization for the preventive service provides for 104 officers, including the chief of the staff.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. In all Canada?—A. In all Canada. The number of special officers employed—because they are not appointed—as I recollect it, was 67.

*By Hon. Mr. Boivin:*

Q. Some of whom have since been dismissed?—A. Some of whom have since been cut out.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. Did you bring a list of their names? We asked for that.—A. I think there is an Order of the House for that.

Hon. Mr. BOIVIN: The Order of the House for a list of the names has not yet been passed.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: But the hon. Minister of Customs promised me from his place in the House to give them to me, without passing it.

Hon. Mr. BOIVIN: He promised that he would prepare all that could possibly be prepared. Mr. Stevens will get from the department everything we can possibly give him. I do not want to argue the point now.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: I am just reminding you of your statement.

Hon. Mr. BOIVIN: I recognize that I made the statement, but it was pointed out to me that the utility of the preventive service would be completely destroyed if their names were made public, and insofar as secret officers are concerned I think the objection was well taken. It is true that there are a