

Q. I did suggest it, because you said it was so much work. You bring the files here, and we will do the work, if you are overworked?—A. I did not say I was overworked.

Q. I admit you have a difficult task; you must keep the machinery going, because cases are coming in every day. If it is so difficult, we could look over the files and pick out the ones we want. Do you follow me?—A. Yes, I understand.

Q. Now, we have the report showing what the ultimate actions of the Minister were?—A. Yes.

Q. And you realize how important this is to us, because we are responsible to Parliament. You merely make a report to the Minister and the Minister takes the ultimate action?—A. Yes.

Q. That is clear?—A. Yes.

Q. So we are agreed up to that point?—A. Yes.

Q. Now, having a record as to what you have said of the knowledge of smuggling conditions in Canada, do you keep a file upon which complaints are recorded, or an index of complaints? How do you deal with that in your Department?—A. When I receive a complaint that goods are smuggled at a certain place, or undervalued, I refer it to Mr. Wilson with instructions to investigate.

Q. And I take it you receive a considerable number of anonymous letters in your Department?—A. Sometimes.

Q. There are also a considerable number of people who figure in actions, and get part of the fees for informing?—A. Not so much of that.

Q. You say there are a considerable number?—A. Informers, yes.

Q. So you take the names of the persons who write about the smuggling that goes on at Rock Island, Que., and at Niagara Falls, Ont. A considerable number of letters come to you, that is clear, Mr. Farrow?—A. Yes.

Q. Then there are a class of men who want part of the fines, in *qui tam* actions, and then there are some of your officials themselves?—A. Yes.

Q. Do you keep a record of those various communications so that we can easily inspect them?—A. That would be for those where the seizures are made.

Q. Assuming that no seizures were made, could you produce readily for the Committee the records with respect to these men?—A. They would all go in to Mr. Wilson.

Q. He is the man to talk to?—A. Yes.

Q. If a communication or a letter comes directed to you, as Deputy Minister of Customs, you pass it on to him?—A. Yes.

Q. All right, I will leave it at that. It is a fact that a very considerable number of complaints have been made with respect to conditions prevailing at Niagara Falls, N.Y., and at Niagara Falls, Canada, during the last ten months?—A. I do not have any before me.

Q. They do not come to you personally?—A. Yes, we have one now.

Q. One?—A. Yes.

Q. And with respect to Rock Island conditions, in Quebec?—A. There have always been complaints about that.

Q. Always complaints about Rock Island?—A. Yes.

Q. Well, when I said Niagara Falls, I meant Bridgeburg as well. I included that even in the question?—A. Yes.

Q. Considerable complaints about that locality too?—A. Yes.

Q. Those being well-known border points at which difficulties have arisen for many years in connection with smuggling?—A. Yes.

Q. What would you regard the two most important points—I will take two as the most important points, from the standpoint of smuggling in Canada, Rock Island being one, Niagara Falls, and along the district, being two. Is