

Q. An officer could go along fraudulently for a year without being discovered?—A. I suppose perhaps he could, if the Inspector did not inspect it more frequently.

Q. Still if an officer were collecting considerable sums of money at a given port and did not regularly make his returns, you would discover that by inspecting his weekly reports, would you not?—A. We would ask for it at once.

Q. Do you allow a junior officer—I call them junior officers, because that is what they are—I think you will agree with that?—A. Yes.

Q. Do you allow a junior officer at an outport to deposit Government revenue collected by him or by them, in his or in their own personal account?—A. No.

Q. That is never allowed?—A. No.

Q. How do these officers remit to the Receiver General's account?—A. The sub-collectors remit to the chief port by bank draft, and the chief port remits.

Q. What do you mean?—A. By a bank deposit receipt to the Receiver General, and a draft.

Q. That is, when a junior officer at a port would collect revenue he would deposit it in the nearest bank, if there was a bank there, I presume?—A. He would have to deposit it in the bank authorized by the Department.

Q. He would deposit any money that he secured over \$25?—A. Daily.

Q. If there was no bank there, he would remit that cash to the general port to which he would report, to the collector?—A. He would have to deposit it in some bank authorized by the Department.

Q. To the credit of the Receiver General?—A. No, to his official credit as a sub-collector of Customs.

Q. In a separate account?—A. Absolutely.

Q. Does the bank receive instructions from the Customs Department or some senior officer, regarding these matters?—A. No, I don't think so.

Q. But this junior officer deposits the money to his own credit in a bank?—A. Yes.

Q. But the account is specified as the account of an officer of the Crown?—A. He has an official bank book.

Q. He has an official bank book?—A. Yes, he has an official bank book.

Q. And he has to make returns every week, one to Ottawa and one to the local chief port?—A. That is right.

Q. Are these men in these outports under bond?—A. Every one.

Q. What bond?—A. It depends on the revenue collected.

Q. It varies in different ports? What is the minimum bond?—A. The minimum bond now is \$1,000. That would not be for sub-collectors, you must remember; that would be for truck men. All our officers are bonded.

Q. I mean all officers who would collect revenue at an outport.—A. It would all depend on the revenue, but it would likely be somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Q. If you discovered an officer of the Crown, entrusted with the power of collecting revenue, handling that money in his own account, what would you do with such an officer as a matter of departmental procedure?—A. As a matter of departmental procedure I would report him to the minister for suspension.

Q. Would you consider it a serious infraction of the departmental regulations?—A. I would, if he had not carried out the instructions of the department, yes.

Q. Supposing the sum ran into thousands of dollars, what would you think of him?—A. Deposited in a private bank account?

Q. In his own account.—A. I wouldn't think it possible.

Q. Would you think such a man was a fair subject for promotion to a senior position?—A. No.