

long?—A. I would like you to put it in writing, so that I would know what I am to get.

Hon. Mr. BOIVIN: It will appear in the printed evidence.

The WITNESS: I have not got the printed evidence yet.

*By Hon. Mr. Bennett:*

Q. What I have suggested is not very clear to you?—A. No.

Q. I would like to have a record of the cases that have come to you in the manner you have indicated, for infractions of the Customs Laws of Canada since the first of January, 1926, and for the year 1925?—A. Of infractions?

Q. Indicating only the particulars which are necessary to enable me to understand where they arose, and the persons concerned. Do you follow me?—A. Yes, sir.

Hon. Mr. BOIVIN: And the disposition of the goods, Mr. Bennett?

Hon. Mr. BENNETT: I am coming to that, yes; thank you.

*By Hon. Mr. Bennett:*

Q. Then in the same precis you might indicate what was,—to use the language sometimes used—the fate of the goods in each case. Could you, at the same time, indicate the reports made by your Preventive Officers in each case? You have copies of them, I take it. Could you produce them?—A. We have not copies of them.

Q. Have you not?—A. No.

Q. There is your report to the Minister in each case?—A. Yes.

Q. On this printed form?—A. Yes.

Q. And you will indicate what your report was and what the action of the Minister was in each case?—A. Yes.

Q. Can you produce those? I will ask them for the year 1925 and up to date in 1926?—A. I think we have about 2,500 of them.

Q. As many as that?—A. Yes.

Q. That is a considerable number, but life is all before us, and much of it is behind us. It can be done. It is important, Mr. Farrow. You realize that?—A. I am here to get whatever is asked for, but you must understand it will take considerable time to get it.

Q. We will expedite it if you will produce the original files here and leave them with the Clerk, and we will then determine to what extent we will bother you further with respect to specific cases?—A. I would suggest, Mr. Bennett, that you speak to our General Executive Assistant, Mr. Blair, about this matter, and he could indicate to you just about what it means. He is a lawyer, and he will indicate to you what such a request would mean.

Q. I have not undertaken these duties without realizing what it means to me. I am going to get at the bottom of this, Mr. Farrow, if it takes the rest of my life. I understand these papers are needed in the Department, but I cannot help that. We will have them. You might as well understand that. Let us start fair.—A. Sure.

Q. What we want is the records for the year 1925 and since the 1st of January, 1926 of the cases which have arisen in the Dominion of Canada, where they arose, and what the ultimate action in each case was; do you follow that?—A. Yes.

Q. There is no difficulty in doing that?—A. No, but I understood you wanted all the files brought here.

Q. I do not want them brought here, except to the extent that I want that information?—A. I thought you said you wanted all the files—

[Mr. R. R. Farrow.]