

Q. Have you the instructions that took it off?—A. I can turn up the file on that.

Q. Will you produce it?—A. Yes.

Q. So that, so far as the police force is concerned, there is a detachment of police on the border of Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia, but in Quebec it was removed?—By the order of whom?—A. I do not know, sir.

Q. Oh, yes you do. You should know from whom you got your instructions?—A. I do not think I was in command at that time.

Q. I do not think so either— —A. I cannot say—

Q. But you were the assistant?—A. Yes.

Q. I would like to know; you remember the time?—A. I do not know the reason.

Q. Well, it is since 1921?—A. Oh, yes; it was since then, but I do not know the reason for the move.

Q. That is a matter of high policy about which you know nothing?—A. It might have been a question of economy, or it might have been a question of request.

Q. To what extent has the force been increased on the border along Ontario since that time?—A. They have since then remained about the same.

Q. There has been some increase and some additional men put at some additional points?—A. On the Six Nation Reserve there is an increase there.

Q. The truth was they were not going to have mounted police on the border in Quebec. That is the story?

Mr. BELL: The witness says "yes."

WITNESS: Yes.

Hon. Mr. BENNETT: He and I were old friends. We were together in western Canada years ago.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: We ought to know, and I would suggest that Commissioner Starnes get the necessary authority to withdraw the officers from the Quebec border. You did not do it off your own bat?

WITNESS: There must be some reason for it.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. Never mind the reason, the order. There were an order and instructions given to the force. Will you file those instructions?

Hon. Mr. BENNETT: Give who they were from and to whom they were given. In order to remove any misapprehension, the fact is that you only have an inspector at Montreal and at similar points of any importance, you have a superintendent?

WITNESS: That would not be necessary on account of—

*By Hon. Mr. Bennett:*

Q. I do not ask if it was necessary, it was a fact?—A. I might explain that there are inspectors now in a place where we might put a superintendent, but for the good of the service I would rather have the inspector who is there.

Q. Although he has not the rank of superintendent, the inspector is better fitted for that job for that particular place?—A. Yes, it is a round peg in a square hole.

*By Mr. Elliott:*

Q. At how many points on the border of Quebec have you got mounted police?—A. Only one, and only one man.