

Q. Yes.—A. Not that I know of.

Q. What was the rank of the people there, what did they do at Rock Island?—A. We always had a regular staff there.

Q. How many?—A. I could not say.

Q. Are there reports from them?—A. There would be some.

Q. Can you give me the names of any of them, of the officials you had there?—A. No. It is pretty difficult for me to remember the names of 4,000 or 5,000 employees.

Q. I beg your pardon?—A. It is pretty hard for me to recollect the names or the places of 4,000 employees.

Q. Have you got available records from Rock Island, from any of the people you have had there?—A. Whatever records there are.

Q. Are they among those you are producing?—A. We will produce all the records we have, Mr. Bell.

Q. Are their reports from Rock Island among the ones you are going to produce?—A. I will produce what we have.

Q. Can you not tell at this stage?—A. You cannot expect me to remember whether an officer at Rock Island made a seizure or not.

Q. Are you prepared to say that there are reports from Rock Island?—A. Not unless I examine the records.

Mr. DONAGHY: We are wasting time on this. Let us get along.

Mr. BELL: We will get along when I finish my questions.

*By Mr. Bell:*

Q. You say that for some forty years of your experience there has been a practice of making settlement, where goods were brought in with the duty not properly paid or not paid at all?—A. I don't think I used the word "settlements," Mr. Bell.

Q. What do you prefer instead?—A. Decisions of the Minister.

Q. Which resulted in the payment of money which ought to have been paid for duty; is that correct?—A. Yes.

Q. During that time is it right to say that there was repeated smuggling by people who were known to the Department to make it their business?—A. I would not say that.

Q. You can tell me whether it is so or not?—A. Mr. Wilson can tell you better than I can.

Q. I thought the Customs seizures were in your Department?—A. They are.

Q. Can you not tell me whether in cases of seizures, or adjustments if you do not like the word settlements, the names of certain people did not appear repeatedly?—A. I have a knowledge of some such.

Q. And that practice in their cases existed week after week, month after month, and year after year; that is right, is it not?—A. I would not say that.

Q. At least repeatedly for a long time; you would say that, would you not?—A. I would only say what I know.

Q. Is it not the case that the records, as you recall them, will show that there were people engaged in the business of smuggling who were caught time and again?—A. I have a knowledge of one case, where a man had three seizures made against him.

Q. Can you give us any idea within what length of time those three seizures occurred?—A. No.

Q. Can you tell us this at any rate; in all these forty years, when there were people smuggling to a very large extent, I suppose it ran sometimes into hundreds of thousands of dollars, didn't it?—A. There is one point, Mr. Bell, that I want to make clear to you; it is that I had nothing to do with seizures prior to 1919.

[Mr. R. R. Farrow.]