

number of officers who are recognized as such publicly, and there is no objection to giving their names; no objection to giving the number, the amount paid and all possible information of that kind. I will confer with Mr. Stevens.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Why cannot this committee have the names?

Hon. Mr. BOIVIN: As confidential information I would have no objection, providing it is not made public.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Let the committee determine whether it will remain confidential.

Mr. DONAGHY: I think the committee can be well trusted with that.

Hon. Mr. BOIVIN: We have nothing to hide; we will give the information to the committee and they will use it as they see fit.

*By Hon. Mr. Boivin:*

Q. Now, Mr. Farrow, as you will note, we have not gone into any specific case this morning. Will you undertake to remain in Ottawa at the disposal of the committee, in order that you may be called by telephone at any time you may be required?—A. Yes.

Q. Is there anything else you can think of yourself before the other members of the committee may ask you a few questions? Is there anything you can think of yourself in connection with the organization or with the establishment of the chain of responsibility which you would like to state to the committee, and which you think the committee should know, before you leave the stand?—A. No.

Hon. Mr. BENNETT: I will ask Mr. Farrow a few questions.

*By Hon. Mr. Bennett:*

Q. Now, Mr. Farrow, we have nine provinces in the confederation. Is there anyone in each particular province who heads the Customs and Excise Department?—A. No.

Q. So the reports from the Customs House officers in the various communities in the provinces are made direct to Ottawa?—A. Yes.

Q. And there are no intermediate persons through whom reports pass—they come straight to the office here?

Q. That is clear?—A. Yes.

Q. Perhaps you will prepare a list of the number of ports in each of the provinces, and the outposts or outports connected with them?—A. We have a printed list, sir.

Q. You will file that with the Committee, please, because it may be helpful?—A. Yes.

Q. Now, you have Preventive Officers in each of the provinces?—A. Yes.

Q. What are the duties of Preventive Officers of the Customs Department?—A. Well, I think the Chief Preventive Officer could give you more details than I.

Q. They report to you, as I understand it?—A. No, they report to Mr. Wilson.

Q. But Mr. Wilson is under you, to use the words colloquially?—A. Yes.

Q. Therefore, you should know the duties of your officers, in a general way?—A. In a general way to prevent smuggling.

Q. You have as assistants to these Preventive Officers, the Mounted Police?—A. In some cases.

Q. Who have a general power conferred upon them by which they act as Preventive Officers?—A. No.

[ Mr. R. R. Farrow.]