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at Ottawa, and although these individual items were called to the attention of Senator McDougald, his statement in all cases simply is that he does not remember what they were about. The inference is obvious, that he was approached by these various people to endeavour to procure the consent of the Governor General in Council, as later appeared in P.C. 422, but in fairness to Senator McDougald, he denies that he saw the Prime Minister or any other Minister in connection with the matter. He does not impute any dishonesty to the gentlemen who interviewed him in connection with Beauharnois matters and made the charges therefor to the Beauharnois company (A179). So that it may be taken as established as a fact that he was consulted from time to time with a view to expediting and passing the Order-in-Council.

Mr. McDougald makes an explanation of the bill by him to the Beauharnois Company showing the payment of the expenses of the Rt. Honourable MacKenzie King at the Hotel Bermudian on pages A180-181 and answer to this was, as is well known, that he was a close personal friend of the then Prime Minister.

Senator McDougald had his personal counsel paid by cheque of the Beauharnois Company in the sum of \$7500.00 for attending on his behalf before the Committee of the House of Commons, and his own expenses in the sum of Four Hundred odd dollars during the period that that Committee sat. It is of some importance that at that time Senator McDougald was in Ottawa attending the Senate of Canada, and his answers on pages A183-184 as to