

That is the substance of the application that I have just referred to and which, as suggested by the right honourable senator, resulted in an answer, which is known as Privy Council Order No. 422.

That was in 1928. This matter, of course, was the subject of a great amount of public interest and discussion, as well as of debate in the Senate and the House of Commons. I would merely refer to the Debates of the Senate of the 2nd February, 1928, for an indication of the views of some honourable members named as to the great value of this project from the standpoint of power.

Now, to go back to the syndicates, on the 26th March, 1928, which was within eight or nine days prior to the time that the first syndicate was dissolved, you will find that Senator Raymond frankly admits having 800 part interests in that syndicate in the name of the *Crédit Général du Canada*. That was the financial organization used for the purpose of his enterprises. I am reminded by my friend Mr. Smith, that I should say, in fairness to Senator Raymond, that the *Crédit Général's* cheque had been put in a long time prior to that; it is stated in the evidence that the cheque was paid long before it appears he became a member of the syndicate, when the shares were given and the part interests were allotted to him. On the 4th April, 1928, there were allotments to Mr. Frank Jones and to Mr. L. Clare Moyer of 800 part interests in that syndicate. Mr. Frank Jones does not further appear, because in the course of a few months he sold out and took his money out, took whatever profit there was. Senator Raymond sold at the same time. These gentlemen do not appear further in respect of the second syndicate, except that Senator Raymond did buy 350 shares from one party and one share from another party, in the second syndicate, and he did own 351 part interests in the second syndicate. This syndicate we are concerned with now is the Beauharnois Power Syndicate.

On the 4th April, 1928, Mr. L. Clare Moyer, a lawyer, subscribed for and was allotted 800 shares of the first syndicate. That was the day that the first syndicate dissolved, and it is stated that these shares were purchased on behalf of the late Mr. W. B. Sifton. Those shares were purchased at \$37.50. Incidentally, the shares purchased by Senator Raymond were at \$37.50, and those purchased by Mr. Jones were at \$37.50. The other shares were purchased at from \$42 up to \$100 a share, the average price of the shares being some \$46.92, I think, including some 600 shares that were given to Mr. Swezey for nothing. When I say "for nothing" I mean not for money but for engineering services and other work rendered and information supplied.

As a result of the dissolution of the first syndicate on the 4th April, 1928, the Beauharnois Power Syndicate was formed that day. All members in the old syndicate, the Beauharnois Syndicate, were given two part interests in the Beauharnois Power Syndicate for one in the old, as and from the 4th April, 1928. The result was that members who had subscribed in the old syndicate for 800 part interests immediately became vested with 1,600 part interests. And all other members were treated in the same proportion.

On the 18th May, 1928, one of the honourable members mentioned in the inquiry took over the interests stated by Mr. Moyer to have been for Mr. Sifton. This honourable gentleman has stated in public and in his evidence that he took over those interests on that date, though he has also stated in evidence that he did have chats about taking them over at a prior time.

Now, going on to the 23rd June, 1928, there was an emphyteutic lease. Hon. Senator Béique will be able to inform other honourable members of the Committee to the fullest extent what an emphyteutic lease is in French law. In the presence of Hon. Senator Béique and Mr. Aimé Geoffrion, I hesitate to give a definition of an emphyteutic lease. In any event, this one was for seventy-five years. It imports within its four corners not only a lease but the right in the soil, and it was granted on the understanding that the present negotiations