

Hon. Mr. COPP: What date is that of 1931, please? 1931 is not mentioned in the copy I have; it is all 1930.

Mr. MANN: You will find it referred to on the 19th of May, 1931.

Hon. Mr. COPP: It is 1930 here. That is the reason I asked the question.

Mr. MANN: The first one is the 22nd of May, 1930; then the 28th of May, 1930; and then the 19th of May 1931.

Hon. Mr. COPP: It is 1930 here.

Mr. MANN: It should be 1931.

Mr. VIEN: Would you repeat the references to the pages of Hansard, please?

Mr. MANN: The first reference is page 2117; the second reference is page 2855; and the third reference is 1875, that is, of 1931.

Mr. VIEN: Thank you.

Mr. MANN: The Commons Committee met and they sat, Mr. Chairman, from the 15th of June to the 22nd of July, and they had produced before them exhibits numbered up to 129. There are a few more exhibits than 129, because some of them are marked A and B, so there are probably about 135 exhibits. It will not be necessary to refer to more than a very small proportion of those exhibits—probably only those that are printed in the blue book—and with your permission I will call this document a blue book for short, which you have before you.

There were four reports made. The first three reports were merely reports of progress. The fourth report you will find at page 6 of the blue book. It was made on the 28th of July, 1931. The committee took into consideration, for the purpose of determining the scope of the inquiry, no doubt, all the angles from which they would have to go into questions, a species of short history of the waterways,—the St. Lawrence waterways question. Of course, I do not intend, except in the most casual remarks, to draw your attention to the international aspect of the St. Lawrence waterways question, and I only do it, Mr. Chairman, in order that it may fit into the chronological statements and the circumstances coming before this inquiry, as well as certain elements fitting into the respective commissions resulting from the respective international treaties, fitting in as well to the evidence which you will have before you. But in order that you will have a complete chronological view of the international aspect, I refer you to the report of this Special Committee of the Senate which was appointed on the 20th April, 1928, in respect of which Senator Tanner was chairman. That committee was appointed on the 20th April, 1928, and it brought in its report in book form in July, 1928.

Hon. Mr. CANNON: Is that one of the exhibits, Mr. Mann?

Mr. MANN: It is an appendix to the minutes of the proceedings of the Senate.

Hon. Mr. CANNON: I know, but has it been filed?

Mr. MANN: I do not know. The report has been filed.

Hon. Mr. CANNON: I mean before the Special Committee last year.

Mr. MANN: Yes. The report you will find in the appendix. It is referred to in several places, and I am only giving you that in order to shorten what I was about to say, namely, that I do not want to go into the national aspect of the international treaties; that the whole of this perhaps will be found in the beginning of that report at page 8, roman numerals.

On the 7th of May, 1924, there was finally the appointment of the engineers representing the Dominion Government to an international board known as the Joint Engineering Board. That resulted from the negotiations spread over several years, the appointment of the United States engineering members of that Board, and finally appointment by the members to represent that Board named by the Canadian government then in office.