

Now, that is just like a licence fee, but the \$50 does not mean anything to some of the people who were polluting the harbour only yesterday. The \$50 does not do anything because they will pay the \$50 when we prosecute them, and that is the end of it.

The other language is not in any way controversial. It is merely tidying up some of our powers. There is just one other point which I have left to the last.

Under our Act of 1911, section 21, as I have told you, gives us our power to pass by-laws. I want to read to you subsection (2), but please remember that our amendments are to the clauses of subsection (1).

Subsection (2) reads as follows:

21 (2) No by-law shall have force or effect until confirmed by the Governor in Council and published in *The Canada Gazette*.

We are not asking that they be removed; or, to put it another way: We cannot exercise the powers that we get in this amendment until we have the consent and approval of the cabinet by order in council, I mean the Governor in Council.

That was in the 1911 Act; that is not being touched; and I think that is the protection and the proper protection, that the over-all policy will not be interfered with, or the rights of the oil companies be unreasonably interfered with by any capricious act of the Harbour Commission, because, if they were capricious, the protection is to be found under the requirement that we must get the approval of the Governor in Council.

To go back in history, in 48 years the Harbour Commission has not exceeded its powers in any way detrimentally to the interests of the public. We have acted to the benefit of the oil companies because we have made the best sites available to them in the center of the best market, probably, in Canada.

Let me submit that this bill, which comes to you as a government measure, not only has our support, it also has our wholehearted support.

By Mr. Pouliot:

Q. I would like to ask you a personal question, Mr. Robertson.—A. Yes sir.

Q. I know that you are one of the leading businessmen of Toronto. Are you a lawyer?—A. I am.

Q. Well, I think that the University of Toronto should confer upon you the degree of doctor of laws.—A. Thank you, Mr. Pouliot.

By Mr. Rooney:

Q. Before you sit down, Mr. Robertson, you say that this is within the City of Toronto?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. Well, Toronto is growing east, west, and north; and we expect within a short time to have what we call a greater Toronto.

Mr. MCGREGOR: We hope so.

By Mr. Rooney:

Q. I feel that way, and I know this harbour. I have known it since I was an infant. I can dream of a row of piers which are continuing now, going down and which will take in all the spots where the oil companies are, as well as other locations which you will have to get control of. I can dream that you can see down to Keatings Cut and all the way down, and that these things will be there. I can dream also that the seaway will be surely coming and that Toronto harbour will be one of the greatest harbours in North America. Within the city of Toronto, at the north boundary there have been a lot of changes because, in 1928 I took a boat in front of your Harbour Commission building, while now it is three-quarters of a mile further down. The borders