

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I have said it was inadequate. We can only assume that they should have had an adequate staff to tackle this job. There are mistakes in this white paper, plain mathematical errors, and these did alarm me, sir.

Mr. TURNER: I want to be more specific about the charges you have made against the technical officers of the government.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I have not made charges against them.

Mr. TURNER: You have accused them of being inexperienced and incompetent.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: No, I have not. I said we should have had an experienced and competent team to go around and survey the whole situation before we started.

Mr. TURNER: Let me read you the names of some of the men who represented this country in the negotiations and in the preparatory work. First, I mention General McNaughton, General A. G. L. McNaughton. What is your opinion of his competence and experience?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: General McNaughton is a great engineer.

Mr. TURNER: Mr. T. M. Patterson, director of the federal government's water resources branch, with 30 years of resource planning experience. What is your opinion of him?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I have met him.

Mr. TURNER: Do you consider him to be inexperienced and incompetent?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I have never said so.

Mr. TURNER: Do you know Mr. M. Ward, director of planning, Ontario Hydro, on loan to treaty negotiators?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I do not have the privilege of his acquaintance.

Mr. TURNER: Do you know Mr. A. F. Paget, British Columbia comptroller of water rights?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes, I know him.

Mr. TURNER: Do you consider him to be inexperienced and incompetent?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I have never said so.

Mr. TURNER: And what about Mr. E. R. Peterson, who was engineering adviser to the Canadian section of the International Joint Commission?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I do not know him.

Mr. TURNER: And Mr. Gordon M. MacNabb, with ten years of concentrated experience on the Columbia river, and who participated in the development of the Columbia board's sequence studies including General McNaughton's favourite sequence IXa? Do you know him?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I have met Mr. MacNabb.

Mr. TURNER: Do you consider him to be inexperienced?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I have never said that he was not experienced.

Mr. TURNER: And Mr. H. T. Ramsden, district engineer of the water resources branch, with 15 years experience on Columbia matters?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I know Mr. Ramsden.

Mr. TURNER: What is your opinion of Mr. Ramsden?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Mr. Ramsden is in a position in Vancouver in charge of the water rights branch there, and that is my contact with him.

Mr. TURNER: And Mr. Gordon Kidd, deputy comptroller of British Columbia water rights, with over ten years of Columbia experience. Do you know him?