

City Solicitor, the engineer, the Clerk Comptroller and that is where the business took place. I did, on one occasion, have Mr. Farris at my home in the city for dinner, and on that occasion in the playroom there entertained him along with a number of my close friends and some municipal council. How many were there? My memory fails me. Except that I can tell you that there were a few members of the council with whom I associated socially. I just pass in comment, a very wounding remark made by Mr. Rand in stating that I am a bit of a social snob because I would not invite my own council because I considered myself socially above some members of the council.

The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme: What page of the report are you referring to.

Mr. Landreville: I am referring to the middle of page 70.

He stated that there could be no social gathering at his home of the City Council of Sudbury for the purpose of promoting NONG's application for a franchise, because there were too many members of the Council who were not of his social rank and would not be invited.

I am not going to reply to such a statement except to say that in Sudbury there are 28 races and you get continuously elected and elected and elected, in Sudbury without any defeat at all, and if you become a social snob, I leave it to any one of you how far you get capturing votes. Some members of the council surely, I am candid in this, I would not invite in my home; not because I consider myself above, simply because we had nothing in common. And they have been on the council, they were good men, some good miners. My council constituted of a broker from a brokerage house, a lawyer; I had an engineer; I had three business men, a principal of a high school, construction men; and they were men, sound, and I do not for a moment, by the remarks I have made, wish to say that they are not good citizens, good men, but they were not invited to my home. We were not socially associated.

Mr. Fairweather: Could you make reference where this appears in the transcript.

The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme: I think Mr. Fortier can.

Mr. Fortier: I am looking for it. There is reference to what you are now saying here in your testimony before Commissioner Rand.

Mr. Landreville: Yes, I made a comment on that. In the transcript, and I would like that to be read, just as a sample of turning evidence—

Mr. Fortier: It is on page 1047. It was in answer to a question from Mr. Morrow:

I can assure you furthermore that I was not on a social basis with many of the Aldermen and Controllers; I would not invite them to my home.

I think this is the reference that you had in mind.

Mr. Landreville: There is another one.

Mr. Fortier: At the bottom of the page you go on to say:

I am looking over the list of Aldermen, and I can say there would not be more than two with their wives, if at any time I had made an invitation.

Mr. Landreville: Gentlemen, let me just put it this way: there were on this council some men who, for instance, I like socially, and my wife liked their wives, and if we are going to go into personalities that way, I will have to make a breakdown of names to tell you whom my wife did not like. I am sure we are not going to—

An hon. Member: Is this of any relevancy?

Senator Hnatyshyn: This is not in the Commissioner's report at all.

Mr. Landreville: I am grateful to you, sir. I am coming to speak of my relationship with Farris. I say here today that I find that he has been a man of vision, great aggression, determination. One only has to look to Northern Ontario Gas, with the number of subsidiaries it has today, its success, to see what he has created; much like C. D. Howe in that respect. I am not here to say that, to defend him for having committed perjury, so found by a jury. It is not my case that was his, but I will give some explanation in that field, because explanations are being begged when I am found guilty by association. So that in those interviews Mr. Farris came to my home; he was furthermore a very generous man, sent flowers to my wife and other gifts; came from good family; and a very personable gentleman.

I have stated before that I recall my conversation with him as having taken place toward the end of June; in between the 1st and the 15th, and before Mr. Rand I said on