

Q. Were you at home at that time?—A. I was.

Q. Did you make any representations to the government then in writing as to the situation in the gasoline industry in the United States as compared to the situation in Canada?—A. I think it was in writing. We saw someone,—it may have been Mr. Breadner—and we made some representation and I believe what he did was to take a gentleman from his department and make his own investigation.

Q. Did you make any representations yourself?—A. I would think we did, but I am not sure. I could find that out.

Q. That is, representations in writing?—A. Yes.

Q. You say you hadn't anything to do with them making an investigation of your situation in Canada and an investigation of the situation in the United States?—A. Well, if we knew that gasoline was being invoiced into Canada at a certain figure,—I don't know just how we would find that out, but if we knew it and we knew the price at the point of origin, we might conceivably tell Mr. Breadner about it.

Q. But you knew that, as a matter of fact, the Order-in-Council laid down a fixed price?—A. For any commodity.

Q. I am speaking about gasoline.—A. Yes, but it was not done for us. The dumping clause was not put in for our benefit.

Q. I don't mean that.—A. Or for the oil industry.

Q. There is a specific Order in Council fixing the value of petroleum products, particularly gasoline, Mr. Ross?—A. I don't know. I thought the Order in Council applied to any commodity.

Q. You are thinking of a statute which gives a minister the power?—A. Yes, that is what is in my mind.

Q. Then, the minister, exercising that power, had an Order in Council passed whereby he set the value of American gasoline for duty purposes, and for dumping duty purposes established so and so?—A. Yes.

Q. In other words, my fishermen have to pay that much for American gasoline regardless—

Mr. HANSON: They have to pay duty on it.

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: They have not only to pay the duty, but they pay the difference between the fixed price and the price of gasoline in the United States. There is no question about that. Now, I assume, Mr. Ross, that that was done at the instance or on the representations of the various companies interested in the petroleum industry in Canada; is that so?—A. I know that there was some correspondence with the Department of Customs on dumping. I presume that the documents are available.

Q. Will you give us your copies of them?—A. I think Mr. McCloskey can tell you about that when he comes, because he made the representations.

Q. You have no details yourself? You will give us all the correspondence you have?—A. I will give you what I have.

Q. You will give us all the correspondence you have had with the department in regard to the increase in duty in 1930 and at the time of the fixing of the prices for dumping duty purposes a little later. I do not know just the date of the Order in Council.

Now, will you tell me about the price of gasoline in Canada, if at the present time you regulate the price of gasoline in Canada at all, having regard to the actual cost of American gasoline laid down in Canada?—A. No, that is not a yardstick. The yardstick is the price of American crude.

Q. I beg your pardon?—A. The yardstick is the price of American crude.

Q. You are making no attempt whatever to meet the price of American gasoline laid down in Canada, or Roumanian gasoline?—A. Practically no Roumanian gasoline here. No, we don't, because the imported gasoline—usually