

any honourable senators visit British Columbia I would be delighted to take them up and show them the fishways, which are well worth a visit. We have had visitors from many countries, including Russia and Japan, to see these fishways, and of course many hundreds of our own people and hundreds of United States citizens as well have come to see them.

Now, here is the problem: a demand has arisen in British Columbia for more power, and it has been suggested that the waters of the Columbia River be turned into the Fraser River. I probably may have some harsh things to say about General McNaughton but—

Hon. Mr. Euler: Is he a Scotsman too?

Hon. Mr. Reid: He does not always act like one. That may be a right answer too.

Hon. Mr. Brunt: That is an unfair question!

Hon. Mr. Reid: Before the House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs General McNaughton made false and misleading statements and I feel that, he having put them on the record of Parliament—you need not shake your head, as I said this outside—that as Chairman of the Commission I have a duty to correct some of the misleading statements he made. I have suggested to the Minister of Fisheries and to other members as well that if the External Affairs Committee of the House of Commons again meets and General McNaughton is called as a witness and the subject under consideration is power and fish I hope they will be good enough to request our Director to appear before that committee too, so that someone who is an authority and has knowledge of the salmon fisheries on the Fraser will be there to tell them the actual facts and give them the right and truthful answers.

Now, honourable senators, I have all the records here. I am not just taking this matter up loosely and merely saying that the General made false and misleading statements—I have all the records with me, the record of the committee meetings, the pages and so forth. He first of all said, as reported on page 258 of the report of the minutes of proceedings and evidence of the External Affairs Committee meeting held on December 12, 1957, that power costs in Vancouver were twice what they were in Seattle because of the non-development of the Fraser River hydro power. I claim of course that that was false and misleading.

We will never have cheap power around Vancouver as long as the British Columbia Electric Company is there, and I am going to show you why. The British Columbia Electric Power Company runs a bus system and transit system in the city of Vancouver, and

those of us who pay our electric light bills—and we all have to do that—are carrying the loss on the buses. In eleven years they lost \$40 million in revenue. This figure appeared in *Maclean's* magazine a short time ago. I think I know what I am speaking of now. Maybe some of you have shares in British Columbia Electric Company and might not like it, but the truth must be told, and I am giving you the whole story. I am speaking the truth, as Harry Truman said.

Hon. Mr. Brunt: Did you say \$40 million was lost in one year?

Hon. Mr. Reid: No, in eleven years. *Maclean's* magazine carried that story. I will give you the date of the issue in which all those things are shown up.

We do not have to go any further than Ottawa to observe the difficulties that bus systems find themselves in. Soon people will not be able to ride the buses here, if losses continue.

I am giving you the sources of my information. I thought my honourable friend or someone else would like to interrupt me and tell me I was not stating the facts, but I have a letter from an official of the British Columbia Electric Company which says that they are losing money on the buses and should charge a 25-cent fare instead of 15 cents. That letter is from one of the head men of the company. If you want to hear it I will read it. The cheapest power in British Columbia comes from the British Columbia Power Commission.

Hon. Mr. Beaubien: The same company?

Hon. Mr. Reid: No. The British Columbia Power Commission is set up much like the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission. These two British Columbia bodies are confusing: one is the British Columbia Power Commission, the other the British Columbia Power Corporation.

Then General McNaughton gave an erroneous figure to the committee regarding the value of the fish. In 1955 the commission of which I am a member spent a whole morning with General McNaughton, in this very building, and placed before him the official figures on the annual run of fish and its value, yet when he got before the committee he took some millions off the figure. Indeed, I have a copy of the official document I personally handed to him in front of the then Minister of Fisheries and other officials. General McNaughton informed the committee that the problem of dams and fish had been solved in the United States. At the end of the record of the proceedings of the Committee on External Affairs there appears a document from the United States, which document does not say any such thing. But General McNaughton told the committee the