

in 1911 and 1912 when the Minister of the Interior took a great deal of interest in the matter, I may tell you that Mr. Henry jointly with me prepared a resolution which was translated into English and I have a copy of it here if you want to see it. It is at your disposal. I am telling you the facts as they are. Besides that there were some representations made to the Federal Government at that time through the Minister of the Interior, or through a friend of his, Dr. M. J. English, ex-President of the Manitoba Conservative Association, and he came to my home and this project was presented to Robert Rogers, where they had some interesting affairs for election funds.

I thank you very much for your courtesy and patience. You have had to hear some of the history, and if you want to know something of the history before the Roberts or the Beauharnois or before Mr. Swezey was in—I have been promoting this thing to the best advantage, and I have only 10 per cent of the money I have invested personally. I do not want you to collect for me. I can afford to lose it if you have not the time to hear a man who has put up his own money for the benefit of the country and the province which I have had the honour to represent for pretty near twenty years in the House of Commons. Gentlemen, I thank you for your patience. I know it is awkward to listen to this. I have proved, and I want it recognized as a French Canadian, as being the eye-opener of this whole question, although there may be some other people—they are not the eye-opener of the question—I am the only one in the Province of Quebec.

Mr. WHITE: When Mr. Cantin was giving his evidence, at page 767, a letter was spoken of, and there was some suggestion made that he should have had it here. His son, Mr. John Cantin, handed me the letter this morning, and asked that it be filed.

The CHAIRMAN: Let me see it. Is it useful?

Mr. WHITE: Mr. Cantin says here, at the bottom of the page, "in the meantime, we had the Canadian-British Corporation trying to deal with us, and we received a letter from Mr. Watt, Toronto office, advising us that application had been made to Parliament by other influential people, and I think this letter should be on file. It is worth while reading." I asked him whether it was a long letter and he answered, "No, a short letter." And then it followed that he did not have it at hand. It is simply a letter showing that there were some negotiations with the Canadian-British Corporation, which appears to have been a financial organization.

The CHAIRMAN: It might have some bearing on the question. We will file it.

Mr. WHITE: Mr. Griffith, have you that copy of the letter of the 24th of May, 1928, from Mr. Geoffrion's firm to Senator McDougald?

Mr. BERGEVIN: May I be allowed to give you some information which I have found?

The CHAIRMAN: Give it to Mr. White after the adjournment.

Mr. BERGEVIN: Yes.

Mr. WHITE: Mr. Griffith, Mr. Chairman, produced a copy of a letter, I understand, from the file of Messrs. Geoffrion and Prud'homme dated May 25th, 1928. The reference in evidence was to a letter of May 24th. I assume that the entry was made on the 24th. Sometimes lawyers' letters are not sent out on the day they are dictated. This is May 25th, 1928—a copy of a letter from Mr. Geoffrion to Senator McDougald, and it reads as follows:—