

INTERNATIONAL "JOINTS" COMMISSION

stand me. It is rather a technical point, and perhaps I can explain it more clearly on the map. (Map produced, and the witness went into informal conference with the Commissioners.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Marschalk, if you are finished with this witness, we will adjourn to 5 A. M. tomorrow.

O. GARDNER called and sworn.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your first name, Mr. Gardner?

MR. GARDNER: Obadiah, Your Honour.

THE CHAIRMAN: Ah, a minor prophet in the days of Nebuchadnezzar?

MR. GARDNER: Not on your life, an ex-Senator from Maine.

THE CHAIRMAN: Pretty much the same thing, isn't it? However, let that pass. What are you prepared to tell us as to the Rainy River plot?

MR. GARDNER: I deny it, Your Honour, I deny it. Never heard there was a plot, and if there was, my hands are clean. I was a perfectly innocent bystander. Spent a pleasant evening on the banks of the Rainy River with some friends. Never got within a hundred miles of the plotters. I can prove an alibi, double-rivettted, warranted to stand any sort of rough usage. No, sir, you don't drag this old bird into