

House of
Assembly ProceedingsNEWFOUNDLAND POWER & PULP
UTILITIES CORPORATION,
LIMITED.

Reply to question of Mr. Hickman on Order Paper of August 4th.

Herewith is copy of the only correspondence on file in connection with the subject matter of question.

There is no Minute of Council in reference to the same.

11 & 12 Southampton Street,
Bloombury, London, W.C.1.
9 April, 1924.

Sir—I have the honor to report that, as alternate for the Hon. J. P. P. K.C., I have attended four meetings of the London Committee of the Company held on the 8th August, 19th November, 4th February and 4th inst. All these meetings, with the exception of the last one, have been attended by Sir George Barnes, the Director representing the British Government. Sir George was absent from the last meeting through indisposition. All the meetings have been of a formal character, and have almost entirely consisted in Sir Glynn West reporting progress. At the meeting held on the 4th inst., Sir Glynn West reported as to the formation of a Company called the Newfoundland Power and Pulp Utilities Corporation Limited, for the purpose of providing housing and other accommodation which were requisite for the use of the Power and Paper Company. On the 7th inst. I received from Mr. E. P. Carter, one of the Secretaries of the Trade Facilities Act Advisory Committee, a letter dated the 5th inst. conveying copy of a letter to the Newfoundland Power and Paper Co., Ltd., also dated the 5th inst., and copy of an agreement (copies of which I enclose herewith) which it was proposed should be entered into between the Power & Paper Co., Ltd., and the Utilities Corporation. From this agreement it would seem that the Transmission Line is to be provided by the Utilities Corporation and will be the property of that Corporation. The Trade Facilities Committee and their advisers take strong exception to this as you will see stated in Mr. Carter's letter. So far as the Newfoundland Government is concerned, I have had no instructions here in regard to the change of site of the factory, and I am not aware whether any condition, such as that suggested in Mr. Carter's letter, was made when the alteration in the site was agreed to. Prima facie it seems to me that it is of great importance that the Transmission Line should be without question the property of the Power and Paper Co., Ltd., and the points raised by Mr. Carter's letter as to the British Government's guarantee seem to me to apply equally to the Newfoundland Government Guarantee.

I have been in communication with Mr. Carter and the legal advisers of the Trade Facilities Committee, and have been informed that it has been arranged that the completion of the Agreement shall stand over pending Sir Glynn West's return. I have asked to be kept in touch with the position and with any arrangements which are made so that I may report to you.

Yours faithfully,
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(Sgd.) T. H. D. BERRIDGE.
The Hon. The Colonial Secretary,
St. John's, Newfoundland.

April 25, 1924.

Sir—I beg to forward you herewith letter dated 9th instant, just received from Sir Thomas Berridge with regard to the Newfoundland Power and Paper Co., Ltd., and the proposed Newfoundland Power and Pulp Utilities Corporation Ltd. Attached to Sir Thomas Berridge's letter you will find the other enclosures dealing with matters which have been raised, and which seem to be of extreme importance.

I am forwarding the papers to you for your immediate consideration. I have the honor to be,
Sir,
(Sgd.) ARTHUR MEWS,
Deputy Colonial Secretary,
Hon. W. R. Warren, K.C., LL.D.,
Prime Minister.

May 22, 1924.

Bees, London.

Pending further instructions after General Election when position can be examined more closely please support opposition of Trade Facilities Board to signing agreement referred to in your letter of the 9th ult. Prima facie, I agree with your view as to transmission line.

(Sgd.) Attorney General.
(LLOYD)

11 & 12 Southampton Street,
Bloombury, London, W.C.1.
26 May, 1924.

Newfoundland Power and Paper Company, Limited.

I duly received your cablegram of the 22nd inst., as follows:—

"Pending further instructions when position can be examined more closely please support opposition of Trade Facilities Board to signing Agreement referred to in your letter of the 9th ult. prima facie, I agree with your view as to transmission line."

At once communicated with the Secretary of the Trade Facilities Act Advisory Committee, and enclose you copy letter we have received from him. We also enclose copy letter we have written to Messrs. Roney & Co., the solicitors for the Newfoundland Power & Paper Company, Ltd. We will keep in touch with the matter and report any further developments.

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Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) E. P. CARTER.
Sir Thomas Berridge, K.B.E.,
9 Austin Friars, E.C. 2.

Nfld. Power & Paper Co., Ltd.

Dear Sir—The Secretary of the Trade Facilities Act Advisory Committee communicated to us on behalf of the Newfoundland Government his letter to the Newfoundland Power & Paper Co., Ltd., of the 5th April last, in reference to the proposed Agreement with the Newfoundland Power and Pulp Utilities Corporation, Ltd. He also informed us of the arrangement arrived at that the completion of this proposed Agreement should stand over for the present pending Sir Glynn West's return. We have received cable instructions from Newfoundland that the Attorney General is in agreement with the criticisms of this proposed Agreement made by the Secretary of the Trade Facilities Act Advisory Committee, and we shall be glad to be kept in touch with the position before the Agreement is completed.

Yours faithfully,
BURN & BERRIDGE.
Messrs. Roney & Co.,
42 New Broad St., E.C. 2.

Trade Facilities Act,
Advisory Committee,
16 Finsbury Circus,
London E.C. 2, 5 April, 1924.

Dear Sir Thomas—We have just seen the agreement which it is proposed should be entered into between the Newfoundland Power and Paper Company, Ltd., and the Newfoundland Power and Pulp Utilities Corporation, Ltd., and which it is proposed to sign on Tuesday. I enclose a copy of the Agreement for your information together with a copy of the letter which I have to-day sent to the Company. Would you be good enough to ring me up on Monday so that we may arrange a discussion.

Yours sincerely,
E. P. CARTER.
Sir Thomas Berridge,
11 & 12 Southampton Street,
Bloombury, W.C. 1.

5th April, 1924.

Gentlemen—I am directed by the Trade Facilities Act Advisory Committee to state that the Committee has received from Messrs. Roney & Co. a print of an agreement which it is proposed should be entered into between the Newfoundland Power & Paper Company, Limited, and the Newfoundland Power and Pulp Utilities Corporation, Limited.

The Committee has not yet had an opportunity of considering this agreement in detail, but it has been discussed in a preliminary way with the Committee's legal advisers and I am directed to inform you that the Committee takes serious exception to the agreement. It appears to the Committee to be in direct conflict with both the spirit and the letter of the Treasury agreement.

You will remember that the Committee in consenting to the alteration of the site of the factory made it a condition that the necessary transmission line should be financed by Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth & Company, Limited, who were to advance the necessary money to the Company on the security of the third debentures or some other security ranking after the guaranteed Loan. The Agreement now proposed does not carry out this arrangement. One of the terms of the Agreement is that the transmission line may be seized at any moment should the Company fail to carry out its obligations. Seeing that the whole activities of your Company are dependent on the possession and the efficient working of the transmission line the Committee considers that the terms now suggested are directly opposed to the interests of the Treasury as guarantors. Before any agreement dealing with these matters is entered into the Committee desires an opportunity to consider the proposed agreement, and to discuss it with all parties interested. I am informed that the agreement now proposed is to be signed on Tuesday next. I am directed to enter a strong protest against such signature.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) E. P. CARTER.
Messrs. The Newfoundland Power & Paper Co., Ltd., 8 Great George Street, S.W. 1.

The Proposed Agreement.

An AGREEMENT made this day of One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four BETWEEN NEWFOUNDLAND POWER AND PAPER COMPANY, LIMITED OF CORNER BROOK, NEWFOUNDLAND (hereinafter called "the Paper Company") of the one part, and NEWFOUNDLAND POWER AND PULP UTILITIES CORPORATION, LIMITED OF CORNER BROOK, NEWFOUNDLAND (hereinafter called "the Corporation") of the other part.

WHEREAS

(1) The Paper Company is incorporated under the Newfoundland Companies Act as a Company limited by shares with a capital of Twenty-one million dollars divided into Two

hundred and ten thousand shares of One hundred dollars each. One hundred thousand of which are Six and a half per centum Non-Cumulative Preference shares, Fifty thousand are Ordinary Shares and Sixty thousand are Deferred Ordinary Shares.

(2) Under and by virtue of the instrument mentioned in the First Schedule hereto the Paper Company has created and issued for cash Two million pounds "A" Mortgage Debenture Stock which is guaranteed as to principal and interest by the British Treasury under the provisions of the Trade Facilities Act, 1921, and Two million pounds "B" Mortgage Debenture Stock which is guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Colony of Newfoundland under an Act of the Legislature of Newfoundland known as Newfoundland Power and Paper Company, Limited Act, 1923, and the proceeds of such two issues are being utilized by the Paper Company for and in connection with the construction and equipment of a hydro-electric power station and a pulp and paper mill at Deer Lake and Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

(3) The Corporation is incorporated under the Newfoundland Companies Act as a Company limited by shares with a capital of One million six hundred thousand pounds divided into One million six hundred thousand shares of One hundred pounds each, Eight hundred thousand of which are Seven per centum Cumulative Preference Shares and the remainder Eight hundred thousand are Ordinary Shares.

(4) The Paper Company considers it expedient for the purpose of its business that it should have the use and benefit of the Ships, Wrapping Paper Machine, Additional Store and Warehouse accommodation Townsite and Housing facilities and Transmission Line, short particulars of which are set forth in the second Schedule hereto and which are hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Utilities."

(5) The Corporation has at the request of the Paper Company agreed to provide the utilities for the Paper Company on the terms and conditions hereinafter appearing and the Corporation intends to enter into a contract for the supply of the utilities with Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth & Company, Limited.

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