

refuse it without interfering with provincial rights. I did not care who came here—F. P. Jones or who it was, or what the company was—the right belongs to the Province of Quebec, I believe. If it interfered with navigation, it could not be granted; if it did not interfere with navigation it could not be refused. (Blue Book p. 389).

Q. In your work, when you were pressing for the granting of the application, what do you say as to whether or not you were assisted by any Senators?—A. I repeatedly appealed to some, perhaps as I do to anybody else, to do what they could to hurry it up, because it seemed to me it was being dragged out. . . .

Q. What would you say as to whether you were assisted?—A. What do you mean by the word “assisted”?

Q. It is a common English word.—A. Well my answer is that anybody who took an interest in it and who listened and got his views as to who owned the water, gave us their opinion by way of assistance, otherwise direct assistance, nobody that I know of.

Q. I see.—A. I certainly asked Senator Raymond over and over again if he could not do something to get some action. Now, I think perhaps I should mention I thought perhaps the Premier was waiting for this assistance of the reference case to the Supreme Court. (Blue Book, page 391.)

This gives a totally different complexion to Mr. Jones' statement.

If it was the Committee's intention to insinuate that the Senator's political influence was improperly sought and obtained, a mere quotation of Mr. Jones' complete statement would have absolutely dispelled it. The very fact that Mr. Jones had to ask Senator Raymond over and over again if he could not do something, clearly shows that the Senator had not taken any action. This is made abundantly clear by the Senator's own statement in this regard:

Q. Then, are we to understand you to say that having this interest in this project and knowing that there was a very strong opposition and a big fight being put up, you never turned a hand to help it at all?—A. I do not know if there was anything in my power to do towards helping it.

Q. Well, could you help?—A. I thought the only help that I could give was to put my money in. (Blue Book, p. 794).

Q. Mr. Jones says, in his evidence, at page 391, given before this Select Committee. . . .

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I certainly asked Senator Raymond over and over again if he could not do something to get some action.

Q. Is that true?—A. No doubt it is true.

Q. In spite of his asking you, you did nothing?—A. I did nothing. I do not think I could do anything. (Blue Book, p. 789).

And before your Honourable Committee the Senator said:—

Jones asked me, but the fact that he said “over and over again” means that I had not done very much in the matter of helping him . . . He asked if I could do something, and I told him “No.”—I presume so.

Q. Then, he asked you again if you could do something and you told him “no”?—A. I told him “no.”

Q. He was very persistent apparently?—A. Yes, and I was the same, persistent in saying I could not do anything. (Proceedings of the Special Committee of the Senate, pp. 132 and 133).

In all the evidence adduced before the Committee of the House of Commons and before your Honourable Committee there is nothing to substantiate the