

Hon. Mr. BÉIQUE: I understand you have your statement in writing, the statement you are going to give?

Mr. MANN: No, I have not got it in writing, Senator Béique. I have memoranda which I think I alone could read.

Hon. Mr. BÉIQUE: You have no objection to letting us see it before you proceed?

Mr. MANN: No. I think I have some copies of it here. There are some copies here which I prepared with the possibility in view that you might ask for it. And I may say, Senator Béique, that there are a few interlineations and a few explanations in respect to some of the statements that are not contained in there but which will be printed in the report of these proceedings and which will be available, of course, to this committee.

Hon. Mr. BÉIQUE: Will you give us two minutes to consider it?

Mr. MANN: Yes, sir.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: Unless counsel is permitted to read his memoranda into the minutes we are only wasting time, because I understand there are only five copies available. If counsel gets on with his presentation then counsel and everybody else will have an opportunity of reading the minutes of these proceedings to-morrow. I suggest he proceed to do it.

The CHAIRMAN: Your idea, Mr. Mann, is to set out in chronological order a skeleton of all the facts?

Mr. MANN: Yes, that is it, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: You are not presenting this as a speech at all?

Mr. MANN: My idea, Mr. Chairman, is that by presenting this in chronological form not only will it shorten the inquiry by systematizing the proceedings but it will be of some advantage to the committee in following the proceedings before the House of Commons Committee, and it will also assist counsel in following chronologically the history and circumstances of the Beauharnois matter.

Hon. Mr. BÉIQUE: For my part I do not see any objection.

Hon. Mr. CHAPAIS: I think it would be very useful for counsel.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: It is information not evidence.

Mr. MANN: Entirely information, Senator Graham. Mr. Chairman, the Committee of Inquiry before the House of Commons was brought about by the charges of—

Hon. Mr. CANNON: Before my friend proceeds further could we have a copy of that statement?

Mr. MANN: I may say to the Hon. Mr. Cannon that I have had a good deal of difficulty in getting anybody to write anything; but we will endeavour to have as many copies made as possible. I think you are welcome to whatever the committee can spare.

The CHAIRMAN: You will get copies, Mr. Cannon, in the printed proceedings.

Hon. Mr. CANNON: I understand that, Mr. Chairman, but I would like to follow my learned friend as he goes along.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, certainly.

Mr. MANN: I was saying, Mr. Chairman, that the inquiry before the House of Commons Committee resulted directly from three speeches made by Mr. Robert Gardiner on the 22nd of May, 1930, on the 28th of May, 1930, and on the 19th of May, 1931. These speeches are reported in Hansard of 1930 at pages 2117 and following; then pages 2855 and following, and then pages 1875 and following of the year 1931.