

some of us feared that it could never operate. Our restrictions had to do with navigation and with the administration and carrying out of the provisions of the Navigable Waters' Protection Act. We had nothing to do with the licensing or ownership of the water power as that was Quebec's do. Had we taken any other stand than we did take, we would have been derelict in our duty in the premises.

Now let us see what were the results of our hon. friends to the left taking the initiative in respect to that Beauharnois inquiry. I concede to them the right to do that if they wanted to. I was connected with investigations in my younger days, and I took both the responsibility and some of the odium that always go with it, but the occasions were not anything like this. What has been the effect of hon. members to my left breaking in at that time, the most critical time in the history of the Beauharnois project, and having an investigation, when that action, justified or not, almost put the whole project on the rocks. It, of course, gave the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre an opportunity to explain why he took the initiative to make campaign funds legal and proper.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: It was not made proper.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Either say it a little louder please or keep quiet. The effect of that investigation was that this big project which otherwise might have been completed before the depression struck it was held up because of the great hullabaloo set up all over the country, the government of to-day taking a very pronounced part therein. That was when they did snuggle up to the C. C. F., and make no mistake about it, and it was done for the purpose of injuring and misrepresenting the Liberal party. The result was that in dollars and cents the project went more or less to pieces. It could not get funds to complete the work, and the government had to give guarantees for something like \$16,000,000, if the work was to be proceeded with. I do not know how much more the government will have to guarantee. I think they are pretty well through, but \$16,000,000 is a pretty snug sum to pay for the privilege of having these gentlemen in the "haw" corner of this house, and now these hon. gentlemen, after preaching all over the west that this was Canada's Beauharnois property, this was also our power, and this was our water too, call on the government to expropriate the property which they wrongly claimed belonged to Canada. The Acting Minister of Immigration will have to take some responsibility in that connection, for he too said that it was our property and our power. That

was his whole argument. I have read his speech in Hansard, and I can put no other interpretation upon it. If my hon. friend himself can explain it any differently I will be the first one to acknowledge that I was wrong because I am rather disposed not to believe wrong of my hon. friend. He got some notoriety when he was chairman of the Beauharnois committee, and he certainly pulled it in great style his way. But he was wrong there. He founded his whole argument on a wrong assumption. That is neither here nor there, for as I said before I have other fish to fry, and I want to fry them properly this time. I say that we are out already to the tune of \$16,000,000 as the result of that inquiry. How much are we in?

Mr. CHAPLIN: In the valley of humiliation.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The Prime Minister has said that campaign funds are necessary in connection with our governmental institutions. I could quote some of his statements, but I have not the time just now. In addition to being out \$16,000,000 already, it is going to be a difficult matter to raise funds to complete the enterprise, for so far we have only developed one-quarter of the power. I am sure the Acting Minister of Immigration will excuse me if I just go on a little bit further with the quotation which I gave a few moments ago because it is very interesting in the light of what has transpired since. It is well put and I want all the house to hearken unto it. At page 4355 of the Hansard which I have already quoted he says:

In connection with this project I must confess that I am unable to divorce myself from the view that the contributions to campaign funds that were made from the company's funds—

Mr. Sweezey subsequently swore in the Senate committee that that was not the case:—which came from the sale of bonds to the people, were made for the purpose of influencing those who might be returned to power.

"Those who might be returned to power." Who were returned to power? Those hon. gentlemen opposite are the ones who were meant. Admittedly. I take the words of the minister himself, "those who might be returned to power." The quotation goes on:

—and those who took them, those who collected them, receive in the committee's report the condemnation they deserve.

Before the power development can be properly completed, and three-quarters of the power development still remains to be done, it will be necessary to go to the Quebec government to get a further charter and licence; and to get the use of the whole water of the