

words he asks for an option on that power for that length of time. We ask this committee to leave the legislation the way it is. The city of Fort William can ask for no greater rights than they have under this legislation. The city of Fort William has exclusive right for 10,000 horse power ahead of us for anybody else; if they cannot develop it they can assign those rights, and they have the right to assign to Jenison or the Anglo-American company 10,000 horse power. Jenison is only prepared under this Act to develop 5,000; they have the first right to 10,000 horse power. They can assign their rights with the scratch of a pen to the Anglo-American Company, and our power will be preserved, and we can go on and develop our power simultaneously. The only objection to our proposition is that the Jenison interests have deluded our friends of Port Arthur and Fort William, for whom we have the greatest respect, but the whole purpose is to still take away from us the opportunity of developing this additional power, and with the Jenison legislation restored you must understand that the water will again be delivered below our Falls and our power is lost.

Mr. Barwick: I am very glad Mr. Clergue made that statement with regard to the agreement. I hope the committee will understand no agreement was ever entered into between Mr. Clergue and the town.

Mr. Foy: I understood from Mr. Watson it was an agreement for legislation.

Mr. Barwick: No.

Mr. Foy: That they combined to ask for that legislation?

Mr. Barwick: There was no agreement between the town and the Clergue interests for any development whatever at the Kakabeka Falls. Then I would like to say that this bill was passed when Mr. Hardy was Premier of the government of the day, and the present Attorney-General Gibson and Mr. Hardy took full responsibility for the bill, and I think protected Mr. Clergue's interest, and at the time that bill was passed the Clergue Company never owned one foot of land at the Kakabeka Falls; what they did own was two mining locations. The bill provided that when Jenison ran through their property he should pay them the price as determined by arbitration. An arbitration was held, the amount fixed and the amount was paid to Mr. Clergue, and the company submitted to the amount and never appealed from the arbitration, and they hold the money in their pockets to-day. Last year what happened was this: Mr. Jenison was not frank enough with the Towns of Port Arthur and Fort William, and he did not satisfy the Town of Fort William and the Town of Port Arthur as to the amount that he had expended and as to the ability of his backers to go on and develop that work, and not doing so, and not being frank enough, this committee took away his rights on which he and his people at that time had expended one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Jenison naturally appealed for justice, and he appealed with some reason to the Town of Fort William and the Town of Port Arthur, and his employers and his backers went there with him and they satisfied the Town of Port Arthur and the Town of Fort William, and the Mayors of these two towns will bear me out, that they had expended one hundred thousand dollars, and that they had associated with them not American capitalists—British capitalists—Hiram Maxim and Sons, who are prepared to go on with the work, and the agreement with regard to the finding of that money has been submitted to the member for the district, for Fort William, the Attorney-General, the Mayors of the two towns, and they are all satisfied that justice shall be done to Mr. Jenison, and that he should have an opportunity of going on and developing his works, and they are satisfied that they will be developed. That is the real position. As to the question of asking Mr. Jenison to assign his rights to the Anglo-American Company he has agreed to do so, and when this bill passes or before it passes, that assignment will be executed to a substantial company to the satisfaction of the Mayors of the two towns and to the Chairman or Attorney-General.

Mr. Marks: The question has never been submitted.