

By Mr. White:

Q. And the best water in the River St. Lawrence?—A. Yes, because every drop I used to see passing opposite my place, and I know every inch of the country because I was there many years. I was very well satisfied with that interview, and I think Senator McDougald deserves great credit.

By the Chairman:

Q. Did they take you in with them?—A. No. I have here a receipt for 1,500 shares in the Beauharnois Power Company that I sold last year at ten and twelve, 1,500 shares from Mr. Sweezy.

Q. But you did not get them for your nuisance value?—A. No, not for my nuisance value. I got those shares as part payment of the settlements to be made with the Robert family. They were very difficult people to handle, and Mr. Sweezy said: "Bergevin, you can wait and I will have the settlement made—"

Q. What did you get from Mr. Sweezy?—A. 1,500 shares of Beauharnois Power, Class "A".

Q. You have still got them, I suppose?—A. No, I sold them at ten and twelve. I am a poor man, and I want to live honestly.

Q. Did you get any cash besides the shares?—A. Yes, \$3,500 to \$4,000; I had the list, but I cannot produce it. He did that during three years' time so that I would co-operate and do the best I could to give him what help I could.

Q. And you did that?—A. Yes.

Q. That is the end of that. What next do you want to take up? We desire to give you a full hearing?—A. Mr. Henry had lunch at my place on the Sunday—

Q. That is not interesting to the committee.—A. It is very interesting, because these men have been attacked and they must be given credit for their work and their connections, and how they made them. These are important details to know, and the morality and mentality of the men should be observed by the people of this country. It is from the mentality and the connections of such men that you can judge of their work and what they have done for the benefit of this country.

Q. Apparently you have cleaned up a lot of nuisances?—A. That may be, but there are some other nuisances in the way. I want to foster some other developments that are now being put up to the Provincial and Federal Governments relative to the matter of navigation at Montreal, and there will be a treaty between the United States and Canada—

Q. We are not charged with the responsibility of settling that matter here.—A. That is all right. Maybe it will be the responsibility of others in the future.

Q. Have you anything further to say, or are you through?—A. I introduced Mr. Henry to the Robert family in the afternoon, and we spent a couple of hours together with the Roberts. Maybe you know Joseph A. Robert who is a highly educated engineer in the Geological Department. We discussed that matter then.

Q. Is there anything further?—A. I want to draw your attention to the fact that I am interested in the district for the benefit of the country.

Q. We admit that.—A. In this charter—

Q. We know all about that charter.—A. I do not want to go any further. I think I have given you my opinion. If you want to go into the back history