

influence of Senator Raymond. His purely legal activities did not require any influence whatever. (Proceedings of the Special Committee of the Senate, Senator Raymond, p. 34; Mr. Geoffrion, pp. 26 and 27).

With reference to his bill Exhibit 114 covering the period from September 10th 1927, to May 23, 1928, Mr. Geoffrion says:—

. . . It has been suggested that those consultations with Senator Raymond at that time indicated that he was using influence. He was not using influence at all.(Proceedings of the Special Committee of the Senate p. 26),

and again:—

. . . My work down to August 1928, was entirely devoted to the Quebec end of this thing. I do not suppose that you are concerned with that part of it. If you are not concerned with that part of it, as I will assume, then I will take that part of my bill for what I may call my activities in Ottawa. That begins in August 1928. I was called in to take a hand in the Ottawa end of the affair only in August 1928 That bill (Exhibit 114) is exclusively occupied with services rendered in Quebec. (Proceedings of the Special Committee of the Senate, pages 24 and 25),

and with reference to his activities at Ottawa:—

. . . Mr. Raymond could not be of any help to me, I did not need any influence. It was purely a question of law, negotiations and terms. I think there are eight interviews altogether that I find during the seven months, with Mr. Raymond. They are all of the same character. Apparently, I wanted information from him or he wanted an interview with me; but I never had any need of his influence, because the field in which I worked anyway—I am not speaking of the field in which others work—had nothing to do with influence. It was all connected with legislation, or discussing the terms of the contract.

And Mr. Geoffrion summarized his evidence by stating: "*All my activities were activities of a class that did not require any influence whatever*". (Proceedings of the Special Committee of the Senate pp. 26 and 27).

It would therefore appear that paragraph (2) of section 15 of the Report is an irrelevant and unnecessary digression and the innuendo therein contained is totally unjustified.

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Section 15 (3) of the Report reads as follows:—

(3) On page 391, Mr. Frank P. Jones states:—I certainly asked Senator Raymond over and over again if he could not do something to get some action.

Why is this reference inserted in the Report? No comment is made in connection therewith.

And why is not the whole statement of Mr. Jones quoted *in extenso*? It is as follows:—

Q. Is it fair to say, Mr. Jones, that while you had had talks with Senator McDougald and Senator Raymond and others—and I am not suggesting there was anything improper about interviews you had with any of these gentlemen—is it fair to say that it was wholly by reason of your own persuasion that the passing of P.C. 422—that is the Order in Council—was procured?—A. No, Sir; I think it was wholly due to the fact that the feeling was—and I think correctly, sir—they could not