

(11) It also should be remembered that at no time did the promoters of the Beauharnois project ask for or receive any grant from the Dominion of Canada and at no time either directly or indirectly were any public moneys involved. There was not and could not have been a breach by Senator McDougald of The Senate and House of Commons Act. (R.S.C. [1927] Chapter 147, sections 21 and 22.—Evidence of Mr. Geoffrion, K.C. Record of Proceedings, pps. 25-26-27.)

(12) Paragraphs 22 and 23 of the Report of the Commons Committee are incorrect. The statement that "his (Senator McDougald's) actions in respect to the Beauharnois Project cannot be too strongly condemned" is altogether unfair and is unsupported by the evidence or documents of record. On his behalf we deny most emphatically the statements of these paragraphs. At no time directly or indirectly, as Chairman of the Montreal Harbour Board, as a member of the National Advisory Committee on St. Lawrence Waterways, as a Senator of Canada, or as a member of the Special Committee of the Senate did Senator McDougald allow his private interests to interfere with his public duties, nor did he ever, speaking from his place in the Senate or elsewhere knowingly make incorrect or untruthful statements.

And we respectfully request this Committee to so declare.

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