

kind giving evidence of costs and the internal working of their plants, I do not know. However, we expect to have all of the oil companies here and I presume it will be as fair for one as for the other. In any event, that is the way I think the investigation will have to be conducted to get all the details right from the oil well to the consumer in Canada.

Just to add another word, as to the difference in price, this was sent to me. This is an advertisement in the St. Louis *Daily Globe-Democrat*, an advertisement by the Standard Oil Company of which, I believe, the Imperial Oil is a subsidiary, or in any event the Standard Oil holds the controlling share in the stock of the Imperial Oil. They advertise 10 gallons of gasoline for a dollar,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cents, plus  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cents tax.

Mr. VICTOR ROSS: Excuse me, Mr. Bothwell, what Standard Oil Company is that?

Mr. BOTHWELL: This is the Standard Oil Company, Indiana.

Mr. VICTOR ROSS: No connection.

Mr. BOTHWELL: Maybe no connection. But it is advertisements of this kind that we may be able to clear up in this investigation because that particular advertisement coming to the attention of a Canadian consumer immediately makes him believe that he is paying away too high for the gasoline that he consumes. That advertisement is dated December 29, 1931.

There is all sorts of evidence along that same line. I do not think the committee will gain anything by a repetition of it. The reason for the investigation has been set out to the committee by Dr. Donnelly, and all that I can add is just the manner in which I believe the investigation should be conducted.

HON. MR. MACKENZIE: Might I ask if the exact terms of reference have been placed as a matter of record in the evidence this morning?

Mr. HANSON: Yes, they are pretty wide.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, gentlemen, we have heard from Dr. Donnelly, the sponsor of the resolution, and from Mr. Bothwell, and now I am going to ask any other member of the committee who so desires to speak and lay before the committee any facts he may have in regard to prices of gasoline anywhere in Canada, confining himself, of course, to matters that the other gentlemen have not discussed, points they have not brought out; but I want the members of the committee to feel that it is wide open for them to say anything they desire. I have no desire to limit anyone from speaking. It is not my wish to do that. I want anyone to feel quite free to make any charges he likes in this matter before I call on Mr. Ross.

Mr. WILLIS: Mr. Chairman, may I ask as to whether there will be a representative of the Shell Company before this committee.

Mr. HANSON: Yes, if the committee so desires.

Mr. WILLIS: I think it is highly desirable.

The CHAIRMAN: We are going to ask representatives of the large companies in Canada to come here, and any other companies the committee may ask or may desire to hear, and if the committee so desires we will include the Shell Company, or any other company in Canada.

Mr. DONNELLY: As a member of the sub-committee, I wish to make it perfectly plain to the Imperial Oil that they were not singled out as the only oil company or that we had any antagonism against them in any way, shape or form. In picking out some company to come here, it was either the Imperial Oil or the British American, they being the largest, and we decided that the Imperial Oil Company should come first; but there was no special antagonism against them any more than any of the other companies.