

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TUESDAY, 16th February, 1932.

The Special Committee of the Senate appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration the report of a Special Committee of the House of Commons of the last session thereof to investigate the Beauharnois Power Project, in so far as said report relates to any Honourable Members of the Senate, met this day at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT: The Honourable C. E. Tanner, Chairman, the Honourable Senators Béique, Donnelly, Copp, Griesbach, McMeans and Robinson.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, gentlemen, you have before you the resolution of the Senate, and you also have the report which is mentioned in the resolution—that is the report which is referred to, which is contained in the Senate Minutes.

Hon. Mr. BÉIQUE: Then there is the evidence taken in the House of Commons.

The CHAIRMAN: The formal resolution of the Senate referred the report to us, and then provided authority whereby we can get the evidence, if we want it, from the House of Commons.

The CHAIRMAN: (*To the Clerk of the Committee*) Mr. Hinds, you communicated with the honourable members of the Senate who are mentioned in this report?

Mr. HINDS: Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN: By letter, did you?

Mr. HINDS: Yes, sir.

Hon. Mr. BÉIQUE: Senator Raymond is here. He was on the train this morning.

The CHAIRMAN: May I ask if Senators McDougald, Haydon and Raymond are here? I see Senator Haydon is here. Senator McDougald is not here, is he?

I think you had better read that letter, Mr. Hinds, and we will put it in the record.

The CLERK OF THE COMMITTEE:

SIR,—I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that the Special Committee of the Senate appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration the report of the Special Committee of the House of Commons of last session to investigate the Beauharnois Power Project, in so far as the said report relates to any honourable members of the Senate, will commence regular sittings on Tuesday next, the 16th of February instant, at 2.30 p.m., in Senate Committee Room No. 262.

Your obedient servant,

A. H. HINDS,

Chief Clerk of Committees.

This letter was addressed to the Honourable W. L. McDougald, Room 919, 360 St. James Street, West, Montreal, P.Q. A similar letter was addressed to Honourable Senator Haydon and to Honourable Senator Raymond. They were sent out on the 12th of February, instant.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: By registered mail?

The CLERK OF THE COMMITTEE: Yes.