

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we are met by arrangement this morning to examine Mr. Forsyth, or perhaps I should say to receive evidence from Mr. Forsyth. Is Mr. Forsyth present?

Mr. FORSYTH: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Forsyth, will you take a seat up here please?

LIONEL FORSYTH, K.C., of Montreal, called.

Mr. JACOBS: I suggest that we dispense with hearing Mr. Forsyth. He is an attorney and it would not make any difference.

The CHAIRMAN: I don't know; what is the pleasure of the committee? I think that is the practice.

Mr. JACOBS: It is not usual to swear an attorney who is giving evidence.

Mr. MARTIN: I would remind you that we swore Mr. Reid.

Mr. DEACHMAN: I suggest that all witnesses be sworn. There should be no class distinction between witnesses here.

The CHAIRMAN: What is your pleasure? Those in favour please indicate by a show of hands—keep those hands up so they can be counted.

Mr. MARTIN: This is all in the best Dickens manner.

The CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? I think we will have to swear the witness. Witness is sworn.

The CHAIRMAN: Now gentlemen, Mr. Forsyth has been duly sworn to tell the truth; who would care to ask a question, or undertake to bring out the material desired. Mr. McGeer moved that Mr. Forsyth be present, but Mr. McGeer is not present himself. Has any member of the committee any questions to ask Mr. Forsyth? Let us not lose time.

Well, Mr. Forsyth, apparently nobody wants to ask you any questions.

Mr. TUCKER: I understand that Mr. McGeer made the motion to examine Mr. Forsyth, and he will be here to-night or to-morrow morning.

The CHAIRMAN: We cannot help that, we want to get through this morning.

Mr. TUCKER: We are not through discussing section 3.

The CHAIRMAN: No.

Mr. TUCKER: We can examine Mr. Forsyth just as well after we get through with that as we can before.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. McGeer thinks that Mr. Forsyth's evidence would bear on section 3; therefore, before we decide on section 3 we certainly ought to hear Mr. Forsyth.

Mr. CLEAVER: Mr. Tucker as seconder of the motion that Mr. Forsyth should be called ought perhaps to have precedence and lead with the questioning.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, somebody better start.

Mr. CLEAVER: Well, if they are all too modest to start I will.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Cleaver, you have the floor.

*By Mr. Cleaver:*

Q. Mr. Forsyth, you have prepared a memorandum report which I will submit to you and ask you to identify?—A. You don't expect me to read that? I think I did prepare that, yes.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: That is the report which was put in as an exhibit is it not?

Mr. CLEAVER: What is the exhibit number of the report, so that the record may be kept clear, if that report was filed as an exhibit, Mr. Chairman.

The CLERK: That is Exhibit No. 1.

[Mr. Lionel A. Forsyth.]