

of \$10,000 to Mr. Henry to further the hobby which he had. I have to state here that one of the incorporators of that company on the 5th July, 1924, was the Hon. Senator Haydon. I think his firm then was composed of the late H. B. McGiverin, Senator Haydon, and Mr. John P. Ebbs. Mr. Ebbs was also examined at great length in the inquiry. Only five shares of the company were ever issued. At page XVIII of the report you will see that the Committee refers to the fact that on the 5th July, 1924, an application was made by this company to the Department of Railways and Canals, for the right to divert from the St. Lawrence river 30,000 c.f.s. at lake St. Francis and to use the same for power purposes. On the 7th July, 1924, a similar application was made to the Department of Public Works.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: By the Sterling Company?

Mr. MANN: Yes, by the Sterling Industrial Corporation. The first one was on the 5th July, 1924, and the next was on the 7th July.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Which shore were they dealing with, the south shore?

Mr. MANN: The south shore. Those applications have a very important bearing on the general circumstances, because when we get down to 1929 we shall see that they were considered by the honourable gentleman to whom I have referred and Mr. Henry to have been very effective measures looking to a prior right to a diversion of 30,000 c.f.s. of water from the St. Lawrence in the Soulanges section. On the 26th September, 1926, Mr. John P. Ebbs, of the then firm of McGiverin, Haydon & Ebbs, became President of the Sterling Industrial Corporation.

Hon. Mr. COPP: Who became President?

Mr. MANN: John P. Ebbs, on the 26th September, 1926. I am not sure if Mr. McGiverin was dead then, but in any event the firm is now Haydon & Ebbs.

Hon. Mr. COPP: You have referred to Mr. McGiverin several times as a Senator. By so doing, you may cause confusion.

Mr. MANN: I beg your pardon. Mr. McGiverin was head of the firm but I do not remember when he died. His name ceased to be in the firm name shortly after he died. The firm now is Haydon & Ebbs; I am using the term "honourable gentleman" so often that I may at times use it where it should not be used.

Hon. Mr. COPP: The only reason I interrupted you was because if you refer to the late Mr. McGiverin as a senator you may cause confusion by getting his name mixed up with that of someone else.

Mr. MANN: Yes, you are quite right, Senator Copp; I appreciate that. In 1926, or thereabouts, Mr. R. O. Sweezey comes into the picture. He was an engineer of unlimited scientific imagination with respect to power, apparently. He certainly was a man of indomitable courage and nerve. He says that after the report of the Joint Board of Engineers was made he had a discussion with an honourable member of the Senate with respect to that report, and it is only fair to say that all he did was to ask the honourable member for his views on the subject. What those views were do not appear. On the 3rd February, 1927, Mr. Sweezey procured from the heirs of the Robert family an option on the stock of the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company. That is the family that I referred to a little while ago as having formed the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company in 1902. If you will look at page VII of the report you will find a condensed statement, showing that Mr. Sweezey procured an option of all the issued capital stock of the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Com-