

The evidence of Senator McDougald given before the Commons Committee with respect to the payment to Sifton is quite contradictory to that given before the Senate Committee, and will be found on pages A942, 943 and 944.

Q. Then, a month after that you got the Sifton interests?—A. That is right, or two months, perhaps.

Q. And did you say you paid to Mr. Sifton \$30,000 for these shares?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you pay by cheque?—A. No, sir.

Q. How did you pay for it?—A. In bonds.

Mr. JACOBS: You must have been acquainted with Mr. Aird.

The WITNESS: No, it was a very common thing.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: It is a new practice.

By the Chairman:

Q. To whom did you deliver the bonds?—A. They were delivered by my attorney and by my financial man at my office.

By Mr. White:

Q. Who was your attorney?—A. Mr. C. A. Barnet.

By the Chairman:

Q. To whom were they delivered?—A. To Mr. Sifton himself.

Q. That is Winfield Sifton?—A. Yes.

By Mr. White:

Q. Why did you not get then and there an assignment of his interests?—A. Because Mr. Sifton did not want his name should appear in the transaction at all. He did not want it known that he had anything to do with the Beauharnois company.

Q. But his name—

Mr. STARR: Let him answer.

Mr. WHITE: I know, but for goodness sake, I should like to end the answer somewhere.

Mr. STARR: You are interrupting him.

Mr. WHITE: Your client is continually making what seems to me to be superfluous answers.

The WITNESS: You asked me, Mr. White, and I am trying to tell you why.

Q. What I want to point out to you is that Mr. Sifton never appeared in the transaction.—A. That is quite correct.

Q. And that the transaction to transfer from Mr. Moyer in your name—after the first of April those part-interests could have been transferred to you without the intervention of Mr. Sifton at all.—A. I—

Q. Without the same—A. It is not—

Q. Without Mr. Sifton's name appearing?—A. The reason for that was that I did not want my name to appear at the time.

Q. Why?—A. For one reason, *I did not want to take on the commitment, at the time the other interests were coming due, the other Syndicate, that is 30,000 shares, which were closing out the first Syndicate.*

Q. At that time?—A. I do not mind taking 30,000 shares or \$30,000, but that was 1,600 part-interests which would have been fully paid up at the close of the syndicate, the next payment that had to be made was on the first of June or thereabouts for \$16,000.