

Mr. THATCHER: How can we question him on the brief if he does not read it first?

Mr. LESAGE: Did you move a motion?

Mr. PINARD: Yes.

Mr. THATCHER: On a point of order, surely you cannot do that. You have not done it with any other witness. We cannot question the witness intelligently if you do not have the brief read. You should rule that there should be no vote in the committee.

The CHAIRMAN: I cannot rule that. I have expressed my opinion, but I cannot rule. The committee must decide that themselves.

Mr. IRVINE: The committee already has decided to hear this man several days ago.

The CHAIRMAN: I have said that. I do not see how I can rule.

Mr. THATCHER: Apparently the Liberal party is trying to shut off labour if it will not hear a trade union.

Mr. LESAGE: That is unfair; that is false.

The CHAIRMAN: Order. I clearly stated as chairman of the committee at the outset when Mr. Thatcher was not here—and Mr. Irvine will corroborate what I said as chairman—that we would receive the witness. I thought as chairman it was my duty to say we should hear him. No one can say we are trying to shut off labour. I would be the last one to support that.

Mr. THATCHER: Mr. Lesage said that.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lesage did not. Neither Mr. Lesage nor Mr. Pinard—order, I must ask for order—indicated that. Let us get on with despatch. All right.

Mr. FLEMING: There is just one point. The committee decided to hear the witness on the question of cotton textiles. There are some points there.

The CHAIRMAN: Let us proceed.

Mr. FLEMING: Those points—

The CHAIRMAN: Let us deal with matters as we proceed.

Samuel Baron, Canadian Director and Vice-President of the Textile Workers Union of America (C.C.L.), called and sworn.

By Mr. Monet:

Q. Would you please give your full name?—A. Samuel Baron.

Q. And your address?—A. 4855 Cote St. Luc.

Q. Montreal?—A. Montreal.

Q. Would you please give the members of the committee your present occupation?—A. I am Canadian director and vice-president of the Textile Workers Union of America (C.C.L.).

Q. I understand you have prepared a brief which is entitled "Testimony of Samuel Baron, Canadian Director and Vice-President of the Textile Workers Union of America (C.C.L.), to be presented before the Special Committee on Prices"?

—A. That is correct.

Q. And this brief I am now showing you is the brief you have submitted to me?—A. That is correct.

Q. I understand you have mimeographed copies for each member of the committee?—A. That is correct.

Mr. MONET: Mr. Baron, before I ask you to read the brief I will also ask you a general question which I should like you to deal with either at the end of