

EVIDENCE

THURSDAY, April 23, 1959.

9 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum. There were one or two unanswered questions from the last meeting. One dealt with water resources and pollution in New Brunswick. General McNaughton has indicated that he will answer those questions at this time. We will then proceed with the consideration of items 96 and 97—the International Joint Commission—at the point that the General left off. At our last meeting we were dealing with the Souris River.

General A. G. L. McNAUGHTON, P.C. (*Chairman, Canadian Section, International Joint Commission*): Mr. Chairman, the question in respect to the present standing of provincial legislation in the province of New Brunswick in regard to water resources and pollution control was asked by Mr. Pratt.

In 1956 the legislature of New Brunswick passed an act in regard to this subject. Primarily it was an act to set up an organization to study the matter and then bring in recommendations. Since that time the matter has progressed and in 1958 an amendment to the act was made which provides for the control of the use of the water in lakes, streams and water courses in the province. It also provided for the control or prevention of pollution of such water, the allocation of the use of such water to the several users or applicants therefor, and the fixing of penalties for the violation of any regulation made under authority of this section. Further, the act provides that these regulations shall have the same force of law as if enacted by the legislature. The act was to come into force on a date to be fixed by proclamation. As this proclamation has now been made, New Brunswick has effective legislation for the control of water pollution in the rivers and waters of New Brunswick.

The other question related to the Souris. I reported that the studies of the Souris had been completed by the International Joint Commission and that under date of March 19, 1958, a report, with recommendations, was made to the governments of Canada and the United States. I also reported that by a letter over the signature of the Prime Minister, bearing the date of March 20, 1959, we were informed that our proposals had been accepted. May I table this letter?

The CHAIRMAN: Is it agreed that it be printed gentlemen?

Agreed.

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International Joint Commission, Ottawa.

I refer to your letter dated April 11, 1958, addressed to the late Secretary of State for External Affairs, concerning a report of the International Joint Commission dated 19 March, 1958, to the governments of the United States and Canada, on the Souris river reference of 15 January, 1940.

I am pleased to inform you that the government of Canada approves the new interim measures recommended in paragraph 22 of the report of 19 March, 1958 in lieu of the interim measures which were recommended in the commission's report of 2 October, 1940.