

(14) *On the 25th May, 1928, Mr Aimé Geoffrion, Chief Counsel for the Beauharnois Syndicate, and who according to his bill for professional services had a number of interviews, starting on the 17th December, 1927, with Senator McDougald, wrote to Senator McDougald urging that there was "no reason for delaying the application to the Dominion Executive for approval of the Beauharnois plans under the Navigable Waters Act."*

(15) *The last question which Senator McDougald asked Mr. Henry on this occasion, on the 31st of May, 1928, was as follows: (Page 232 of the Committee's Proceedings.)*

Hon. Mr. McDougald: The last question which I have, Mr. Henry, is, in your opinion should the improvement of the St. Lawrence Waterway be gone on with as soon as possible, and if so, why?

It is to be recalled that thirteen days previously on his own testimony, Senator McDougald had agreed to become interested in this enterprise to the extent of 800 Part Interests in the Beauharnois Syndicate.

The above Paragraphs 12, 13, 14 and 15 are in every way justified in the evidence.

STATEMENTS IN SENATE

PARAGRAPHS 16, 17 and 18

Paragraphs 16, 17 and 18 of the summary have to do with the correctness and bona fides of certain statements made to the Senate by Senator McDougald and are as follows:—

(16) *On the 19th of April, 1928, Senator McDougald in a speech delivered by him from his place in the Senate stated: "I want to say here, and to say it with emphasis, that I do not own a dollar's worth of stock in this enterprise, and have no interest in or association with that Company in any way, shape or form". . . . "So far as I myself am concerned I cannot add too much emphasis to my denial of the suspicions and aspersions which these despatches" (referring to despatches of the Toronto Mail and Empire and the Globe of April 18, 1928) "have cast upon me as a member of the Advisory Committee, as a member of this honourable body, and as a private citizen."*

(17) *On the 20th of May, 1931, Senator McDougald, in referring to his former statement on this subject, and the date thereof, the 19th of April, 1928, made the following statement from his place in the Senate: "Honourable Members of the Senate, before the orders of the day I rise on a question of privilege. According to the newspapers of this morning my honour and integrity as a member of this House have been attacked in another place, and I desire to draw attention at once to a statement which I made in the Senate in April, 1928, regarding my position in the much-discussed Beauharnois Power Company. Newspaper articles had reflected on myself and other members of the National Advisory Committee reporting on the St. Lawrence Waterways. It was insinuated that our decisions and recommendations were influenced by personal interest in power development on the St. Lawrence. In this House I stated at the time that I had no interest in the Beauharnois Power Company or in the Syndicate. That was absolutely true and correct. I may say at once that up to that time. . . ." (that is April, 1928). "I had been invited on many occasions to become a member of that syndicate but had always declined. After that date I was asked again, and had the whole project investi-*