

are meant to provide international facilities - and improvements wherein the power development is the principal object in view, which power in so far as it belongs to Canada or is developed in the national sections should be considered as a strictly Canadian asset to be retained solely for the benefit of Canada."

"It would appear of great importance that the Crown retain permanently its proprietary rights in all the improvements connected with this vast undertaking and pertaining to both navigation and power development."

"It is not difficult to visualize the immense value to Canada of retaining the control and disposal of such a large amount of hydro-electric energy admirably situated and which may be advantageously developed."

"In respect of an undertaking of this magnitude which may insure the prosperity of many generations of Canadian citizens, the permanent ownership of this great Canadian heritage should not be surrendered to private interests, but the operation of the power works developed by such a project could be leased or farmed out, under conditions to be studied and determined."

43. (1) These extracts show that there was a distinct cleavage of opinion among the members of the Advisory Committee.
- (2) That the majority of its members including Senator McDougald recommended the development of the Quebec section of the river by private agencies, and advised that such agencies were able and willing to finance the undertaking, and would undertake the development in return for the power, and advised against development at the cost of the country at that time.
- (3) Whereas, Messrs. Leman and Turgeon strongly recommended that the development should not be handed over to private interests.
44. And it is significant that the recommendations in favour of private agencies are in harmony with the expressed