

I ask honourable gentlemen again to take my word and my assurance that when I made the statement in this House it was the truth, and nothing but the truth. In another place a committee is to be appointed to investigate this whole Beauharnois project, and I am confident that the whole thing will be cleared up there to the entire satisfaction of both Houses of Parliament and the country at large.

It is significant to note in this statement that he reaffirms the position he took in April, 1928, stating that after that speech he was asked again and had the whole project investigated from every angle; that when he was satisfied that it was a proper project for him as a member of the Senate, as a business man and a citizen of Canada to take a financial interest in it, he agreed to do so; that some six months later, October, 1928, he took an interest in Beauharnois Syndicate and was interested solely from his business judgment and had put into the syndicate dollar for dollar with every other member of it. It is clear, on his own admission, that he made his Beauharnois purchase as early as the 18th of May, 1928. He was examined in the Committee of the House of Commons at length on this statement, contenting himself with saying that it was ambiguous, but not incorrect. Before the present Committee his examination in respect to this appears on pages B171, 172, 173 and 174, all of which must be read with a view to coming to a conclusion as to what purpose should be ascribed to Senator McDougald in making the very misleading statement which he did, namely, that it was in October, 1928, he took his interest. The examination concluded with this question and answer on middle of page B174:—

Q. You have no further explanation?—A. I could not have any further explanation.

One is driven to the inevitable conclusion that the speech made by Senator McDougald to the Senate on the 20th May, 1931, was made with the deliberate intention of concealing from the Senate the interest he had in Beauharnois prior to the part interests appearing in his nominee, Ebbs, on the second day of October, 1928. In other words, he concealed his relationship to the whole Moyer-Sifton purchase, and this must have been done with the intention of misleading the Senate. It further appears that at the time he admits making the purchase from Sifton, he was sitting as a member of a Special Committee of the Senate, which sat from the 20th April to the 7th June, 1928 (B174), and did not disclose to fellow members of the Committee the interest he had, either in the Sterling Industrial Corporation or in the Beauharnois Syndicate. His answer to the Commons Committee on page A917 is set out in the following quotation:—

*By Mr. White:*

Q. I suggest to you that on that date when you called Mr. Henry as a witness you had an interest in the Beauharnois project?—A. That is right.

Q. That is right. Did you disclose that to the committee?—A. It was none of their business whether I had or had not any interest in it.

This Special Senate Committee was charged among other things—"to inquire into and report from time to time on the matter of the development and improvement of the St. Lawrence River for the purposes of navigation, and production of electric current, and power and matters incidental to such objects," and on this occasion Senator McDougald took quite an active part. Among other persons, there was called as a witness, Mr. Henry, who was jointly interested with Senator McDougald in the Sterling Industrial Corporation, and on