

us power in that district. We suggested one or two possible schemes for power; but we were informed that the one scheme suggested was entirely out of the question, and there were some indefinite suggestions about some power at Waddington. When we came to investigate that—

MR. HILLIARD: What is the date of that, Mr. Pringle?

MR. PRINGLE: This was in 1906, and continued for some time. I want to say that these are the prices for power.

MR. HILLIARD: What is the date of that pamphlet?

MR. PRINGLE: 1908.

MR. HILLIARD: It has been revised since.

MR. PRINGLE: Now, the prices as given here for power vary, Toronto being the cheapest at \$18.10, and running up to \$29.50 at St. Marys, \$26 at Hespeler, \$24 at Berlin, \$26.50 at St. Thomas, and so on. I may say to you, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, that I do not think power at those prices would be of any great value to Brockville, Cornwall or the other towns in the eastern districts. Now, you have had great patience, and I know that I am trespassing a little, but if you will just bear with me a moment I will soon conclude. We have had everything up here, from manufacturing tacks to beef trusts, and we have got away almost entirely from the issue. I was more than pleased with what Mr. Kennedy said, for we Canadians have the greatest respect for him. There is no man who is more conversant with the St. Lawrence river and its conditions than Mr. Kennedy, who for so long was connected with the harbour works of Montreal. I was very careful to note what Mr. Kennedy said, because it was the crux of the whole position. The question before you gentlemen is, "Is this scheme feasible?" And Mr. Kennedy put it in a very nice and most comprehensive way, because he covered the whole thing that is before the Commission. He said that this work can be done wisely and safely. Now, is not that the whole position?

MR. HILLIARD: Would Mr. Pringle accept Mr. Kennedy's whole answer?

MR. PRINGLE: Just wait, Mr. Hilliard; I did not interrupt you. Mr. Hilliard gave us a very earnest discourse; I would be very sorry to see our good friends at Morrisburg disturbed in any way by water. I think our engineers can meet Mr. Hilliard's views in regard to that. We are not dealing with that now, because I do not think it is pertinent here. It is not a question whether the gentlemen of Cornwall, or the Cornwall Board of Trade, would accept Mr. Kennedy's opinion. Mr. Kennedy has stated that this work can be done wisely and safely. It is a question of detail to be worked out by the respective Governments. I regret that somebody here had to refer to this Company as composed of "foreigners."