

Q. Was there any receipt from the Beauharnois Syndicate or the Beauharnois Power Syndicate for any sum of money appearing to have been paid to that Syndicate in the form of a subscription?—A. I cannot answer categorically. Certainly I never heard of such a thing and I do not recollect having seen such a thing. There is nothing I can recollect which refers to that.

Q. Was there any reference to a subscription by your brother to stock or units in the Beauharnois Power Syndicate or Beauharnois Syndicate?—A. I never saw such a thing.

Q. I merely ask was there any such thing among the papers of the estate?—A. I cannot answer categorically because we have half a trunk full of papers, I did not examine every one to see whether there was such a thing, but I do not recollect any question of such a thing.

Q. You did examine the papers to find what the assets of the estate were?—A. Exactly. There was nothing which appeared to me to be an asset which referred to that, at least not that we found.

Q. And there was not in the estate any evidence so far as you found, having looked over the assets, any evidence that he was at any time a subscriber to the stock or part-interests of the Beauharnois Power Syndicate or Beauharnois Syndicate?—A. Certainly not at the time of his death. I would not be particularly interested in what he was before, but I can recollect nothing—

Q. I am only asking what you found at the time of his death?—A. I do not remember finding any such thing, but I must explain that if it was an interest which would have terminated before, it is not the kind of thing we would be particularly looking for. I cannot recollect even having seen anything which referred to an interest which had terminated.

Q. What I am asking is if there was among the papers of your late brother's estate any evidence that he had been prior to his death necessarily interested in the shares or part-units or part-interests or units of the Beauharnois Syndicate or Beauharnois Power Syndicate?—A. Not within my knowledge, no.

Q. Who made up the inventory of the estate?—A. It was made up under my direction. Myself and my clerical help.

Q. Was it made up from information you furnished to the party who put the figures down?—A. It was done directly under my own hand.

The evidence of Mr. Barnard was that the sale from Sifton to McDougald was concluded by him and Mr. Banks with Mr. Sifton in a twenty-minute period, after the 15th and before the end of May, 1928 (B204), that merely a receipt in Sifton's handwriting was taken, which he agreed to destroy when Senator McDougald saw fit to have it known that he was the owner of the said part interests, and that the receipt was destroyed accordingly (B207). The fact is that until the second day of October, 1928, when Senator McDougald had these part interests transferred to the name of his trustee, Mr. Ebbs, the whole matter, purchase and sale, is one surrounded by mystery. It is clear, however, that from the beginning, Sweezey knew that Sifton was not purchasing for himself (A666).

Q. Now, I suggest to you that it would have been at least the part of common precaution for you to have asked your solicitor whom he was holding the shares for?—A. I did ask him, sir, but he told me to wait and in due course he would inform me.