

*By Mr. Mann:*

Q. It is Appendix No. 5?—A. Yes, Appendix No. 5 of the Journals of the House of Commons of 1931.

The CHAIRMAN: Do any of you gentlemen want to ask Mr. Beauchesne anything?

Hon. Mr. CANNON: Mr. Chairman, I do not wish to examine the witness, but when the investigation was held last year the senators who are concerned in the inquiry before your Committee were not parties to the investigation before the House of Commons; so I would like to ask your Committee for a ruling. Is that evidence produced with the understanding that, should any of the senators—I am speaking for my client—deem it advisable to cross-examine witnesses, an opportunity not having been given last year, is it understood that we have permission to examine these witnesses if we wish to?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. ROBERTSON: May I take a somewhat similar objection, but on broader grounds? My client, Senator Haydon, was not even able to be present at the examination before the House of Commons Committee, and had no opportunity of taking part in it or examining any witnesses; so I suggest—and I do it with deference, knowing that this Committee is not bound by any rules of evidence or procedure—but I will submit this, after enquiring into the matter, that it is peculiarly within the jurisdiction of the Senate—the conduct of behaviour or standing of any member of the Senate—and it is not the practice, when a matter is one that peculiarly comes within the Senate's jurisdiction, to pay attention to what has happened in the other House or in any Committee of the other House. The matter is not one as to which this House concedes any jurisdiction in the other House to inquire into. I make that objection.

The CHAIRMAN: The scope of our inquiry is very clearly set out in the order of reference. We do not propose to go beyond that scope. Of course, later on, if we wish witnesses, or if you wish to examine witnesses, we will be very glad to accommodate you in the way of having them brought here, touching the matters that this Committee has to deal with.

Mr. MANN: I think, Mr. Chairman, it would be in order for this Committee to pass a resolution in respect to accepting the Blue Book, the Appendix, which has to be dealt with by counsel or by the Committee, and that the Exhibits be numbered simultaneously with the Exhibits as numbered in the House, in order to avoid confusion.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that the draft you gave me?

Mr. MANN: Yes. (Draft of Resolution handed to Chairman, and copies distributed to members of Committee.)

Hon. Mr. BÉRIQUE: I would suggest that these words be added after the words "produced upon the present inquiry":—

subject, however, to cross-examination which may be made by the parties interested.

Mr. MANN: That is quite satisfactory; perfectly all right.

The CHAIRMAN: That is exactly what we want to do.

Mr. MANN: Exactly. Will the clerk read the motion?

The motion, as amended, was then read by the Clerk of the Committee, as follows:—

That the evidence taken and the exhibits produced before the Special Committee of the House of Commons appointed to investigate the Beauharnois Power Project and now before this Committee, be received and