

At a meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday, the second of March, 1932, the following Resolution was passed:—

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 accepted by this Committee to avail as evidence before it, to the same extent and with the same effect as if the witnesses had been examined and the Exhibits produced upon the present inquiry, subject, however, to cross-examination which may be made by the parties interested; that the Blue Book entitled "Special Committee on Beauharnois Power Project," Session 1931, printed by the King's Printer, being Appendix No. 5 to the Journals of the House of Commons, 1931, be used, referred to and dealt with by this Committee and by counsel as containing a true transcript of all things therein reported and printed; and further that the Exhibits be given the same numbers as those given to them before the said House of Commons Committee.

That in addition to the evidence taken and Exhibits marked before the Committee, all the evidence taken and Exhibits marked before the Commons Committee constitute part of the evidence under consideration at this inquiry. The Exhibits number from 1 to 154.

Special attention is directed to the Order of Appointment of this Committee, which order directed the Committee to take into consideration the Report of the Special Committee of the House of Commons, in so far as the same relates to Honourable Members of the Senate, and to hear further evidence. It, therefore, is deemed desirable that this report shall, as far as the evidence may justify, be based upon and follow in structure and in outline the report unanimously agreed to by the Committee of the House of Commons, and to that end this Committee, as part of its report, begs leave to extract from and, in its finding of evidence and conclusions thereof, to adopt certain portions of the said Fourth Report of the Commons Committee dated the 28th July, 1931, as follows, except in so far as definite modifications thereof may be hereinafter set out. The extracts will be printed in italics.

HOUSE OF COMMONS REPORT

TUESDAY, July 28, 1931

The Special Committee appointed to investigate the Beauharnois Project beg leave to present the following as a Fourth Report.

1. On the 10th day of June, 1931, the House of Commons adopted the following Resolution; That Messrs. Dorion, Fiset (Sir Eugène), Gardiner, Gordon, Jacobs, Jones, Lennox, Mackenzie (*Vancouver Centre*), Stewart (*Lethbridge*), be a committee to investigate from its inception the Beauharnois project for the development of hydro-electric energy by the use of the waters of the St. Lawrence River so far as the matters referred to are within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing words in particular to investigate the matters referred to in the speech made in the House of Commons by Mr. Robert Gardiner, the honourable member for Acadia, on the 10th day of May last, as reported on pages 1875-1887 of Hansard, and to report from time to time their observations and opinion thereon; with power to send for papers, persons and records. Honourable W. A. Gordon was on the 15th of June, 1931, appointed Chairman of the Special Select Committee.