

Q. You mean you would not know what to do in order to advance an Order in Council?—A. Exactly.

Q. You would probably hire Col. Thompson, Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Greene?—A. I did not know any of those gentlemen either.

Q. Before you had subscribed for anything, I observe by Mr. Geoffrion's bill he had a number of interviews with you. Your subscription was about April 1, 1928, your first \$30,000?—A. April 1, 1927.

Q. I think you mean the 27th of March, do you not? The first syndicate dissolved on the 4th of April.—A. 1928. My first subscription was on the 1st of April, 1927.

Q. So that you had subscribed in April, 1927?—A. Yes.

Q. I want to read you one or two items from Exhibit 114, page 5. There is an item of January 23, "telephone to Mr. Sweezey, interview with Senator Raymond"—A. What year was that?

Q. January, 1928. (Continues reading): "Interview with Senator Raymond; further telephone to Mr. Sweezey; a letter received from Mr. Cannon of the 23rd inst.; telephone from Senator Raymond; interview with Mr. Sweezey; telephone from Hon. Mr. Mitchell; interview with him; interview with Senator Raymond; letter received from you enclosing copy of pleadings in Montreal Trust v. Sweezey." And on January 25: "Telephone to and from the Hon. Mr. Mitchell; telephone to Senator Raymond; telephone to Mr. Howard." And on the 26th: "Telephone to Mr. Mitchell; telephone to Senator Raymond; telephone to Mr. Howard." I have referred to four days in which you were in constant communication, and I was just wondering if from the readings of those to you, you could recall the substances of those conversations?—A. I think I mentioned before in my evidence that I left Montreal on December 17, 1927. I do not know exactly what date of the month I came back to attend to my duties in Ottawa, in January, I presume. I might have been in Montreal for a couple of days, two or three days—I doubt that I was in Montreal more than that time. I came at the opening of the Session and I went back to Florida to attend my family, and I did not return until some time in April. So it was natural for me to call up those gentlemen and find out what progress had been made as far as our application was concerned.

Q. Then you were taking an interest in the passage of this application?—A. Certainly.

Q. And it is only fair to say that you were probably taking a similar interest in the passage of the application with the Dominion Government?—A. With my associates and no more, the same in Quebec as in Ottawa.

Q. That is your position, that you were active, but with your associates, and that you did not influence any Cabinet minister?—A. Exactly, to find out as to progress.

Q. But what I have in my mind and what I understood you to frankly admit is this, that you were very much interested in the passage of that Order in Council, although anything you did was a quite proper thing to do. That is a summary of your proposition, isn't it?—A. I was interested in it but I never made a move towards it.

Then there is a further bill filed by Mr. Geoffrion as Exhibit No. 131 and on which Senator Raymond was not examined, as the bill was not at that time filed, but in it we find the following interviews, by telephone or in person, with Senator Raymond: October 25, 1928; November 6; November 22; December 3; December 5; December 7; January 10, 1929; January 12, January 21, which