

Mr. BREWIN: I have a brief, but no addendum.

Mr. DINSDALE: I also have no addendum.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Was this in French?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I sent a small section translated into French. I thought it might be of some assistance to some of our friends from Quebec.

Mr. HERRIDGE: I think we should compliment the witness for doing this. This is the first witness who has provided evidence in French. This is a very good gesture indeed.

Mr. TURNER: Do I understand Mr. Bartholomew is now ready for questions? Mr. Bartholomew, when we were discussing your qualifications I asked you which communities were covered under the lower Arrow lake board of trade. You told me: Needles, Fauquier and Edgewood. I want to ask you whether it is not true, to your knowledge, that the following people from the larger sections of the Arrow lakes area have gone on record as favouring early ratification of the treaty: Mr. Wilson, the president of the board of trade; Mr. Carl Loeblich, village chairman at Kinnaird; Mr. W. H. Reid, village chairman at Castlegar and Mr. Elmer Kraft, president of the Castlegar and district chamber of commerce. Are you aware of that?

Mr. HERRIDGE: I can give evidence in that respect. These are personal opinions. Neither the Nakusp chamber of commerce nor the Castlegar chamber of commerce has changed its opinion.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I am not aware of that.

Mr. BREWIN: Apparently Mr. Herridge is aware of it.

Mr. TURNER: In your letter of transmittal which appears in the brief, you say there has not been enough time to prepare a brief which would be satisfactory to you.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: That is correct.

Mr. TURNER: Before the committee begins questioning you on your brief, can you tell us whether you have any reservations or other corrections to make in this brief in the light of the view you made known ten days ago or whether you are prepared to stand behind all the statements?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I am prepared to stand behind the brief and I will do my best to verify everything that is in it.

Mr. TURNER: On page 2 of the letter of transmittal you refer to the large staff of specialists in law, economics and engineering which the United States government had brought over, and you mention that they had experience in such projects, development and planning throughout the Columbia basin for 25 years and over. Who are the gentlemen to which you are referring?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I am referring to Mr. Bennett who was a member of the interior department of the United States—a singularly informed man with a very competent and experienced staff; to General Itschner and his staff; and to several others whom I have met from time to time but I cannot remember their names. You go down to the Columbia basin, you see them and you meet them, and you admire their work.

Mr. TURNER: On page 2 of your letter of transmittal you say that you feel confident that the results of your calculations are within the range of slide rule errors. What is that range? I am not familiar with how wide could be a margin of slide rule error.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Within two or three per cent at the worst. If there are large errors, then I have slipped, or maybe the slide rule slipped.

Mr. TURNER: We are talking about the neighbourhood of one or two per cent?