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Draft synopsis for the assistance of the Committee without recitals of the more or less formal portions, which must precede any synopsis of this kind and concerns only Senator McDougald.

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*James saw McDougald  
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Senator McDougald, or as he was then, Dr. McDougald, had been extensively engaged in business enterprises for a good many years (A150). He also had been interested in the development of power in the Soulange section of the St. Lawrence River for a good many years (A150) and, as will subsequently appear, that development by private parties was always a major factor in that interest. His first official appointment, as disclosed by the record, in connection with the St. Lawrence River was as Chairman of the Montreal Harbour Board (A150) and it should be noted that this and all subsequent appointments received by him were from the Liberal Government of the day.

In 1923 he had discussed with Mr. Henry the development of power on the St. Lawrence, and particularly on the Soulange section thereof, and at that time he interested himself with Henry in the development of that portion of the river with a view to making money, and it is fair to say that subsequent events prove that he never lost the idea of making money from the development of power in this section.

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