

*By Mr. Donnelly:*

Q. Would you file that report?—A. Yes. I think I gave it to someone.

Q. So that we might have it for reference.—A. Yes. This was printed not by us; I think it was printed either by the McColl-Frontenac Company—Mr. Irwin told me that he had a number, and if any member of the committee would like to have one, I would have them sent.

Mr. HANSON: I think we should have it either in the minutes or distributed.

Mr. POWER: Print it in the proceedings.

The CHAIRMAN: You have heard Mr. Ross's statement. I am sure that Mr. Ross would be glad to answer questions put by any member of the committee, questions that deal with his part of the business. I suppose the business is one which has large ramifications and many departments. Perhaps Mr. Ross may not be able to answer technical questions, but if there are any questions you would like to put to him, please stand up and do so.

*By Mr. Bothwell:*

Q. Mr. Chairman, there are a few questions I should like to ask, which might pave the way for other witnesses which may be called later.

In speaking of the taxes in the United States, Mr. Ross, and the bootlegging of gas, if I might use that term, what tax was it you were speaking of, production tax?—A. No, the gasoline tax.

Q. State tax?—A. Yes, the same as our tax.

Q. The same as what we might call road tax?—A. Yes.

Q. How many refineries have you in Canada?—A. Seven.

Q. Where are they located?—A. One at Halifax, one at Montreal, one at Regina, one at Calgary, one at Sarnia, and one at Ioco, Vancouver—the Imperial oil town of Ioco.

Q. I presume your crude to those different refineries comes from different fields?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. In the United States?—A. And South America, and a small amount from the Turner Valley.

Q. Take for instance, your Halifax refinery. Where will your crude come from?—A. Well, some of it would come from Colombia or Peru, which we produce ourselves. It may come from Texas. It would be Texas crude or mid-continent crude, mid-continent representing the three states I have mentioned, having a pipe line from the centre of the mid-continent field down to the gulf.

Q. Is that your own pipe line?—A. Oh, no, sir; it is a common carrier.

Q. Have you any pipe lines from the oil fields?—A. We just have one pipe line which we own through a subsidiary, which runs from our plant at Sarnia to Cygnet, Ohio; and the crude is moved from Texas to that pipe line. We command that major pipe line which carries crude about a thousand miles up from Texas.

Q. For instance, your Regina refinery, where does your crude come from to it?—A. Well, we use some Turner Valley crude there, but it mostly moves from Montana or Oklahoma by tank car.

Q. By tank car?—A. Yes.

Q. Now, you spoke of the number of shareholders that you had in Canada in the Imperial Oil.—A. Yes.

Q. The statement has been made that fifty-one per cent of the Imperial Oil is owned by the Standard Oil; is that correct?—A. Well, it owns more than fifty-one per cent.

Q. Do you know the percentage?—A. I think it is about—in my head, now—I think it is about sixty per cent.

Q. That is the Standard Oil?—A. That is the Standard Oil of New Jersey. We are very proud of our connection with it. I would just like to say there,