

PART I - GENERALBEAUHARNOIS LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY.

6. This company evolved from private enterprise of about a hundred years ago, when a small feeder four miles in length from Lake St. Francis to the head waters of the St. Louis River was built; said to be the first diversion in the Soulanges Section of the St. Lawrence River for power purposes.

7. That in later years a number of events took place relating to this enterprise in which the Government of the Province of Canada, the Dominion Government and the Government of the Province of Quebec played several parts. There was litigation in regard to what are known as the Robert rights. Finally in December 1929 a twenty-one year lease of the feeder above mentioned was made by the Dominion Government to the heirs of Robert under authority of Order in Council of December 9th, 1909, P.C. 2168.

8. That in 1902 by a Quebec statute, the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company was incorporated with power to extend and enlarge the feeder.

9. That in 1910 by another Quebec statute the Company was given the right to build a new canal or feeder from any point on the original feeder to any point on the St. Louis River at or near the Town of Beauharnois. This gave the company certain rights in respect of diversion of water for power purposes from Lake St. Francis.

The shares of the company were owned by members of the Robert family.

10. That on February 3, 1927, R. O. Swezey, who was then engaged in promoting what afterwards became the Beauharnois Power Project, obtained from the Roberts an option for purchase of all the issued capital stock and the rights of the company. Roberts were paid \$1,520,000 in cash, and in addition a large number of shares in the syndicate and the company which was subsequently incorporated.