

By Right Hon. Mr. Graham:

Q. Just for information, what constituted the Marquette Investment Corporation?—A. It was a company acting at that period as trustee, I believe, for the Beauharnois Syndicate, and then subsequently for the Beauharnois Power Syndicate, and continued to act until these syndicates merged into what became the Beauharnois Power Corporation.

By the Chairman:

Q. Is that a Montreal company, that Marquette company?—A. Yes, sir.

These part interests in the second syndicate were later sold by the second syndicate to the Beauharnois Power Corporation for the sum of \$150 per part interest, together with 40 shares in the Power Corporation for each part interest. (See evidence of Swezey as to financial structure B38.) So that the position as we now find it is, after the New York trip of Sifton and Moyer at the end of March, that Moyer appeared on the books of the first syndicate as the owner of 800 part interests, 50 per cent paid, which were, on the 4th day of April, converted into 1,600 part interests in the new syndicate. Moyer on the 10th day of May subscribed for another 1,600 part interests, for which he agreed to pay the sum of \$160,000. He has since destroyed any and all cheques and has no written record whatever of the receipt or the payment of any of these amounts of money, nor has he any agreement with Sifton, whose trustee he was, the arrangement being, according to him, a gentleman's agreement with Sifton (B64). He says that prior to Sifton's death he was told by Sifton that in the event of his death he was to take his instructions from Senator McDougald. Sifton died on the 13th June, 1928, having been in a comatose condition some three or four days prior to that time. (As to when instructions were given by Sifton to Moyer, see page B65).

In so far as relates to the payment to Sifton referred to in the evidence of Senator McDougald quoted above, it is of some significance to note that neither Senator McDougald, Barnard nor Banks have any writing of any nature or description touching on this purchase, nor is there any evidence in the documents and letters or books of the Sifton estate showing either the purchase of the part interests, nor the receipt of the bonds or money representing the bonds. (B228 and 229 and Ex. 142.) The following is a quotation from the evidence of Mr. Clifford Sifton, beginning at the middle of page B229 and part way down B230:—

Q. At the Commons inquiry I think there was filed as Exhibit No. 105 a document being a statement of the estate of your late brother, with an affidavit as to succession Duties attached. (Showing document to witness.) That is the Exhibit produced on the Commons inquiry?—A. This appear to be a copy of the Succession Duties Act affidavit which we prepared, yes.

Q. And includes within it an inventory of the securities which made up your brother's estate?—A. Yes.

Q. Was there among the assets of the estate any Dominion of Canada bonds whatsoever?—A. No.

Q. Was there among the papers of the estate any receipt for any sums of money paid to the Beauharnois Syndicate or the Beauharnois Power Syndicate?—A. I do not recollect any such receipt.

Q. Would you recollect it if had been there?—A. Not a receipt, no.

Q. There was no receipt?—A. I do not say that, I say I am not sure I would have recollected it. If it had been a receipt for money which was loaned which constituted an asset I am sure I would have listed it.