

INTERNATIONAL "JOINTS" COMMISSION

cate, Mr. Steenerson; and I do not see why I should not give you straightforward answers, if you will be a little more explicit in your questions.

MR. STEENERSON: Now, sir, none of that. I'll not submit to any insolence. Remember that you are not here as a Royal Commissioner, but merely as a witness. Bear yourself more respectfully in this august tribunal. I may have a personal crow to pick with you, but——

MR. MIGNAULT: Oh, let bygones be bygones, Mr. Steenerson. Ask what you will of me, and I shall let you have the benefit of my mature experience at the Quebec Bar.

MR. STEENERSON: Never mind the Quebec Bar. What I want is light on certain circumstances of a very suspicious character in connection with the subject-matter of this investigation. I hold an affidavit in my hand, made by my learned and enterprising friend, Mr. Berkman, from which it appears that you did, on a certain day early in the month of September, conspire with certain parties unknown to procure the sending of a bogus message purporting to come from Mr. E. W. Backus, warning the *Tootles* not to attempt the Manitou Rapids. (Exhibit G.) Now, sir, what——

MR. BACKUS (interrupting): But, Mr. Steenerson, I sent——

MR. STEENERSON: I must really ask the