

The CHAIRMAN: So far as I am aware, the privilege belongs to the client, and the client may give the right to the attorney to produce correspondence, or withhold the right. The attorney, *quâ* attorney, if I recollect the law correctly, has no right whatever, to disclose to anyone his client's business, that privilege belongs to the client.

Mr. JACOBS: Exactly. How far is Mr. Gardiner going to be permitted to obtain this correspondence?

The CHAIRMAN: I was going to suggest that we go on with the issuing of subpoenas, and that the question of privilege be raised at the hearings.

Mr. JACOBS: I think that is quite proper.

Mr. GARDINER: I require: Mr. W. Stuart Edwards, Deputy Minister of Justice, Ottawa, Ontario. That he be required to produce:

Letter received by him from Mr. J. B. Hunter, Deputy Minister of Public Works, dated December 17, 1928, and his answer thereto, dated December 21, 1928; also, copies of any other official opinion given by him in connection with the Beauharnois project.

Mr. JACOBS: These are inter-departmental letters.

Mr. GARDINER: I just want to produce the evidence, that is all.

Mr. JACOBS: I think there was some decision in the House, this year, declaring that inter-departmental letters of that kind may sometimes be considered, and are considered, as confidential; is not that so?

Mr. STEWART: Does this refer to the written judgment of the Department of Justice?

Mr. GARDINER: It has something to do with that, yes.

Mr. STEWART: I think it is a proper document.

Mr. JACOBS: I am just raising the question now, I have not looked into it. It may be that these officials would not be permitted to produce these documents.

Mr. LENNOX: Would you mind reading that, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gardiner says these have already been produced in the House.

Mr. GARDINER: Yes; all that I want is a copy for the Committee. I should like to call Mr. S. E. O'Brien, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, Ontario, and Mr. D. W. McLachlan, Engineer, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Ontario. I think we have enough to keep us running for a while.

The CHAIRMAN: You do not want to go on and complete the list, as far as you can complete it?

Mr. GARDINER: No.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: What I had in mind was, since you have gone as far as you have, I thought it would be proper for you to indicate to us the witnesses you want called, and we can appoint a day and the hour when we should start.

Mr. GARDINER: I think I will take Mr. Lacroix first, followed by Mr. Dodd, followed by Mr. Sweezy. I think that will be enough for the present.

The CLERK: There are two Sweezys.

Mr. GARDINER: R. O. Sweezy.

Mr. STEWART: I would like to offer this suggestion, that, in view of the charges, I, personally, think we ought to hear the engineers first, and the decisions, made by them, filed by them with the Department of Public Works. We should have the plans, filed with the Department of Public Works, on which they had to give a decision, and the Department of Justice must have given a written judgment with regard to the matter, and I think we should see those things first.