

conclusive; but if it were deemed insufficient, the evidence given since before your Honourable Committee makes it abundantly clear that the Senator never exerted his influence in favour of the Beauharnois project.

Mr. Sweezy first saw Senator Haydon, in May or June, 1930, who told him that an election was coming on and that he (Mr. Sweezy) and his associates were regarded as probable good subscribers. Mr. Sweezy was advised by Senator Haydon that he and Senator Raymond were trustees for the Liberal party and that contributions for the Province of Quebec could be made directly to the latter. (Proceedings of the Special Committee of the Senate, pp. 49 &s.)

None of the moneys received by Senators Haydon and Raymond came out of the Company's funds. They were paid out of Mr. Sweezy's own personal resources. (Blue Book p. 823) and (Proceedings of the Senate pp. 59 and 81).

Mr. Geoffrion, as hereinabove referred to, corroborates to the full Senator Raymond's evidence that his influence was never used. (Proceedings of the Special Committee of the Senate, pp. 26 and 27.)

Contributions received by Senator Raymond were unsolicited by him; they were offered by Mr. Sweezy. The Senator did not profit thereby; the whole amount received was turned over to the Treasurer of the party. (Proceedings of the Committee of the Senate, pp. 34 and 147.)

The inference contained in section 15 (5) of the Report is unfounded in fact, and categorically refuted by the uncontroverted evidence adduced before the Committee of the House of Commons and before your Honourable Committee. This inference is therefore unwarranted and irrelevant.

IV

CONCLUSION

Your Committee is appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration the Report of the Special Committee of the House of Commons on the Beauharnois Power project in so far as the said Report relates to any of the Honourable Members of the Senate.

I submit, with respect and confidence, that nowhere in the Blue Book filed herein as exhibit, or in the evidence given before your Honourable Committee, can you find that any action or act was directly or indirectly, knowingly or wilfully taken or done by the Honourable Senator Donat Raymond which is not in keeping with the honour and integrity of an Honourable Member of the Senate, or which in any way offends against the Statute providing for the independence of Parliament.

And yet we find in the Report of the Committee of the House of Commons and in the wide-spread newspaper publicity given thereto, insinuations, innuendos and inferences for which I submit, with due deference, there is no foundation in the evidence above referred to.

It is unnecessary to stress before this Committee the injurious effect which such insinuations have inevitably had in the public opinion.

I respectfully urge that, in view of the foregoing conclusions, it is the duty of your Honourable Committee to declare that no action taken or act done by the Honourable Senator Donat Raymond offends against the independence of Parliament or the honour and integrity of an Honourable Member of the Senate of Canada.

OTTAWA, March 29, 1932.

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