

THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

36. During the period hereinbefore referred to problems of great national magnitude and importance relating to the St. Lawrence River and its potentialities in regard to navigation and the development of electric power, as well as in regard to its international relationships, were engaging the attention and the consideration of the Government of the day, of Parliament, and of the people of Canada generally.
37. In view of these problems, the Government of the day on May 7th, 1924, by Order in Council, P. C. 779, appointed a National Advisory Committee to consider the whole subject in its national and international relationships and to advise the Government and Parliament.
38. Senator McDougald ( then Dr. McDougald and Chairman of the Montreal Harbour Board) was a member of the Advisory Committee.
39. He became a Member of the Senate a year and a half before this report was made.
40. The Report is dated January 11th, 1928, but it was not laid before Parliament and given to the public until April 17th, 1928 (Senate Minutes, April 17th, 1928)

EXTRACTS FROM REPORT.

41. The following are sections (3) and (4) of the Report of the Advisory Committee:

"We have carefully considered the financial aspect of the project. If it were seriously suggested that Canada should undertake to finance as a public undertaking the immense outlay that would be required even in the domestic section of the St. Lawrence, or assume one-half of the fresh financial obligations involved in the project as a whole, we would unhesitatingly recommend that no action be