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Q. Could they continue the manufacture of aluminium there under such circumstances?—A. There certainly are conditions under which they could not manufacture.

Q. Could they continue it without the use of bauxite?—A. Yes, I think so.

Q. You think they could?—A. Yes, if they had a sufficient supply of kaolin, and we have large deposits of kaolin on the Moose river very close to the line of the projected Grand Trunk Pacific railway.

Q. Where is the Moose river?—A. The Moose river is the principal river flowing into James bay, which, as you are aware, is the southern portion of the Hudson bay. The Moose river is formed by the rivers Abitibi, Matagami and Missinaibi.

Q. This place you speak of is absolutely inaccessible now?—A. Yes, at the present time.

Q. So far as our company operating at Shawenigan is concerned, it might as well be in the moon until the railway is built.—A. Yes, but as I said before, the world is young.

Q. What I want to bring from you is what you are aware of, I believe, that at the moment with all the available information which we possess, the importation and use of bauxite is absolutely essential for the successful carrying on of our business, and if you are able to say it is not so, I should like to know.—A. I have no apprehension whatever that the government of this country is going to prohibit the importation of bauxite until we have some material to take its place.

Q. I am certain of that, but I want to have you say whether you consider it essential for the manufacture of our goods?—A. It is not essential.

Q. What else could we use? We could not use something at the north pole or in the woods.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN.—You have reference to what will pay.

Mr. FOSTER.—I asked Mr. Blue whether economically, from the shareholders standpoint, and from the standpoint of the hundreds of men we have employed there, we could carry on our works there without bauxite.

Q. Are you not aware that we require bauxite?—A. I think it is quite likely at the present time.

Q. So that any reference you have made in your examination with regard to these other articles, that you hope and believe can perhaps hereafter be profitably and economically used for the manufacture of aluminium, do not apply to articles which have at the moment advanced to any stage that you could tell this committee they could be practically utilized?—A. Bauxite is the principal material used at the present time, and so far as I know bauxite is essential in the manufacture of aluminium at Shawenigan as it is made by the company there, and that is only one other reason why steps should be taken to encourage scientific men to solve the problem. I would not be surprised if bauxite were discovered in Canada.

*By the Hon. Mr. Domville:*

Q. What is the breadth of the Dominion of Canada from ocean to ocean?—A. I do not remember just now, but I think it is about 3,000 miles.

Q. And how far does it extend north from the 49th parallel?—A. To the north pole.

Q. As far as we have land, a couple of thousand miles?—A. About 1,500.

Q. In that large area do you think any intelligent man would lay down the doctrine that no bauxite is to be found?—A. There may not be, but the strong probability is that bauxite does exist. I think the total area of Canada is about 3,750,000 square miles.

*By the Hon. Mr. Sullivan:*

Q. What is bauxite found in connection with that makes you hope or despair? On whose authority is it, or does it only occur in certain formations which do not exist in Canada?—A. I think we have almost all the formations in Canada which are found in the world.