

*By Mr. Donnelly:*

Q. These people say you have taken—A. Dr. Donnelly, just a moment. Any work that we did on the McColl-Frontenac, if you will recall, was done by us on original conferences with this committee before we undertook the Imperial Oil. Now, please, don't confuse the two.

Q. You have told us figures—A. In this sub-committee, Dr. Donnelly, of which you were a member—

Q. Surely?—A. I said in your presence that we considered that the information we were securing was not leading you to the costs or the selling prices or the net profits of gasoline in Canada, and we suggested merely that in order to get at the root of the trouble that we take the company who is the leader in the industry and, according to the evidence, which set the prices, and the order that instructed us to go on to the Imperial Oil was made here in the meeting at which you were present. Now, there could not be any misunderstanding.

Q. That is all very well; but you have been reading this evidence, and these men here have said under oath—why do you not give us a report of this. Take, for example, page 225?—A. They might say anything.

Q. Not under oath. We do not expect people to come here under oath and say anything?—A. We did not undertake to read the evidence of this committee. We were given instructions to investigate the Imperial Oil and report to you. There is nothing in our instructions that made it preemptory on our part to read every bit of evidence, and we did not do so. Please do not introduce that.

Q. On page 225, I find the following:—

*By Mr. Bothwell:*

Q. What proportion of costs does your gasoline bear?—A. In what way?

Q. In your refining operations?—A. Oh, I cannot answer that at the moment. The auditors have taken that information and they will be able to submit it. I have only got the gasoline cost figure, because I thought that was what I would be asked for.

Turn over to the next page, 226:—

*By Mr. Donnelly:*

Q. Can you tell the committee the percentage in your profits that you made from gasoline?—A. No, I cannot tell that; Mr. Brooks will be able to give that; also the auditors have that.

A. Dr. Donnelly, were you not present at these committee meetings? We have been carrying out your instructions.

*By Hon. Mr. Ralston:*

Q. All he asked you is did you check these costs, instructions or not?—A. We have secured, according to our instructions the information from the McColl-Frontenac and the British American, and we have prepared a summary of that, and we have handed it in.

Q. Did you do what they said you did at page 225?—A. Do you mean in this one particular case? Because it may be that several times they may have said that the auditors were doing things. That does not, surely—

Q. No. We are asking you?—A. What was it, Dr. Donnelly?

*By Mr. Donnelly:*

Q. At page 225, the question was asked:—

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