

ing this as a foolish question, because I have a little information concerning it which would seem to very much broaden the scope of the reference. I do not think we have any right to go outside of that reference.

The CHAIRMAN: Oh, yes, we cannot allow counsel to subpoena everybody on everything.

Hon. Mr. BÉRIQUE: We must be consulted.

The CHAIRMAN: I say all the summonses for witnesses would have to be signed by me. I will try to safeguard the public interest.

Mr. ROBERTSON: I am appearing for Senator Haydon, who is not capable of being here this morning. He was anxious to be, but he had a different opinion from his doctor. I saw the doctor yesterday. I assume this Committee would like to know what the doctor says as to Senator Haydon being able to give evidence or appear before the Committee, and the doctor was good enough to give me a certificate stating his opinion.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not think we are in a hurry about that. I would prefer first to know what these gentlemen propose to do. We will take all due care to safeguard Senator Haydon.

Mr. ROBERTSON: I want the Committee to know that he is not able to be here, through illness, and I have information from his doctor that would be available to the Committee if they want to know what they can do about it.

The CHAIRMAN: That will be available later on.

Mr. MANN: I suggest that Mr. Robertson is right in saying for whom he appears, and I think it would be right if you were to ask other gentlemen for whom they appear.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, we know about Mr. Robertson.

Hon. Mr. CANNON: I might say that at the last meeting I appeared for Senator McDougald. I may add that I have the pleasure of having with me two learned friends—Mr. Cook and Mr. O'Donnell, of Montreal—to assist me.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any other counsel?

Mr. VIEN: Mr. Chairman, it was at first thought that it was not necessary for Senator Raymond to be assisted by counsel before your honourable Committee, but inasmuch as there will be witnesses to be heard, and it might become advisable to put a few questions, I beg leave to appear with him in this inquiry.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any other counsel?

Mr. MANN: Then, Mr. Chairman, it might be well to have the order convening the Committee read. There are four orders in all.

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: We had all that at the first meeting.

Mr. MANN: Before asking the clerk of the House of Commons to produce the evidence on the inquiry last year, I might read these orders. The first order is on the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate of February 11, 1932, page 22, as follows:—

That a Special Committee of nine senators to be hereafter named, be appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration the report of a Special Committee of the House of Commons of the last Session thereof to investigate the Beauharnois Power Project, in so far as said report relates to any Honourable Members of the Senate, said Special Committee to hear such further evidence on oath bearing on the subject matter of such report in relation to any such Honourable Members of the Senate as it may deem desirable and in accordance with constitutional practice, and that the said Committee be authorized to send for persons, papers and records.