

Q. But you are sure of that—Jones was here in 1928 very often?
—A. No doubt he did ask me, but I have not done anything.

Q. You were in the Syndicate?—A. I could not do anything. I am not an engineer, and if it is a matter of engineering concern, whether it will interfere with navigation or not—

Q. Senator Raymond, you are not suggesting for a moment that Mr. Jones would be asking a request of you as an engineer to be doing something, because you are not an engineer, and he knew that; no doubt about that?—A. No doubt about that.

Q. So I think we can eliminate any other such request of Jones to you; then what assistance was he asking you for?—A. I don't know that he mentioned anything emphatically.

Q. He says he saw you over and over again—"I certainly asked Senator Raymond over and over again if he could not do something to get some action." Now, what were those conversations?—A. He asked me if I could do something and I told him no—I presume so.

Q. Then he asked you again if you could do something, and you told him no?—A. I again told him no.

Q. He was very persistent, apparently?—A. Yes, and I was the same, persistent in saying I could not do anything.

Q. You constantly, through your associate, Mr. Jones, said no; did you give him any reason?—A. No.

Q. He is an able business man, is he not Mr. Raymond?—A. Yes.

Hon. Mr. CANNON: Do you know him personally?

Mr. SMITH: No, I do not know him, but I understand he is able and persistent.

Mr. MANN: And Scotch.

By Mr. Smith:

Q. Perhaps the measure of his persistence and intelligence is that he continued to ask you to do something, and you merely said no?—
A. I could not do anything.

Q. Cannot you remember any more of his conversations?—A. No.

Q. You remember nothing more than that; if you could not assist on the engineering side, on what side might you have been of assistance?—
A. I don't know of any.

Q. What Government was in power at that time?—A. Liberal.

Q. That would be the late Government of Right Hon. Mackenzie King; that was the Government that was in power at that time?—
A. Yes.

Q. And I suppose with some pride you can say you belong to the same political persuasion?—A. I do.

Q. And, being of that persuasion, can you suggest to me that you would have no influence here in the Government?—A. I don't think I had, I am sure I had none.

Q. You must have had some before you were summoned, but we will not go into that; but surely you would have some influence in Ottawa, wouldn't you?—A. None whatever. If I did I never tried to use it.

Q. That may be better, but surely you had some?—A. I don't know that I had. I never tried it.

Q. Jones thought you had some?—A. He might.

Q. He did, didn't he? Otherwise why would he be asking you those foolish questions?—A. He might.

From a perusal of the above evidence it is clear that Mr. Jones, whom evidence discloses to be an able man of business, repeatedly saw Senator Raymond with a view to procuring the passing of the Order in Council in Ottawa.