

Before leaving Ottawa, the Senator renewed to Mr. Mackenzie his assurance that he would answer their call at any time on three hours' notice.

The Senator received no further request to appear. (Proceedings of the Special Committee of the Senate, pp. 34 and 35).

It is therefore difficult to understand the suggestion made in section 15 (4) of the Report that the Senator should have disclosed the contributions to the campaign funds of the Liberal party which, as a trustee, he had received from Mr. Swezey's personal resources.

At the time of his examination as a witness, the Committee had not yet decided whether or not they would take up this question of campaign funds. This question was determined only on the 17th July, 1931. (Blue Book, p. 820).

Had the Senator attempted to refer to this matter, he would have been told as he had been on a previous occasion:—"We do not need to go into that." (Blue Book, page 795).

Even the Senator's usual commendable frankness, therefore, did not require him to disclose these contributions received, as trustee, without any solicitation on his part. These contributions were not yet the subject of the Committee's inquiry.

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Section 15 (5) of the Report reads as follows:—

(5) In view of Mr. Swezey's attitude throughout and his views as to the necessity for political influence, it is hardly conceivable that Mr. Swezey would pay this large sum of money over to Senator Raymond unless he at least was satisfied that the Senator's influence had been or would be worth the money and it is remarkable that Senator Raymond did not insist on making some explanation of his position in this regard, in view of his evidence.

In all the evidence received before the Special Committee of the House of Commons, or before your Special Committee, there is not an iota to justify such an inference. On the contrary, the most positive, unequivocal and uncontroverted evidence clearly shows that the Senator's influence was never sought nor obtained on behalf of the Beauharnois Power project.

The Senator stated, before the Committee of the House of Commons that, in 1927, 1928 and 1929, he was away in Florida most of the time when steps were being taken at Quebec and Ottawa in connection with this project; (Blue Book, pp. 788 and 794) that he knew very little about it, being at no time a manager in the Syndicates or a director in the Company, (Ibid. p. 789); that all he had to do was to subscribe and pay for his shares and nothing else, (Ibid. p. 790); that he never turned a hand to help and never knew there was anything in his power towards helping; that he never gave a hand at all in any shape or form; that he never went to Quebec and came to Ottawa only for the opening of the Session, returning to Palm Beach immediately; that he never exerted his personal influence in favour of the project. (Ibid. p. 794).

Mr. Jones stated that he had asked Senator Raymond and others over and over again if they could not do something to get some action; that anybody who took an interest in the project gave him the benefit of their opinion by way of assistance, but that otherwise no direct assistance was received; that, in his opinion, the project was delayed because the Prime Minister was awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court in the Reference Case (Ibid. pp. 391 and 392).

This evidence is the only one adduced, on this point, before the Committee of the House of Commons; it is absolutely uncontroverted, and, I submit,