

Mr. PLUMPTRE: I don't think they have become a member.

Senator TURGEON: I understood that a Polish resident was at one time President of the Bank or of the International Monetary Fund.

Mr. PLUMPTRE: That a Polish resident was at one time what, sir?

Senator TURGEON: President of the Fund or of the Bank.

Mr. PLUMPTRE: No, sir. There have been Polish nationals or persons of Polish origin on the staff of the institutions, but that of course is true of the Canadian Government service. You have persons of various national origins in our service. I am pretty certain that at no time was the senior official of either institution of Polish origin.

Senator TURGEON: Thank you.

Senator REID: When the Bank was set up the then Minister of Finance, in outlining the whole Bretton Woods Agreement, said that the Fund would be used in purchasing goods and services in Canada. When I look over the trade of Canada I am wondering whether the countries who are taking Canadian dollars are really buying Canadian products as outlined by Mr. Ilsley in 1945.

Mr. PLUMPTRE: Mr. Senator, in regard to the Fund there has been a use of Canadian dollars on only one occasion, at which time arrangements were made to purchase Canadian wheat to the extent, if I recall correctly, of \$15 million on the basis of credits provided by the Fund. That is the only time at which our subscription has actively been used in the Fund. That was made about a year and a half or two years ago.

As far as the Bank is concerned, I must apologize. As I explained to you, Mr. Chairman, I only knew an hour before I came to this committee that I was coming, and I was not able to pull together all the information I had on the precise benefits to Canada from the operations of the institution. I can say in general terms that out of World Bank loans a substantial amount of purchases of Canadian goods and services have been made. My recollection is that this is of the order of \$100 million, but I would not like to be held to that; I would like to give you a report afterwards, sir, when I can get the files and I have been able to be sure of my details. It may be that the files which I have asked for will be coming to me here. I am sorry not to be able to answer that specifically at this moment.

Senator BRADETTE: Is the Bretton Woods agreement interested in the Aswan dam development in Egypt?

Mr. PLUMPTRE: You put your question, Mr. Senator, in the present tense "is", and the correct answer to that is no.

Senator BRADETTE: I mean, in a general way?

Mr. PLUMPTRE: If the question is, as I think you implied "has it been interested", the answer I think would run along these lines, that a few years ago a number of governments, particularly the governments of the United States, the United Kingdom, and also the International Bank, were interested in the possibility of constructing the Aswan dam, but, as you know, decision was made not to move forward, and since that time the matter has not been active as a loan proposition in the Bank.

Senator LAMBERT: Mr. Plumptre spoke of some data that might be available from his files. I think a memorandum of that information would be most valuable on *Hansard*, if that suggestion meets with the approval of the committee.

The CHAIRMAN: I think it is a good suggestion. Does the committee agree that it should appear as an appendix to the report of this meeting?

Agreed.