

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Watershed and power development with associated interests, yes.

Mr. KINDT: Was a separate survey made when each of these ten separate dams was constructed?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Are you speaking of United States dams?

Mr. KINDT: Yes.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I am perfectly certain that a most comprehensive study was made of each of them.

Mr. KINDT: Did they have a separate survey made of watersheds when they built the Grand Coulee?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Well, that is a bit hard to say. I would say that the watersheds had been basically pretty well defined.

Mr. KINDT: What I am trying to get at is this: you made a statement in paragraph seven about contradictions and apparent errors in Canadian documents and you pointed out your serious concern, and you mentioned something about the inadequacy of Canadian technical officers. It is well known that the United States has a large staff and we gathered that you had mentioned that there might be upwards of several hundred or a thousand people working on a study of this kind.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: At least that, yes.

Mr. KINDT: And that they might not spend their entire lives on the Columbia, but they would be moved around to various other sites, and you were contrasting that with the small number of Canadian workers. You did not mean, or did you mean, to say that Canadian technical people were incompetent?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: No, not incompetent.

Mr. KINDT: These are tremendous studies and they require very, very careful analysis over a long, long period of time. Is that what you mean in making that comparison?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes, I do. In making that comparison I want to point out that all the names mentioned yesterday, or about half of them were employed on other jobs. The names of Messrs. Ramsden and Page were mentioned, and they were on other jobs. It is impossible to expect the kind of study that has gone into this U.S. report from the few people who have worked on the subject in Canada.

Mr. KINDT: What I wanted to get at was to clear the Canadian technical men from the thought that they are not efficient or competent, and that they are unable to do their job if given a chance to do so. Would you say that if they were placed under those conditions and opportunities with respect to the length of time to do the job and so on, they would do as good a job as those in the United States?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: There are no engineers in the world who can do a better job than Canadians. That is recognized today pretty nearly all over the world. But we are trying to do an impossible job here. That is all.

Mr. KINDT: In other words, on a United States survey they would have hydrologists, soil scientists, geologists, foresters, economists, flood control specialists, and about one lawyer, to take care of any legal questions.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: One lawyer per group.

Mr. KINDT: That is right, to look after land titles.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes.