

APPENDIX No. 1

Q. Do you know if they have done that?—A. I do not.

Q. Do you know for what purpose they shipped that ore to the United States?—A. For abrasive purposes, I understand.

Q. Not for the manufacture of aluminium?—A. No, they were not in the business. They were in the abrasive business, the manufacture of abrasive goods, I understood.

Q. Speaking of the other company, you mentioned as having been formed—I understood you to speak of another company—A. Yes, the first company.

Q. Do you know the number of hands employed there now, or whether it is in operation now, or what the financial result of the operations has been?—A. I know that it is in operation. When I was at the property last, I think three years ago, they were preparing plans to build a new large mill. That mill went into operation last year, and they were calculating on a mill with a capacity of 100 tons per day, that is for treating 100 tons of the corundum bearing rock per day. Four years ago their works produced about 140,000 pounds of grain corundum, and last year about 3,330,000 pounds.

Q. For what purpose?—A. Chiefly for abrasives, because they had a large market for this use. They are supplying the abrasive works here in Canada, at Prescott and Hamilton—I do not know whether there are any others—and they are also supplying largely the American manufacturers, and constantly making shipments to Germany. I am not sure whether they are making shipments to Britain or not. The conservatism of the British manufacturer was against their establishing a market there.

Q. I understand that those shipments were made to foreign countries and for use in Canada for the purpose you mentioned?—A. I understand so.

Q. Do you know the volume of business that company is doing, the capital invested, the returns they are making, or the number of hands they employ?—A. They were required to organize with a capital of, I am not sure whether it was \$100,000 or \$200,000. It is five or six years ago, but they have reorganized, with a capital of \$1,000,000.

Q. Do you know how much of that has been paid up in cash?—A. No, I do not, but I may tell you that one of the principal money men in the business is Mr. Warren, president of the Traders Bank. He is a very practical business man, and a very careful man.

Q. What is the name of that company?—A. The Canadian Corundum Company.

Q. Where is its head office?—A. Toronto. B. A. C. Craig is the president of the company, and think Mr. Warren is the vice-president.

Q. Are you familiar with the process and work that is being conducted by the Northern Aluminium Company at Shawenigan, personally?—A. No, I am not. I understand, however, that it is the same process that is used by the Niagara Falls Company.

Q. So that you would be more or less familiar with what the process was?—A. I never went into the works of the Niagara Falls Company. They were very careful to exclude strangers.

Q. Are you aware that it is necessary, to carry on the works at Shawenigan, according to the best information that they have of the manufacture of the article now, that they should use bauxite?—A. No, I am not aware of that. They probably are using bauxite. It is the chief material that is used. It is found in the greatest quantity, and it is easily treated, comparatively.

Q. Are you aware that so far as is known they are not able economically and properly to make it without the use of bauxite, or in other words, their inability to get bauxite or use bauxite at Shawenigan would mean the closing of their works?—A. No, I am not aware of that, but it is simply a matter of importation if we have no bauxite in the country.

Q. Supposing they could not buy bauxite, supposing you can imagine such a thing that there was no bauxite or that the government put on a prohibitive duty and they could not get it?—A. Or the river dried up.