

(12) That Senator McDougald was a factor in the success of this venture is apparent from the Proceedings of the Special Committee of the Senate above referred to, of which he was a member. It appears that on the 31st of May, 1928, he was instrumental in having Mr. Henry then his partner in the Sterling Company, come before that Committee and answer certain questions. These questions had (see page 215 of the Proceedings) been prepared beforehand by Senator McDougald and submitted to Mr. Henry.

In the report of the Proceedings of the Special Committee appointed to inquire into the development and improvement of the St. Lawrence River, Messrs. Harvie, Ferguson and Henry were examined and at page 141 of the proceedings Senator McDougald stated:—

In all the deliberations of the National Board, of which I was a member, I think you will agree that it was natural and fitting that I should confer with the technical staff of the harbour on all questions affecting the Harbour of Montreal; and in order to facilitate matters, I have prepared a series of questions to be asked Mr. Harvie and Mr. Ferguson. I submitted the questions to them and asked them to prepare replies so that there would be no question about what they would have in their minds. Then, of course, any member of the Committee may ask any questions he sees fit.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: Are they technical men?

Hon. Mr. McDougald: Mr. Harvie is General Manager of the Port of Montreal, and Mr. Ferguson is the Assistant-Manager.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that is very satisfactory.

And later, in regard to the examinations of Mr. Henry, the following appears:—(Report of Senate Committee, p. 215.)

The CHAIRMAN: We have Mr. Henry here. He is the Director of the Bureau of Economics of the Canadian National Railways.

Hon. Mr. McDougald: Before we start Mr. Henry's evidence, I would just like to say a word. During the investigations made by the National Advisory Board I was able, by the courtesy of Sir Henry Thornton, to go to Mr. Henry at all times, and he was in a position to give some very valuable information and supply very valuable data in regard to transportation, not only in connection with Railways but in connection with the Waterways; and I can say here that the information I obtained from him was of great assistance to myself and other members of the National Committee in arriving at some of the conclusions which we reached. Having that in mind, I think that perhaps you might allow me, as on the occasion when we had the men from the Harbour of Montreal here, to prepare some questions. Yesterday I prepared some questions, and submitted them to Mr. Henry last night, having in mind what you said yourself, Mr. Chairman, so that he might be familiar with them, and so that we might cover the ground quickly.

And later, the Right Honourable Mr. Graham remarks, at page 232 of the Report, relating to Mr. Henry's evidence:—

You and Colonel Dubuc and these other gentlemen have been giving us just the information that we have been after about these things.

In view of the foregoing, we submit that the inferences and suggestions made in paragraph 12 and following of the Report are entirely unwarranted, especially bearing in mind the fact that the evidence was being given, not exclusively in connection with any power project, but on the contrary almost entirely in connection with navigation.