

a man in St. Thomas brings in gasoline and sells it below our price. Well, in order to meet it in St. Thomas, we will have to decrease the entire Ontario price structure.

Q. That is correct.—A. And we would be just like—we would rather lose business.

Q. Therefore, your position has no regard whatever to the price at which the consumer may purchase outside gasoline?—A. No.

*By Mr. Donnelly:*

Q. Mr. Ralston asked about the filing of a list by you showing the amount of capital, and so on.—A. Yes.

Q. I also understood him to say that in the annual report the subsidiary companies of the Imperial Oil were all mentioned. Will you also file with the committee a list of the subsidiary companies with the amount of capital, the same time as you file the other?—A. What is that?

Q. The names of the subsidiary companies and their capital?—A. Yes.

Q. Just the same as you do with your own?—A. Yes, we will do that.

Q. Mr. Ralston referred to the matter of fixing prices here in Canada. Is there a marketing committee, here in Canada, who fix the price for gasoline, or the marketing price of gasoline throughout the dominion?—A. A marketing committee, as it is called?

Q. Outside of the representatives of the company, the different companies?—A. Oh, no.

Q. No marketing committee at all fixes the prices for gasoline?—A. No, there is absolutely not.

Q. How is the price arrived at, then?—A. Well, a telegram comes in and says that crude is so much a barrel, ten cents a barrel in the midcontinent field, and the marketing man computes at once what relation that has to the number of gallons contained in a barrel of crude, and also its relationship to the market price of several hundred other commodities, and the price comes down. It may be done first by ourselves, or done first by the British American. It is usually a case of our size, and our size is diminished.

Q. In August last year, the price of crude in Texas fell down to about two and a half cents a barrel—A. Dr. Donnelly, I don't know what the price is to-day. I don't buy gasoline.

Q. There are one or two other questions, and I am through. Why is it that all the oil companies throughout the Dominion charge exactly the same price from place to place?—A. Well, they cannot very profitably sell under our prices. They cannot get any business by selling over our prices.

Q. They fix their prices on yours?—A. Generally. They are getting so much bigger, and we are getting so relatively—that is, our percentage of the business of Canada is decreasing every year, although our business is growing, and I have not the slightest doubt some day—I hope not—the time will arrive when some of those other companies will be doing the price fixing.

Q. Some other member of the committee referred to the fixed value for duty purposes and dumping purposes. Has your company ever paid any duty or paid any of those dumping duties?—A. I don't know whether we paid dumping—

Q. Have you paid any dumping yourself?—A. Duty?

Q. Yes.—A. Well, we paid duties.

Q. You have paid?—A. This year, yes.

Q. Have you paid any of those dumping duties?—A. I don't know whether we paid any dumping, I doubt if we did, because the product we brought in was not subject to dumping: We have brought in—I would not say this year.

Q. You bring in some gasoline, do you?—A. Last year we brought in some gasoline.