

## INTERNATIONAL "JOINTS" COMMISSION

any plot. I come from Maine. Try my frisky friend from Montreal.

THE CHAIRMAN: All in good time, Mr. Gardner, all in good time. Major MacInnes, I understand you have some questions to put to this witness, on behalf of the Rainy River Sanitary Survey.

MAJOR MACINNES: Yes, sir. (To witness): You are, I understand, Chairman of the Select Committee on the Pollution of International Waterways, are you not?

MR. GARDNER: Not quite, but you've made a pretty close guess at it. Let it go at that.

MAJOR MACINNES: Now, Mr. Gardner, there is a feature of this present investigation which has not as yet been touched upon; that is, the effect of the pollution of the Rainy River by chemical and other refuse upon the course of the bottles. There seems good reason to suppose that the increased density of the water from these causes had not a little to do with the miscalculation of the pilot as to the exact moment when he should make his landing, and therefore contributed to the ultimate catastrophe. Now, sir, have you, as Chairman of the Committee I have just mentioned, made a bacteriological examination of these waters, including the bacteria count and the qualitative and quantitative estimation of *B. coli* in any given cubic centimeter