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Respondents.

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Mr. Jules Drapeau, for Petitioners.

Mr. Gaston Lacroix, Q. C. for Mr. Richard Quinn.

Mr. Joseph Cohen, Q. C., for certain Respondents.

Mr. B. Desjardin, for Mr. J. O. Asselin.

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On this twentieth day of November, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two, personally came and re-appeared,

R I C H A R D Q U I N N ,

aged forty-seven years, member, Montreal Transportation Commission, residing at No. 4975 Iona street, in the city and district of Montreal, a witness previously heard, now recalled, and who having been previously sworn, continues his testimony as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. PLANTE,

OF COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONERS.

Q Do you recall that Director Langlois wrote to the Executive Committee, through the Director of Services, a third letter dated the fifteenth of March, 1948. That was a letter, you may recall, in which he said "I have suspended Mr. Plante"

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: I think you had better show him the letter.

MR. PLANTE: I don't know whether it fits in

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with all these butchered-up exhibits. Anyway, my lord, I may save some time by pointing out which letter it is, and giving the exact exhibit number.

HIS LORDSHIP: You have a copy of it?

MR. PLANTE: Yes, I have, my lord.

HIS LORDSHIP: The copy may be used for the time being.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: I take it, it has been produced?

MR. PLANTE: Yes. It is the third letter by Mr. Langlois, dated March fifteenth, 1948, in which he says "I suspended Plante" - I am dismissed; and in the third letter, he says "I have named somebody to replace Mr. Plante immediately" - the same day.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Do you remember this letter?

A Yes.

Q Did you do anything about this letter when you received it, asking that I be replaced? The Director was stating "I have named somebody--", etc. Is that right?

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A Yes; but there is nothing unusual for a Director to say that, my lord, if a vacancy occurs. Somebody has to look after the department in the interval. He could replace a man the following day, if he wanted to.

Q On whose authority?

MR. COHEN, Q. C: Here again we are going into the charter---

HIS LORDSHIP: That is a question of law.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q And in answer to the charges laid by Director Langlois, you asked for a report? from me?

A That is right.

Q Why would you ask me for a report, if I was already dismissed and my successor named - not temporarily? He said "I have named somebody to replace Mr. Plante, who is gone". Why should you ask me for a report?

A I think that is a question you should have asked Director Langlois. I don't know why I did that. You asked me if I saw the letter, and I said "Yes". The letter was sent to the Director of Services; it was not sent to

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Q I suggest you were one of the bosses, with Mr. Langlois, representing the public, were you not? Were you not one of the bosses, Mr. Quinn?

MR. COHEN, Q. C: That is a matter of opinion.

MR. PLANTE: It shows, my lord, ---

THE WITNESS: I think Mr. Langlois was - how do you call it? Not the auditor of the city---

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q The director of Services?

A No. The comptroller.

Q We know that. That is a question of law. He could not be dismissed without a complaint to the City Council, etc.?

A That is right.

Q Aside from a question of law, what were you doing, as a member of the Executive Committee, in fact, as far as the Police Department was concerned? What were you doing? You said the Director of Police was well paid. I think you were well paid, too. What were you doing? Actually,--

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not in law - but actually, what was your function? What were you doing as far as the Police Department was concerned? Simply rubber stamping?

A Did we not have you appointed?

Q Were you not appointing and dismissing?

A It was done in a certain manner. We had to have the approval of the heads of the departments on every occasion. No Executive member can force the head of any department to make appointments.

Q Supposing you had refused to sanction Mr. Langlois' action----

BY HIS LORDSHIP:

Q Following this letter by the Executive Commktttee, did you take any action of any kind?

A I imagine, my lord, that when that letter came in, it was more or less felt it was just a temporary affair, to replace a vacancy which had occurred. It could have been changed a week, or two weeks, or a month later.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Is there anything in the letter which indicates it was temporary?

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A No.

Q Do you understand the word "depart" in French?

A Yes.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: The witness has said he had nothing to do with the letter. Did the Committee take any action, following the receipt of this letter, and then it would be upon those actions, that my learned friend, Mr. Plante, could examine Mr. Quinn.

THE WITNESS: If my memory serves me right, the only action taken was afterwards - in April.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: That is what I was going to say, if your lordship will permit.

Yesterday, I think I asked my learned friend, Mr. Plante, when he, as a matter of fact, did leave the functions which he held, and again if my memory serves me right, he told me it was in April. So we can adduce there was no definitive action taken by the Executive, or whoever it may be, until the month of April, and while this letter I take it was sent on the fifteenth of March, the departure of Mr. Plante, officially, regularly and legally, was only in April.

I think my learned friend should bear that in mind,

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when he put the question to the witness.

HIS LORDSHIP: This is not evidence, but did the Executive Committee take any action to appoint Mr. Pleau?

MR. PLANTE: No, my lord. Mr. Pleau testified, in fact, that he replaced me.

HIS LORDSHIP: The Executive Committee did not do anything with that communication?

MR. PLANTE: No, my lord.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q I am asking whether you were not surprised by the contents of the letter, and asked "What do you mean by the departure of Mr. Plante?"? We are studying this case. What did you mean?

MR. COHEN, Q. C: "Depart" might mean "suspend" as well.

MR. PLANTE: Not in French - "depart".

HIS LORDSHIP: Even if we suppose the letter is absolutely wrong, Mr. Quinn had nothing to do with it. Mind

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you, I am not saying it was wrong.

MR. PLANTE: But it/was sent to him, my lord.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Now, you said yesterday, - or that your reaction to this incident was that as you were the only English-speaking member, and Director Langlois was French-Canadien, and I was also French-Canadien, that you wanted to stay away from it.

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: That is not what he stated. He said he was a member of the Commission of which the majority was French. He did not refer to Langlois, at all.

MR. PLANTE: We will review that later.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q You said you glanced through my report?

A That is right.

Q Donyou mean to say that you did not make a thorough study of it?

A Go through it page by page?

Q Yes?

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A No.

Q You just glanced at it?

A Yes.

Q Did you vote for my dismissal on the recommendation of Mr - of Director Langlois?

A I voted for your dismissal, not on what was contained in the report, but on the question of insubordination.

Q Was the question of insubordination contained in the report?

A You asked me why I voted for your dismissal?

Q Yes.

A It was ^{not} due to the fact that you were not doing excellent work as head of the Morality. I voted on account of the fact that insubordination existed in the department, between the Director and one of his assistants.

Q Did you study the charge laid against me by the Director, as far as insubordination was concerned?

A If you want to know, I would refer you to some newspaper statements you made at the time, too, where you said what happened was correct. You are familiar with the time when you discussed this before the Executive Committee, and one of the questions we asked you, showing these newspaper clippings, was "Did you say this, Mr. Plante?" - we had the article marked - and you said "Yes".

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Q Have you the article?

A I have not got it now, but it can be obtained.

Q Did you judge him by the newspaper articles?

MR. CPHEN, Q. C: The same as you want to charge everybody with newspaper articles.

MR. PLANTE: No. What you are saying there is for the press. That is all. Leave me alone, if you do not want any of those kind of remarks.

BY MR, PLANTE:

Q In the record I will submit to you, what was the charge against me. There are specific charges. You said yesterday - and you can correct me, if I did not report you correctly - you said, first that I was not answering the charges. Is that still your answer, that in my report I was not answering the charges laid against me by Director Langlois? Do you still maintain that answer?

A I don't think I said that yesterday. I said your report contained records from the Recorder's Court.

Q Which anybody could obtain?

A That is right.

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Q What else did it contain beside that, according to you?

A It contained what you wrote there.

Q What did I write?

A That is it, there (indicating).

Q You should know. You are judging this case.

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: You can ask the witness if he remembers.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q How is it you remember the records of the Recorder's court, but you do not remember the other part?

A I do not remember the records of the Recorder's court, in detail; I certainly do not. I will show you what I mean. The figures you have there; they are the documents from the Recorder's court. I am sure they are - Police records. Not from the Recorder's court, but Police records.

Q There is no denial about that?

A I am not familiar with the proper term. I may be making an error in that, when it is the Recorder's court, but the "Recorder's court" and the "Police department", to me is the same thing.

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Q Do you recall if there was a specific answer to specific charges laid against me, by Director Langlois, in the first pages?

A There must be.

Q Did you study them?

A I read them.

Q And did you study all the circumstances surrounding that particular supposed or presumed act of insubordination?

A No, I did not study it. Here we were faced with the situation where the director of a department could not get along with his associates.

Q Did you enquire as to why we could not get along?

A I don't know whether I enquired personally, but the Chairman enquired, and I was there when he enquired.

Q You were there when he enquired?

A He enquired from Director Langlois.

Q And did he enquire from me - in your presence?

A We are coming back to what was said yesterday.

Q Yes, but was it important? Was it a one-sided trial?

A I don't know what he said. Did he enquire from

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you?

Q No.

A Is that the answer you want me to give?

Q In your presence, he never enquired from me?

A No.

Q I think you mentioned that Recorder McManamy was a personal friend of yours, or a very good friend of yours; is that right?

A Yes.

Q You said that in your testimony?

A Yes.

Q Will you look at exhibit E-66 (1) and (2)? Exhibit number E-66 is a letter dated March thirtieth, 1948, to Mr. Asselin, Chairman of the Executive Committee, from Recorder McManamy, and exhibit 66 (2) - that is, E-66 (2) -- is the answer by Mr. Asselin to Recorder McManamy's letter.

Were you shown that letter by Recorder McManamy, or by Mr. Asselin? Would you check this letter, please, (indicating)?

A Yes. That was submitted to the Executive Committee. I never got a copy of it personally, but it

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was submitted to the Executive Committee.

Q Do you know if Recorder McManamy, following this letter, was interviewed by the Executive Committee, in regard to what he was saying in that letter?

A By the Executive Committee?

Q Yes.

A No; not to my knowledge.

Q Not to your knowledge?

A No.

Q Do you know if any enquiry was ordered by the Executive Committee, into the allegations by Recorder McManamy, regarding this letter, that cases were made in such a way that only "straw men" were brought before the Recorders, etc. etc.?

Was an enquiry ordered by the Executive Committee of the charges made by a Recorder of the city of Montreal?

A I think I mentioned before, there was a new Director appointed.

Q But not a new Department of Police; a new Director? Is that correct?

A2 That was the reason why no enquiries were made, to

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my mind, as to what had gone by in the past.

Q Was Mr. McManamy referring to Director Dufresne, or to the department in general - to the Morality Squad, as to how they had been behaving before him?

MR. COHEN, Q. C: The document speaks for itself. It is not for the witness to interpret what is in the Recorder's mind.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Is there any other way I can find out if there was any interest shown?

HIS LORDSHIP: You may ask if there was anything done about this letter, which will bring out evidence of the facts, but here you are asking Mr. Quinn, what the Recorder meant by a certain expression. It is not for him to interpret the document.

MR. PLANTE: I will withdraw the question. It was not my intention to ask him the meaning. I think it is very clear, what he means.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Was any action taken on that letter?

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Q What kind of action could you take on a letter like that?

BY HIS LORDSHIP:

Q In the shape of a special enquiry?

A No, there was not.

Q Or asking for further information from Recorder McManamy, to your knowledge?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q Did you read the answer made by Mr. Asselin to this letter?

A No.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Mr. Asselin says he does not think it is correct; that previous to Mr. Plante's direction of the Morality Squad, the work of the Police was not effective.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: May I suggest, my lord, that the witness be asked whether Mr. Asselin showed him a copy of that letter?

MR. PLANTE: He said so.

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HIS LORDSHIP: I intended to ask that question myself. What is the sentence you wish to draw to the attention of Mr. Quinn? (document handed to his lordship). Is this it:

"I am not, therefore, in a position to confirm your statement to the effect that the seizure and arrest presentation of the cases was effective."

BY HIS LORDSHIP:

Q Prior to Mr. Plante's appointment, did Mr. Asselin show you a copy of his answer, or did he put a copy of his answer before the Board - if you remember?

A I remember seeing the copy of the letter afterwards.

Q Afterwards?

A After it had been sent.

Q Do you know if any steps were taken by Mr. Asselin, or by the Executive Committee, to find out if this statement made by Mr. McManamy was correct, or not?

A I do not think any steps were taken, my lord, but I do not think there was any doubt in the minds of the

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Executive Committee - speaking for myself - that the situation perhaps did happen in the past.

Q But Mr. Asselin, as Chairman, says he is not in a position to confirm the statement of Recorder McManamy?

A I am not talking for Mr. Asselin, my lord.

Q But did you personally - or not - ask Mr. Asselin to take steps to have the statement of the Recorder confirmed, or verified or denied?

A No.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Now, following that decision of the Executive Committee to back up Director Langlois' recommendation that I be dismissed, did you make a statement to the Press?

A Did I personally?

Q Yes?

A No.

Q Do you know if the Executive Committee made a statement to the Press?

MR. COHEN, Q. C: The Executive Committee as such?

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MR. PLANTE: Yes, the Executive Committee as a body.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q As vice-chairman of the Executive Committee, do you know if the Executive Committee, as a body, made a statement to the Press?

A I will put it this way, that any statements which were made concerning the Executive Committee, were made by the Chairman.

Q With or without the approval of the Executive Committee? Was it submitted to the Executive Committee?

A If you would show me the statement I would perhaps be in a much better position to tell you.

Q I have here in extenso, an extract from La Presse, exhibit E-716-26, of Saturday, the eighth of May, 1948, which occupies most of the front page, which says:

"Au cours d'une entrevue recuite que j'ai eue, avec les membre du Comite Executiv de la Ville de Montreal, le president, J. O. Asselin, m'a soumis diverses questions, etc.

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"On m'a d'abord demande si dans mon opinion les autorites de la Ville",
etc.

Will you read it, please (handing document to witness)? I am not suggesting you read it all. If at any time you have read enough to say whether you recall studying the statement or not, just say so?

A I do not recall it being made in La Presse, but no doubt it was made. Probably it appeared in some of the English papers, too.

Q You say there is no doubt about such a statement being made by Mr. Asselin?

A I said I did not see it in the Press.

Q You can read French?

A Yes.

Q I am showing you a copy of La Presse, because I do not think the Star had it in extenso.

BY HIS LORDSHIP:

Q Do you remember such a statement?

A I think there was a statement made. There usually is on important matters.

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Q Do you remember if this statement, or a statement made on this occasion, was submitted to the Executive Committee?

A Before release?

Q Yes?

A Oh, I don't think so.

Q You don't think so?

A No.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Do you recall if a statement was made by the Executive Committee as a body, also a statement made by the Chairman, on his own? Do you recall that? Do you recall there were two statements?

A I do not recall whether there were two statements made or not.

Q Were you shown the statement of Mr. Asselin's, of what was to be the statement of the Executive Committee, through Mr. Asselin? Were you shown that statement before it was given to the Press?

A I do not know to what statement you are referring.

Q The one in extenso in La Presse?

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HIS LORDSHIP: Mr. Quinn stated he did not think the statement was submitted by the Chairman to the Committee before it was released.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q That is your answer?

A I don't know which one you mean. There was a release made at the time of the dismissal by the Executive Committee.

Q Did you read the statement?

A Yes.

BY HIS LORDSHIP:

Q By the Executive Committee?

A It was released by the Chairman, but I do not know whether that is the one. There is one here (indicating).

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: I think it would be fair, if you referred to the Star also.

MR. PLANTE: In the La Presse, he is quoted verbatim.

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: Is it quoted in the Star?

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MR. PLANTE: No, I do not think it is quoted in the Star.

THE WITNESS: Maybe it was in the Standard.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q No, because the Standard came out a week after, and it was, I would say, "old stuff" in the papers.

A This was a Saturday. The Standard came out on Saturday.

Q I am showing you the Star of May eighth, 1948, filed as exhibit 915-58, and on page 4, a sub-title, "Councillor Asselin's statement", but he is not quoted verbatim, but is in the La Presse, as you will see. In the Star it is just a summary of Mr. Asselin's statement.

I would suggest, my lord, we do not waste any time on that. I wanted to show the witness the verbatim statement, which only the La Presse carried.

HIS LORDSHIP: And the statement went to whom? If the statement was submitted to the Committee before it's release---?

MR. PLANTE: Yes, my lord.

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MR. COHEN, Q. C: He has answered it, and said he did not think it was submitted.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q You said it was submitted to the Committee?

A I said there was a press release at the time, which was submitted to the Executive Committee.

BY HIS LORDSHIP:

Q Before release?

A Yes.

BY MR. LACROIX, Q. C:

Q Is that the one referred to in the newspapers?

A That is what I am not sure of, whether that is the one or not.

HIS LORDSHIP: At first, I think the answer was that in general these statements are not submitted before release. I thought that was the meaning of the answer.

BY HIS LORDSHIP:

Q When a statement is submitted before release to the

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Committee, is it generally entered in the minute book?

A No, my lord. The custom is for the Chairman to make the releases concerning the Administration, and the reason for that is so there will be only one policy explained. Otherwise, there would be a little confusion, if everybody started giving press releases.

It was the custom in the City Hall for the Chairman to give out the press releases.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Do you recall if the Press in general, asked editorially that all the facts of this case of my dismissal be aired?

HIS LORDSHIP: After the dismissal?

MR. POANTE: Yes, my lord, during the study of the case and after - both. But especially during the study of the case.

THE WITNESS: I do not recall whether it was after or during. But I know there was something along those lines.

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BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Most likely. Do you recall that later in 1948, there was a motion introduced before the City Council, I think it was by Pierre Demarais, asking the Executive Committee to study the possibility of publishing my report, and there was a recommendation that my report be published? Do you recall that?

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: A motion before Council?

MR. PLANTE: Yes.

THE WITNESS: If I remember correctly, you wanted the city to pay for publishing the report?

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Not me. It was asked for by a member of the City Council.

A I think - if I remember correctly - the motion was to the effect that all members of the City Council be furnished with a copy of the report.

BY MR. LACROIX, Q. C:

Q And the cost of printing----

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A The Committee felt that it was an unnecessary expense, because there was a copy filed in the City Clerk's office, and if anybody wanted to see it, they could go there and get it.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Do you remember that there was a recommendation by the City Council to publish the report, and give the Councillors each a copy, in spite of the fact that a copy was in the office of the City Clerk?

A I just said so.

Q There was such a motion?

A Yes.

HIS LORDSHIP: In writing?

MR. PLANTE: Yes, my lord.

HIS LORDSHIP: You had better show Mr. Quinn the document.

THE WITNESS: I said there was a motion.

HIS LORDSHIP: Yes; but were the exact terms of the motion or recommendation?

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It would be difficult for any man to remember that, unless it is shown to him.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: Perhaps, if the motion was in the usual form, they would study the propriety of it.

MR. PLANTE: It was the motion of the second of June, 1948 - exhibit E-667. We will discuss the legal angles later. It recommends from the City Council to the Executive Committee.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: I know the wording of the resolution.

MR. PLANTE: It is a question of law. It never takes any other form. The Council would not give any other order. It would come from them.

THE WITNESS: That is just what I said before. That is what it was.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q You recall that?

A Yes.

BY MR. LACROIX, Q. C:

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Q That is the motion to which you were referring a few moments ago?

A Yes.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q And you say the Executive Committee decided not to supply the members of the City Council with copies, because they felt there was a copy at the City Clerk's office, and that was sufficient; is that right?

A Yes, and anybody who wanted one could obtain it there.

Q Did you ask if it had all been split up, the way it is filed now before this court?

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: He said he did not know.

MR. PLANTE: Did he make any enquiries?

THE WITNESS: Why should I ask if it was split up. The one I have is not split up.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Now, after my dismissal was there a recurrence of Press criticism, as far as morality was concerned?

HIS LORDSHIP: Before you go any further, Mr.

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Plante, you asked Mr. Quinn if he was aware that some papers in their editorials were asking that the whole matter be completely raised before a decision was arrived at. Have you any such document filed?

MR. PLANTE: Yes, my lord; several.

HIS LORDSHIP: They are already filed?

MR. PLANTE: Yes, my lord. I will give your lordship and the witness the references.

An editorial in the Gazette, dated the sixteenth March, 1948, No. E-715-53. It says:

"The Executive must act on Plante issue".

In passing, my lord, I draw your lordship's attention to No. 715-54, the next article, which is on the seventeenth March, 1948, in the Gazette:

"Executive studies Plante case. Langlois interviewed two hours".

BY HIS LORDSHIP:

Q Were there such interviews lasting as long as two hours?

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A I was just going to say, my lord, that I cannot say whether they lasted two hours, or not, but I do not think anybody in the newspapers writing such articles would know. There was an interview, but as to the length of time it lasted, I cannot say.

Q Would they have been long interviews?

A Well, I know there were interviews, but whether they lasted two hours, or an hour and three-quarters, or an hour and one-half, I cannot say.

Q Over an hour?

A Oh yes, over an hour; definitely.

MR. PLANTE: The Gazette, twenty-fifth March, 1948, number 715-60:

"Plante-Courval case begs early action."

The seventeenth April, 1948, editorial in the Gazette again:

"Full data needed in Plante case".

That is Number 715 -61.

Now, in the Montreal Star, third March, 1948, an editorial entitled, "Remember when?", number E-915-44.

Those are all editorials, my lord.

On the twelfth March, 1948-

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: On the fifteenth March,

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MR. PLANTE: The eleventh March - that was the second day - an editorial,

"What does it mean?".

numbered E-915-45.

Another editorial the next day - the thirteenth March, 1948 -:

"More light and quickly".

numbered E-915-46.

On the sixteenth of March - three days later - another editorial:

"The Executive moves".

numbered E-915-47.

Three days later, another editorial, on the nineteenth March, 1948:

"Public concern must be satisfied".

numbered 915-50.

I have a note here, from a number of editorials, "Issue is already decided".

THE WITNESS: Were they only the editorials appearing in the English papers? Was there nothing in the French

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papers?

MR. PLANTE: Oh, yes, but I am quoting from the papers printed in your mother tongue.

THE WITNESS: There must have been some afterwards, too.

MR. PDANTE: Oh, yes; sure. Now, on the twelfth April, 1948, another editorial in the Star, entitled,

"Nothing but a full enquiry will do".
That is numbered 915-56 .

Then, if you are interested in an editorial in La Presse, there is one on the seventh April, 1948, entitled:

"Le publique au en cause".

I did not file it. I have it in my note book, my lord, but I did not file that one. I am sorry, my lord. I could file it.

Now, I will give the editorials from the Herald. In the Herald of the twelfth March, 1948, an editorial entitled:

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"Little Town, what now".
numbered 916-14.

Also an editorial caricature, twelfth March,
1948, numbered 915-16.

Another on the twenty-third March, 1948, entitled,
"Has Pax had it?".
numbered 916-22.

On the fifth April, another editorial entitled,
"The public may be told".
numbered 916-25.

Four days later, the ninth April, another editor-
ial:

"Plante case again".
numbered 916-26.

On the fourteenth April, 1948, another editorial,
headed:

"Up to Executive".
numbered E-916-27.

Another on the twenty-second April, 1948,
"All the facts wanted".
numbered E-916-30.

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Q Did you read any of these ~~ix~~ editorials asking that all the facts be aired?

A As a matter of fact, they were writing editorials along that line, even before we had the facts. They seemed to be very hasty in writing editorials.

Q Did you feel the papers considered it was just a question of a "dead cat on the street"?

A Not at all. I do not mean to say that.

Q Do you recall if the Chamber of Commerce, and the Board of Trade sent notes and memoranda or resolutions to the Executive Committee, regarding this incident of my suspension and dismissal?

A I do not recall that. It is quite possible that it happened, but I do not recall it.

Q You do not recall it?

A No.

Q Do you recall if public bodies and Church groups wrote to the Executive Committee along the same lines, about my suspension and dismissal?

A I do not recall receiving them myself. I think they were sent to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Q Did the Chairman submit to the members of the Exe-

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Executive Committee, the letters he might have received?

A I don't remember seeing them.

Q You don't remember?

A No.

Q When the question of the nomination for a Director of Police came up, as a member of the Executive Committee, were you shown any of the letters of recommendation which might have been sent by, for instance, the Archbishop's Palace, regarding the nomination of a Director?

A No; I don't remember seeing that.

Q Do you remember, in particular, seeing or not seeing a letter from Monseigneur Valois, on the part of the Archbishop, recommending me as Director of Police?

A I do not remember seeing it.

MR. PLANTE: I am quoting only two editorias in the Standard - of which the witness was a reader - along the same lines.

The Standard of the thirteenth of March, 1948, entitled "The Plante case", numbered E-738-8.

MR. LACROIX, Q. C.: I think this has been well

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covered. The witness answered that even before the matter was before the Comité, the papers were having editorials about the matter.

MR. PLANTE: I am through now, but that would be a matter for argument.

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: We admit the Standard published that.

HIS LORDSHIP: Any objection?

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: No, my lord, no special objection. But it is along the same line. The Standard is filed. My clients admits he saw the editorials in the papers for ten or fifteen days after that.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Now, after my dismissal, do you recall if there was any criticism in the papers regarding morality in the city of Montreal?

A No.

Q Do you recall if there was a recurrence of the criticism in the Press?

A No.

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Q You say there was no criticism - no recurrence of the criticism?

A I said I do not recollect any.

Q Were you still reading the Gazette after my dismissal? I suppose you were?

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: After March, 1948?

HIS LORDSHIP: After the dismissal?

MR. COHEN, Q. C: March or April?

MR. PLANTE: No; I was dismissed on the eighth of May.

Number E-715-63. I will start with a caricature; maybe it is easier understood.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q I am showing you exhibit E-715-63, a caricature in the Montreal Gazette, by Moore, on the twenty-ninth day of September, 1948, in his "Around our Town". Do you remember such a caricature?

A I don't remember, but no doubt it was there.

Q You do not remember it, but no doubt it was there?

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A I remember seeing it.

Q Would you consider that as a criticism?

A Well, he is drawing cartoons very often against the Transportation Commission, which are not always factual. It is hard for me to answer.

MR. COHEN: Q. C: Oh, do not open that door, Mr. Quinn.

HIS LORDSHIP: Do not start another probe.

MR. PLANTE: To save some time, I think I will just show the witness the articles in the Gazette.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Do you, now and again, read the column "On and Off the Record"?

A Occasionally.

Q Will you read the second paragraph here, from exhibit E-715-64, dated April sixteenth, 1948:

"Horse parlors are opening up. A recent count showed seventeen operating more or less openly."

Do you recall that?

A I recall being questioned on that question by the

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author of that column. Did you not question him here as to the validity of that?

Q I did not ask you that. I asked you if you saw the editorial?

A No doubt I saw it, if I had the paper. I remember reading something about it quite recently.

Q You read it in the questions and answers given by the author of this article in this enquiry?

A I remember him saying he had no-- I don't know the words he used.

BY MR. COHEN, Q. C.:

Q No personal knowledge?"

A Yes, "no personal knowledge".

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q I understand you have been following the testimony in this enquiry quite closely?

A Fairly so.

Q Do you recall the statement that Jack Nish and Ludger Audette were supplying information to the bookies?

A (No audible answer).

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Q I show you a copy of "Time" Magazine---

BY MR. LACROIX, Q. C:

Q Do you read "Time" Magazine?

A Yes.

MR. PLANTE: It might be embarrassing to ask that of your client?

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Exhibit E-787 - I have a copy here, my lord, - dated July twenty-fifth, 1949, on page 21, entitled "Hard luck"? Do you recall that article in "Time" magazine?

A Yes, I remember reading that. But do you think it is factual?

Q Don't ask me any questions.

BY HIS LORDSHIP:

Q I suppose you want to say that, according to you, the article is not factual?

A That is right, my lord.

BY MR. PLANTE:

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Q Did you make any enquiries to find out whether it was factual?

A The Police Department did. It was sent to the Police department for investigation.

Q Did you get the result of the investigation?

A I don't think I got it. I think the Chairman did. Read it yourself, and see what it says. It is talking about "Barbotte opening up", and "easy money around", but I don't think that happened.

Q How do you know? You said you did not read the report from the Police on the matter? Well, I will proceed more methodically.

Do you remember if this particular article in "Time" magazine, brought interventions on the floor of City Council; that the matter was brought up before the City Council?

A I think it was.

Q Do you remember if it created quite a splash at the time, coming from a magazine of this importance?

A It did.

Q I am showing you an article in the Star - oh, I said I would keep on with the gazette. I am sorry. That one

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was mixed in with it - the Star of the twenty-sixth of July, 1948, numbered E-715-65, reading:

"Council irked by article on Montreal".

(handing document to witness): Do you remember reading that article?

A I don't know whether I read the article or not, but I remember the statement being made in the Council.

Q By whom?

A By Fuchs and others who are not mentioned here.

Q Do you remember if Mr. Fuchs suggested there should be an enquiry, and if the statement was right, to do something about it, and if it was wrong, to sue "Time" magazine?

A I think if you read the article you will see it says "These charges are dishonest", and they indicate the author did not worry about their authenticity.

Q To continue:

"Councillor Fuchs says he moved that City Council write to the magazine, and ask for proof of the assertions, or else retract".

A His proposition was applauded.

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Q Did they do anything about it? Did the Director of Police urge that---did he read it, too?

MR. COHEN: He cannot answer for anybody but himself. He cannot answer for the Director of Police.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q All right. Just yourself. Following this, did you write, or ask that the city write, to "Time" magazine, to bring the proof or retract?

A I did not.

BY HIS LORDSHIP:

Q Do you know if officially there was a motion approved, authorizing somebody to write?

A I do not think there was ever a motion made, my lord. The matter was discussed in Council. In the article it says "he moved".

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q The article says, "He moved that City Council write to the magazine, and ask for proof of the article's assertions, or else retract"?

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MR. COHEN, Q. C: Two things, my lord. First, I am not satisfied to accept the article without the motion. If my learned friend has a motion, let him produce it. If not, let us wait until he produces it.

HIS LORDSHIP: That is why I asked Mr. Quinn, if he knew if there was a motion. If he had said "Yes", then could have looked for it. But he says he does not know.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: More than that, my lord; according to this newspaper article or report, if there was such a motion, it was to the effect that the City Council should write to "Time" magazine.

And the other thing, my lord: My friend's comment was regarding an action to be taken against "Time" magazine. I would like to point out to my friend, that, either civilly or criminally, I doubt if any ground of action lies.

HIS LORDSHIP: It could be taken.

MR. PLANTE: Yes, like a prohibition. It could be taken.

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MR. COHEN, Q. C: You objected to a writ of prohibition.

HIS LORDSHIP: I think I share the view that I doubt very much if an action would lie. But a letter could have been written, even if it was only to protest.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Here (indicating) is an article from the Gazette of the twenty-seventh of July, 1949, numbered E-715-66.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: Do you remember the case of Hortenburg vs Plamondon? There, Judge Malouin held that a body had no recourse, but he did give some damages because, as a result, there was injury to somebody. I think that would very much solve this question.

HIS LORDSHIP: In certain cases a body can sue, but if it is a private body, which has no legal existence, like---

MR. COHEN, Q. C: I think it goes a little farther than that, my lord.

HIS LORDSHIP: --but if a body like the city or

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the government ----

MR. COHEN, Q. C: Could it be held liable?

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q This article I just showed you - your answer is the same as about the previous one in the Star?

A This says:

"Mayor Camillien Houde said he had read the article which mentioned his name..... he said he would submit the matter to the next meeting of the Executive Committee".

Q Do you recall Mayor Houde submitting the matter to the Executive Committee?

A Whether it was done by Mayor Houde, I do not remember.

Q Was any action taken in any form?

A An action was taken - if my memory serves me right - by sending a copy to the Director of Police.

Q Asking for a report; is that right?

A I imagine that is what it was; asking for a report.

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Q You do not recall seeing the report?

A No.

Q I am showing you exhibit E-915-63, an article in the Star of October seventh, 1948, entitled:

"Gaming House revival seen in club play.
Place owners assures patrons protection
assured for all."

Do you remember that article?

A I don't think so. I don't remember it.

Q You don't remember it?

A No. No doubt it was there.

Q No doubt it was published?

A Yes.

Q After my dismissal, did you follow the same policies you did before, which you mentioned in your testimony; that these articles of criticism were generally brought to the attention of the Executive Committee?

A I did not say were "brought". I said that any time they were brought, they were sent over to the Director of Police, those which concerned his department. They, of course, did not concern the Works department nor

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the Health Department.

Q Did you consider they concerned the Executive Committee?

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: Within the affairs of the charter.

BY MR. PDANTE:

Q I am asking you if you considered it concerned the Executive Committee - criticism against the Police Department. Did you consider it was, in fact, a matter which the Executive Committee should look into?

A I would say "yes".

Q You do not remember this article (indicating)?

A I would like to say that there are many articles criticizing the departments of the city. We do not only get them concerning the Police department. We get them concerning the Health department, and the Public Works department, concerning roads, or proper street cleaning, etc.

Q What did you do with them? If they are serious, you pay attention to them; if you do not consider them so, you do not?

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This page (51) was
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from the transcript of
the Laroc Commission,
from the evidence of Mr.
Ducina, on Nov. 20th.

May it be inserted in the
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BY HIS LORDSHIP:

Q Did you ever read of any criticism against any other department, like looking after the sidewalks, or the snow removal, which criticism would be classed as a charge of corruption?

Q No.

Q Never?

A No.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q You will excuse me if I go back to 1941, to a question I do not want to forget. Do you recall if the Executive Committee made an enquiry into the Claims' Department, in 1941?

A I seem to remember something in connection with flood damages.

Q Do you remember if an enquiry was made?

A I don't know what you mean by "enquiry"? The Chairman took it upon himself to question some of the--

Q Employees?

A Yes, and looked into some of the records. I do not think it was an "enquiry"---

Q Not an enquiry before a Judge?

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A No.

Q Was it an enquiry held by the Chairman himself - just the Chairman? Or do you recall?

MR. COHEN, Q. C: I think it is unsafe---

THE WITNESS: I do not remember very much about it, to tell you the truth, other than there was some departmental enquiry - I will put it that way - in connection with flood payments which had been made by the city in previous years.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: I think it is unsafe to put into the record anything in connection with this, and ask his lordship to draw comparisons or conclusions, because it is a matter which the witness seems to be three-quarters ignorant about, and, as far as we are concerned, I believe, my lord, that we are utterly ignorant of the situation. It would be unfair to ask your lordship to draw any comparisons, unless we had to.

MR. PLANTE: We will call for the records.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: You can if you want to, but do you not think we have here enough trouble, without having another enquiry?

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HIS LORDSHIP: As the objection is formulated now, is the witness competent to give evidence about something in which he apparently took no part?

MR. PLANTE: If his memory was good. We do not know whether he took any part in it, or not. He might have. I have information that there was an enquiry at that time, and, furthermore, in studying the documents before this court, we find that the Executive Committee did not make any enquiry of the Police Department, although they had done so in other departments.

BY HIS LORDSHIP:

Q Do you believe your memory is faithful enough to be able to testify on that point, about this other enquiry?

A No, my lord. I do not even remember who was on it.

HIS LORDSHIP: You do not insist on putting further questions concerning this, to the witness, do you?

MR. PLANTE: No, my lord. We will bring the records.

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BY MR. PLANTE:

Q I am showing you an article from the Star of the fourth February, 1950, numbered E-715-67, entitled:

"City accused of tolerating crime and vice. Diocesan Committee makes charges in letter to the Executive".

Do you remember the letter to which this article refers - from Msgr. Valois, to the Executive Committee?

Here (indicating) is a letter which was filed as exhibit E-846, a letter referring to the Article in "Time", and articles in "Le Devoir": Do you remember this letter from Msgr. Valois?

A Yes.

Q You do?

A Yes.

Q Do you remember that there were several articles in the newspapers criticizing the work of the Police Department, as far as morality was concerned. Now, I have shown you a few; I could show you every one of them, but I am trying to save time?

A Yes.

Q Did you ask particularly, in 1950 - or did the

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Executive Committee ask for a special report from Director Langlois, on these criticisms?

A I believe so.

Q You believe so?

A Yes.

Q Do you remember if the Executive Committee was satisfied with the answers of Director Langlois, or if it was not satisfied?

MR. COHEN, Q. C: The question should be "Did the Executive Committee do something which expressed their satisfaction or dissatisfaction?"

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Were you personally satisfied with the report of Director Langlois?

A I must have been at the time.

Q Do you remember if Director Langlois submitted several reports in 1950 - just before the enquiry?

A I cannot remember whether he did or not. What type of reports?

Q Answers to criticisms appearing in the papers, or criticism like the one in the letter by Msgr. Valois, and other letters?

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HIS LORDSHIP: In the form of letters?

MR. PLANTE: I am trying to save time, my lord.

THE WITNESS: If you will show them to me.

HIS LORDSHIP: It would be very difficult for any witness to remember whether Mr. Langlois made one or two consecutive reports.

MR. PLANTE: I am trying to come to a conclusion.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q You said that according to your memory, the Committee was satisfied---

MR. COHEN, Q. C: No; that he was satisfied. He said, "I must have been satisfied".

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Will you look at exhibit E-655, copy of a declaration signed by seven members of the Executive Committee? Will you read it, please, and say whether you were one of the seven who signed that Declaration?

HIS LORDSHIP: Now, it may be, in justice to Mr.

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Quinn, it will be necessary to bring his attention to the reports, which brought out those comments from the Executive Committee.

MR. PLANTE: Yes, my lord, exhibits 652 and 653.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q I show you exhibit E-652, which is a report identified by Director Langlois, as being his report to the Executive Committee on the fourth February, 1950. The report was sent in the usual manner to Director of Services Lapointe.

I think the first paragraph will give you an idea of what the report is about. (handing document to witness). Here (indicating) are several. I am showing you exhibit E-652, which is a lengthy report. Do you remember that report?

And I am also showing you exhibit E-653, which is a report by Director Langlois, on the fourteenth of February, 1950, pursuant to the first report, exhibit E-652.

Do you remember those reports? Did you study

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those reports?

A I remember that question---

Q Yes, you remember the question of the famous trick picture?

A That is the one.

HIS LORDSHIP: Could you give the number of the exhibit?

MR. PLANTE: Yes, my lord. Exhibit E-653, and the witness is showing me this particular part (indicating)--

THE WITNESS: I happened to find it there. I remember reading the report, because I remember thos question coming up.

MR PLANTE: The witness shows me this phrase:

"Au cours d'une entrenu recuets que j'ai ene avec les membre du Comite de la Ville de Montreal. Le president, J. O. Asselin, m'a soumis diverses questions",
etc. That is the one you are directing my attention to.

And the next one says:

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"On m'a d'abord demande ir dans mon
opinion les autorites, de la Ville"

etc.

Q Did you go into this matter?

A You asked me if read the report, and I said that I must have seen it, because I remember the incident coming up at the Executive Committee meeting, where the Director of Police said that the photograph which had appeared in "Pic", was one which had been used before.

Q Is that all you recollect about the whole report? Do you remember if the answers of Director Langlois were satisfactory to the Executive Committee, beside this question of photographs, and do you remember other facets of these exhibits E-652 and E-653, which brought, I think, - and I am asking you - this motion I just showed you, signed by seven of the Committee, exhibit E-655? Do you recall that it was exhibits E-652 and E-653, which brought about exhibit E-655?

A It must be the same one.

Q So were you satisfied, or not, with the Director of Police? Did you sign this document, exhibit

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E-655; this Declaration signed by seven members of the Committee?

A I must have signed it.

Q Were you satisfied with the answers by the Director of Police to the criticisms?

A I could not have been, if I signed it.

Q Did you go into the matter? Did you study it, or just glance through the reports by Director Langlois?

A Chairman Asselin had that matter in hand.

Q Was Mr. Asselin specializing in vice studies? You always say "Mr. Asselin". Did, at any time, the Executive Committee members ask Mr. Asselin, that the Police department be his special study?

A No, I would not say that, but I would say that due to his position as Chairman, he would be the logical one to consult with the heads of the departments.

BY MR. COHEN, Q. C.:

Q Would that apply to investigations or references to other departments, in the city of Montreal, that the Chairman should take the lead in that way?

A Yes.

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Q BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Would he take the lead, and report to the members, or do everything by himself, or what?

A Naturally the lead would have to be taken by the Committee, with, as you might say, the suggestion of the Chairman.

Q And then what would be done? Supposing one member of the Executive Committee is appointed to study a special question. Do you leave it entirely to him?

A If you give me a specific case, perhaps I could explain myself more clearly.

Q Here is a specific case. Here is a case where articles were written in the newspapers, a writing campaign, criticizing the Police department? The question is what that before the Executive Committee, and a request made for a report from the Police Department?

A A report was submitted back to the Executive Committee and in that particular case, it was found unsatisfactory? Would that explain how that letter was written?

Q Exhibit E-655? That is what you mean?

A Yes.

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Q The declaration signed by the members of the committee?

A That is right.

Q You were not satisfied?

A Not with the explanation given in that particular case, which was under discussion.

Q Do you know if the Executive Committee pursued the matter any further, or left it there?

A That I cannot remember.

Q Do you recall that came at about the time that this probe was being asked for?

A No, but it is quite evident that it did, because it is dated there (indicating). It was brought about by articles in Le Devoir.

Q And in the Herald also? Do you want to see the article in the Herald? Do you remember if the Herald denounced places like the "Nightcap", the "Drummond Cafe", and the "Hawaiin Lounge"?

A They probably did.

Q Just one last question on this. Personally, did you go through the report, made by Director Langlois, not only exhibits 652 and 653, but their annexes? I can show them to you, if you like. They are all here.

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Did you go through this report by Director Langlois?

A It is very difficult to answer that question. You have been in Executive meetings, I suppose. The report was submitted by the Director of Services, or the City Clerk's representative, and it is not a question of everybody wanting to read it, or sending it around to everybody else. One person reads it.

Q And he reports, I suppose?

A Yes.

Q Are not all documents available to every member?

A Oh, yes; definitely.

Q And if copies of these documents are asked for, by other members of the Executive Committee - you said the city of Montreal had a ninety-five million dollar budget, and that six thousand dollars was not very much? You could have had copies made?

A Yes.

Q So, the reason you did not get them was because they were not asked for?

A We had knowledge of them.

Q You had knowledge of them?

A Yes.

Q And I am asking you again; personally did you go

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through the report of Director Langlois, exhibit 652, and the report, exhibit 653, and the annexes, concerning the night clubs, and the charges laid by the papers, or was that left to Mr. Asselin or somebody else?

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: I think the witness said the reports were laid before the Committee.

HIS LORDSHIP: Yes; the witness did mention that these reports were laid by the Clerk, or somebody else, before the Committee. Your question now, Mr. Plante, is did the witness personally go through the reports and their annexes?

MR. PLANTE: Yes, my lord; to make sure whether they were right or wrong; whether they were pertinent; whether they were factual.

THE WITNESS: I did not.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q You did not?

A No.

Q Do you know if any one on the Executive Committee, took care of these reports particularly, to study them,

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and make a report to the Executive Committee? I think you implied that Mr. Asselin did, but you do not remember.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: Frankly, my lord, I cannot understand the object of pushing this question to the length my learned friend has. If the reports of the Director were found to be satisfactory by the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee and Mr. Quinn had so expressed themselves, then I could understand my friend going into the reports, trying to show the witness that he erred, and the Committee was lax in being satisfied with the reports.

But here the Executive Committee, both collectively and individually, declare they are not satisfied with the report, and my learned friend taxes the witness and tries to draw an inference from his statements that he did not examine the report carefully, but took it for granted from the reading that he was not satisfied, and so declared himself.

Can your lordship see the logic in going any farther with this? If there was a collective responsibility

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on the part of the Executive Committee, because they did not go farther into the situation - and I am speaking generally of the vice situation - your lordship will have to decide that.

But here is a specific instance where the Executive Committee had decided it was not satisfied with the report of its Chief of Police. By what means or method Mr. Quinn arrived at that conclusion is not for us to infer. I do not think I need mention that to your lordship.

Your lordship would be interested if he had declared himself satisfied. Then your lordship would have to weigh the fact, and determine if Mr. Quinn should have accepted the responsibility of studying the reports.

But when he declares that he was satisfied, then I think we are only wasting time.

MR. PLANTE: I do not think it is wasting time, my lord. Did he rely on somebody to take the responsibility on behalf of the Executive Committee, to act in this matter? He may have the best reason in the world, for handing it over to Mr. Asselin or somebody

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else. I want to know what personal interest he took in the matter. He said he did not. All right. I am not going further. I said that was my last question.

HIS LORDSHIP: I will have to make a decision on that point.

MR. PLANTE: On this particular matter, yes, my lord.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Do you remember if at any time Mr. Dozois, another member of the Committee, questioned Director Langlois on these reports, exhibits 652 and 653, and their annexes?

A I don't remember any particular incident, but I know he did question the Director. He was there and questioned him. But I do not remember on just what particular thing this was about.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: Mr. Dozois was a member of the Committee in the second period?

MR. PLANTE: Yes, from the election of 1947.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: On what date which concerns us?

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1950?

MR. PLANTE: And today.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: Excuse me for interrupting again, but Mr. Marler, a member of the first Executive; was he also a member of the second?

THE WITNESS: No.

BY MR. COHEN, Q. C:

Q He ceased to be a member as of 1947?

A That is right.

Q But was a member of the Executive Committee up to 1947?

A Yes.

BY MR. PLANTE:

Q Did you, as a member of the Executive Committee, ever hear the accusations laid against the Police, especially the morality officers?, with respect to bribes from gamblers to protect them in some way?

A Did I hear of it?

Q Yes; or read it in the papers?

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A Oh, yes.

Q Accusations to the effect that the gamblers were receiving paid protection from the members of the Morality Squad?

A Yes.

Q You did?

A Yes.

Q Did you ever make any enquiries or ask that enquiries be made of that particular facet of the problem of morality in the city?

A I would like you to please put your question again?

---Whereupon the following question was read by the reporter:

"Q Did you ever make any enquires or ask that enquires be made of that particular facet of the problem of morality in the city?"

THE WITNESS: I don't believe I did it personally. But I am quite confident that any time questions like that appeared in the press reports, we would question the Director as to the accuracy of them.

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Q Is that all you recollect?

A Yes.

Q You do not recall any specific instance, when the Committee would have asked, to your knowledge, - or you would have asked for a report on such charges - specifically?

A No.

Q You do not?

A No.

MR. PLANTE: I have no further questions to ask Mr. Quinn. I have tried to shorten it up as much as possible.

MR. LACROIX, Q. C: I would ask your lordship to permit me to reserve the right to re-call Mr. Quinn, after going through his evidence. For the moment I have no questions to ask.

MR. COHEN, Q. C: For those whom I represent, if there are any points I wish to make, I would reserve my right to recall Mr. Quinn.

---And further for the present deponent saith not.


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