

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Is there anything you have to say in regard to the railway situation?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Nothing except some general statement I might like to give you. But I would like to know what the chances are of cleaning this matter up this week, as far as I am concerned. I have a lot of things I ought to do, and it would enable me to plan a little ahead.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I do not see why you should be kept here at all. We have not gone through the Capital Account, but I think what I have already got pretty nearly covers that.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we should finish the railway end of it before we go on with the other. We might as well clean it up.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: We have not touched the condensed balance sheet at all.

Mr. HARRIS: This part I had in mind was the Consolidated Balance Sheet; there is an increase of \$14,000,000, and so on.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you think we might get through that in time to-morrow to go on with the Merchant Marine?

Mr. HARRIS: I would be satisfied with a statement along the lines of the statement given in regard to Equipment.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: We will meet and do the best we can.

The Committee adjourned.

COMMITTEE ROOM 429,

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 1925.

The Select Standing Committee on National Railways and Shipping met at 11 o'clock a.m., the Chairman, Mr. W. D. Euler, presiding.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum. I would suggest that we complete the Railways, before we go on with the other, if there is anything further beyond the examination of the expenditures.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Mr. Chairman, may I make a statement in connection with the point which Mr. Harris raised yesterday in regard to printing?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: You will recall Mr. Harris had yesterday a celluloid calendar, which was apparently printed in the United States. I have a report in respect to printing generally, following the point which Mr. Harris raised:—

“All booklets shown under heading ‘Special Publications’ for 1924, were printed in Canada, with the exception of ‘Lakes of Northern Minnesota and Quetico’, which was printed in Minneapolis.

Celluloid calendar cards listed under heading ‘Miscellaneous Printing’ were printed in the United States, due to the fact that there is no firm in Canada which can handle this work. The only other items coming under our Department printed in the United States are small itineraries covering the handling of special parties from points in the United States through Canada, and it would hardly be considered a fair proposition to print these itineraries elsewhere than locally.

It might be noted in general that over 95 per cent of all the printing coming under the jurisdiction of this Department is executed in Canada.”