

The CHAIRMAN: Well, I can only give you my own idea. My idea is that the report of the sub-committee, together with the information which was handed in here yesterday—I need not particularize what it is, it is well known to the members of the committee—would be considered by this committee in camera.

Hon. Mr. EULER: That is what I wanted to know.

The CHAIRMAN: Then it will be entirely at the disposal of the committee as to what shall be done with it.

Mr. MCGIBBON: Mr. Chairman, I have repeatedly said here before that I did not consider that confidential.

The CHAIRMAN: I have not said it was confidential, but the consideration in the first instance, I think—and I am in the judgment of the committee—should be with the committee, and that the committee and the committee alone will say whether they will be given out to the public or not; but that does not bind Dr. McGibbon as far as I am concerned, and I am not undertaking to bind him. He is the arbiter of his own actions just the same as anybody else in this committee. The expense accounts are here for any member of the committee, and the matter is in the hands of the committee as a committee and as a body, and I am not undertaking or intimating what, in my opinion, the action should be. That is entirely for the committee.

Hon. Mr. EULER: I have nothing to say with regard to the action of Dr. McGibbon. He is responsible to himself as a member of the House and I have no criticism to make of that whatsoever, but I have always taken exception to the inadvisability of certain statements being broadcast which I always contended were not in the interest of the Canadian National Railways, in which opinion I was borne out by yourself, by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Canadian National Railways, of the Board of the Canadian National Railways, Mr. Boys, and I just want to manifest my satisfaction that the committee has practically come around to my point of view, although I am afraid that as the information went out some of us—I will say on this side—were perhaps placed under suspicion, if you like, by the public, that we were trying to hide some things, evidence of wrong-doing. I want to dissociate myself from that entirely, and to repudiate that in any way. We are not in any way desirous of hiding from the public any wrong-doing, if any wrong-doing there be, as I think there was not, not in the sense in which some people might say. Our whole object, and my whole object was to serve the interests of the National Railway, and I find yourself and the directors of the road in accord with the position I always took.

Hon. Mr. CHAPLIN: I am in support of the Chairman in the decision that he himself has come to, but I cannot quite understand Mr. Euler's statement. If he casts back his mind to last session, last year, I think he will find that he is not the only one that would want to discuss the matter in private. On more than one occasion in this committee, when I was chairman, I turned everybody out of the room. I took that responsibility myself without putting it before the committee. I believe it is in the interest of the railways, and the interest of the railway company that all of this small stuff should not be made public; that is my position about that.

Hon. Mr. EULER: That is the thing I always contended for, and if it had been understood in this committee that that was the position, that that was the opinion of the committee, we would not have had a great deal of this trouble.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Euler has made a statement as to his position, and I think we all agree with his statement referring to the attitude he has previously taken, but it had not been my intention to determine the question at this hearing to-day as to what disposition would be made of these reports that have now been made. I do say this, however, that I am taking the responsibility of suggest-