

Mr. PEARKES: I asked a question of a former witness yesterday and I was referred to the present witness today. I would like an opportunity of putting that question.

Mr. MAYBANK: We are not adjourning.

Mr. PEARKES: I repeat that I would like an opportunity to put that question to the witness. Whether it be today or tomorrow is immaterial to me; but I would like to have that opportunity.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Green?

Mr. GREEN: May I suggest that yesterday Mr. Connolly was giving evidence and I got up to examine him when my friend, Mr. Murray, moved a motion that we do not hear Mr. Connolly then but hear Mr. Dixon instead. That motion was voted upon and carried and Mr. Connolly was stood aside and Mr. Dixon was called.

I submit in view of that fact that Mr. Maybank's motion now is completely out of order and should not be put. The effect of his motion is simply to chop off any discussion tomorrow at all.

Mr. MAYBANK: No, no, not at all.

Mr. SMITH: It is closure.

Mr. GREEN: Yes, that is what it amounts to; that tomorrow there can be no witnesses called and that we must proceed with the sections of the bill. If that is what he is moving, I think it is a strange motion for a parliamentary assistant to move on a private bill which he is sponsoring. However, he has taken that responsibility and those are the facts.

I have asked Mr. Dixon to get me some figures, but I suppose that will be cut out. And I say to you that in view of the motion that was put yesterday and carried, the motion is quite out of order now.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. McIvor?

Mr. McIVOR: Mr. Chairman, we are not adjourning, but as I listened to the debate and to the answers by the witnesses I came to the conclusion that I had got the information which I wanted to get. I do not see any purpose in piling up questions and answers any longer. The witness said that he is perfectly willing to have an all Canadian route if the Board of Transport Commissioners grants it. Canada will be satisfied, and our needs will be satisfied first. That suits me. That is why I second this motion.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Riley?

Mr. RILEY: Mr. Chairman I do not see why any questions asked by any members of the committee cannot be asked this evening. I do not think there is anything to prevent the committee sitting beyond 11 o'clock—

Mr. MAYBANK: No, no, let us sit all night.

Mr. RILEY:—with the consent of the members of the committee. I am sure that Mr. Dixon himself, who has been subject to a rather trying ordeal, would not relish having to go through the same thing tomorrow.

Mr. Dixon has been asked questions which had no bearing whatever upon the incorporation of a company. Those questions have gone into details which did not effect in any way the granting of a franchise by parliament, and I think he has been asked already every question except "Who made the world"? There is but very little left to be asked and I think it can be asked tonight.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Herridge?

Mr. HERRIDGE: Speaking in support of the argument put forward by Mr. Green I think in fairness to Mr. Green and one or two others I should say that when Mr. Connolly's evidence was terminated at a certain point a question was asked, and the member asking it was told that Mr. Connolly would be