

*By Hon. Mr. Graham:*

Q. How far is it from Cochrane, say, to Armstrong? I am picking out two places here on the Canadian National Railway.—A. 375 miles. That is, roughly.

Q. That is on the Canadian National Railways?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. Supposing a letter was mailed at Cochrane for Armstrong, what becomes of it?—A. My understanding is that it moves via North Bay to Winnipeg.

Q. It goes to North Bay? How many miles?—A. Cochrane to North Bay, and North Bay to Winnipeg on the C.P.R.—

Q. I want to find out how far that letter travels. It is 375 miles from Cochrane to Armstrong on the Canadian National?—A. Yes. It will travel approximately 1,700 miles.

Q. Let us get this thing out. You know all about this, but we want to know. From Cochrane it goes to North Bay via the T. & N. O.?—A. 253 miles.

Q. From North Bay where does it go—Winnipeg?—A. Winnipeg.

Q. How many miles is that?—A. Approximately 1,100.

Q. And from Winnipeg—A. Back to Armstrong, approximately 375 miles.

Q. On the Canadian National Railways?—A. Yes, baggage service.

Q. It goes 375 miles from Winnipeg east, while if it travelled from Cochrane to Armstrong, it would be the same distance direct?—A. Yes.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. What would be the difference in time?—A. On that particular case the run is a little slow—it is about a 12-hour run.

Q. And how long does it take under present conditions to travel 1,700 miles?—A. 70 hours.

Q. Put it into days, and we will understand it better?—A. Well, three days.

*By Mr. Stewart:*

Q. That letter posted at Cochrane; is it the Canadian National all the way from Cochrane to Armstrong, or does the Canadian Pacific carry it from North Bay to Winnipeg?—A. Yes.

*By Hon. Mr. Graham:*

Q. It does not strike the Canadian National until it goes the 375 miles from Winnipeg?

Major BELL: It comes from Cochrane on the T. & N. O., to North Bay, and then via the Canadian Pacific Railway to Winnipeg, and then strikes us at Winnipeg.

*By Mr. Kyte:*

Q. You have a direct service between those points?—A. Yes, the Continental Limited on the Canadian National Railway runs by way of Ottawa, North Bay, Cochrane, Armstrong, Winnipeg, Melville, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Jasper Park, Kamloops to Vancouver

*By the Chairman:*

Q. It would not employ any greater cost to the Post Office Department to follow out your suggestion?—A. I don't think it would. I think that can be worked out so that it would not cost the Post Office Department any more, but it would give us a greatly improved route.