

Sir HENRY THORNTON: The hotel was under the operation of the United Hotel Company who also put a large amount of money into it. I do not remember how much, but I think it was something like \$300,000.

Hon. Mr. MANION: I think it was \$50,000.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: They put in a substantial amount. They guaranteed the interest held by the Jamaica Government.

Mr. HANBURY: The Jamaica government is first security?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Yes.

Mr. HANBURY: Was that arrangement made between the Jamaica government and the government, or was it made by the Canadian National Railways with the Jamaica government?

Hon. Dr. MANION: The government had nothing to do with it.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I do not think the government had anything to do with it. It was not this government. It was the previous government.

Hon. Mr. MANION: The obligation was made on the representations of the Canadian National Railways.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: It was made on the representations of the Jamaica government to the officers of the Canadian National Railways. We in turn discussed the matter, and then presented the proposition to the government of the day. Don't imagine for a moment that the Canadian Government has any obligation in this thing at all.

The CHAIRMAN: It is the road's responsibility.

Hon. Mr. EULER: The next item is a very big one, and is in detail in exhibit "F." I think we might look at that. It is for an amount of \$20,000,000.

Mr. HACKETT: Is the company interested in any hotels other than this one, outside of Canada?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: No.

Mr. HACKETT: I know something of the hotel Scribe.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: The Canadian National Railways is interested in no other hotel beyond the frontiers of Canada than this hotel at Jamaica.

Mr. HACKETT: The premises that it owns outside of Canada are office buildings.

Mr. HEAPS: If we are going to go outside of these items here, we are wandering away again. There may be a time when that question can be asked; but I think we had better stay with the original intention of the chair.

The CHAIRMAN: I have tried not to be too strict in regard to that; I think it is a legitimate question.

Mr. HEAPS: The question has been asked and answered. I am just suggesting that—

Mr. HACKETT: It is very kind of you not to have stopped the question from being answered.

Mr. HEAPS: It is very kind of you to ask the question; we appreciate it very much.

The CHAIRMAN: If that is the only question that is to be asked regarding this hotel proposition, we will pass on, and we will take up Exhibit "F" covering the \$20,000,000 item.

Hon. Mr. EULER: \$8,000,000 for the Central region.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: No. \$5,973,000.

Mr. FRASER: You have been trimming this already?