

Mr. BARNETT: Would Mr. Farrell, or Mr. Pipes, care to tell us whether they would like to have the Board of Transport Commissioners given a little more definite authority in respect to this matter of services?

Mr. FARRELL: Nobody likes authority.

Mr. MARLER: Mr. Chairman, that is a very interesting question, but surely far from the scope of this.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Marler, in regard to the preamble being carried first, in respect of public bills, the preamble comes last, but on private bills it comes first.

Mr. CAMERON: Could Mr. Farrell, or Pipes, tell me if it was this year that their company purchased all the federal telephone property west of the Rocky Mountains?

Mr. PIPES: No, it was two years ago.

Mr. CAMERON: Two years ago?

Mr. PIPES: In April.

Mr. CAMERON: Could you tell us, Mr. Pipes, what your company paid for these properties?

Mr. FARRELL: It was something over \$500,000, as I recall it. It was a great deal too much.

Preamble agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall I report the bill?

Agreed to.

—The committee adjourned to the call of Chair.