

I will say, though, that we do not have any extra dayliners or Budd cars; we have not ordered any more. I am not closing the door on that service for if there is a possibility for useful passenger service in that area then consideration will be given to it.

Senator KINLEY: You are still running a passenger service from Yarmouth to Halifax every day.

Mr. VAUGHAN: That is on the Halifax and Southwestern, is it not?

Senator SMITH (*Queens-Shelburne*): Just for the record, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vaughan, will you tell us what position you hold in the Canadian National Railways?

Mr. VAUGHAN: I am assistant to the chairman and president.

Senator STAMBAUGH: Mr. Chairman, I wish to ask some questions on the Pine Point Railway.

The CHAIRMAN: The Pine Point Railway is not covered in this budget at all.

Senator STAMBAUGH: That is why I want to ask some questions about it. Surely we are entitled to ask questions on this because we understand it is going to be under construction this year.

The CHAIRMAN: I suppose all Mr. Vaughan could say in reply to you is that it is a matter of Government policy. We would have to have the bill for the Pine Point Railway before us before any capital could be appropriated for the construction of it.

Senator BUCHANAN: Mr. Chairman, I was going to ask a similar question. I see there is an amount provided marked contingent "branch lines". I was wondering if any of this was to be spent on the Pine Point Railway.

Mr. TASCHEREAU: The contingency item is to cover several projects for branch lines which are under study and under discussion with industries but none of it is related to the Pine Point line.

Senator BUCHANAN: It is not definitely related?

Mr. VAUGHAN: It is not related at all.

Mr. TASCHEREAU: We have made no provision in our budget for the construction of the Pine Point Railway.

Senator STAMBAUGH: I will make it real plain, Mr. Chairman. There is nothing in this budget that is to be expended upon the Pine Point Railway in any way, whether in surveying the line, or locating it?

Mr. VAUGHAN: Mr. Chairman, I might perhaps clarify the situation. As I understand it, and I speak subject to correction of the Department of Finance, there is an item in the estimates, not our estimates but in the estimates of the Department of Transport for making a location survey of the Pine Point line. In addition to that there is a resolution standing on the Order Paper of the House of Commons dealing with the Pine Point line.

The CHAIRMAN: A resolution preliminary to a bill to authorize the construction of that line, I suppose?

Mr. VAUGHAN: Yes, sir, a resolution preparatory to the introduction of legislation.

Mr. TASCHEREAU: In connection with that, the survey we are doing is not on our own, but rather as an agent of the Government.

Senator BRUNT: You do not pay for the survey, but you provide the personnel, is that it?