

Labour Conditions—C.P.R. Strike

in the face of the inevitable disruption which stoppage of railway operations is causing and on which the Canadian Pacific Railway has placed great emphasis in the past few days.”

W. E. Gamble, vice president of the B.L.F. & E., expressed the brotherhood's gratitude to the Prime Minister, labour minister Gregg, and the officers of the Canadian Labour Congress for their efforts to develop a quick settlement of the dispute.

With Mr. Gamble were: John Graham, Montreal, B.L.F.&E. chief bargaining representative on the C.P.R., a member of the negotiating committee; A. E. Matthews, Parry Sound, Ont., B.L.F.&E. bargaining agent on the central region of the C.N.R., also a member of the national negotiating committee; and Arthur Garmaise, Montreal, counsel for the union.

APPENDIX "E"

“The solution suggested by Mr. Jodoin (Claude Jodoin, C.L.C. president) would not solve the diesel issue. It would merely postpone coming to grips with that issue and leave the country subject to renewal of the strike.

“Every question the union has raised on the diesel issue was considered by the conciliation board in public hearings. There is no new question to be dealt with.

“Mr. Jodoin's plan is not a solution of the diesel issue because:

“1. It fails to provide for final disposition.

“2. It would delay any possible settlement of the issue, to the detriment of the public, the railway and all Canadian Pacific employees.

“3. It would leave the country subject to renewal of the strike at such time as the Cleveland, Ohio, headquarters of the firemen's union might dictate.

“Sugar-Coated Version . . . ”

“4. The C.L.C. plan is a sugar-coated version of the position taken by the firemen's union ever since the diesel proposal of Canadian Pacific was approved by the conciliation board.

“The essence of the C.L.C. plan was conveyed to me last Saturday. That evening I indicated to the Prime Minister in a telephone conversation such a plan was unsound because it did not provide for final disposition of the diesel issue. The plan was, therefore, unacceptable to Canadian Pacific and would be contrary to the best interests of Canada. I further indicated to the Prime Minister I would be willing to go to Ottawa to meet with him and other parties concerned in this dispute.

“However, in view of the adamant stand of the firemen's union, and my steadfast position as to the necessity for final disposition of the diesel issue, we agreed that such a meeting would not be useful under existing circumstances.”