

Court of Canada by the Kootenay and Elk Railway and the CPR is the question of whether coal will be carried from southeastern British Columbia to the west coast port of Roberts Bank via a United States railway employing United States workers, or via a Canadian railway employing Canadian workers. I have no hesitation in indicating that as far as I am concerned, Canada's national interest must prevail if the matter raised by the hon. member tonight passes the hypothetical stage.

The Minister of Transport, replying in the House of Commons on May 2—this has been quoted already tonight—made it perfectly clear that he wanted to see the

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maximum amount of Canadian products moved over Canadian rails. The original application of the Kootenay and Elk Railway has been dealt with by the CTC and has been the subject of a Supreme Court decision, as the hon. member has already indicated. The parties affected by the decision are now in receipt of it and presumably are considering what steps, if any, they will now take in light of this decision. So far, to my knowledge, none of the parties has indicated what will be their next step. Until then the government will continue to examine thoroughly the implications of the submission and issues raised before the CTC.

Motion agreed to and House adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

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