

THE SENATE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

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OTTAWA, Wednesday, February 22, 1961.

The Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, to which was referred Bill S-13, an act respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company, met this day at 11 a.m.

Senator HARTLAND DE M. MOLSON (*Acting Chairman*) in the Chair.

On a motion duly moved and seconded it was agreed that a verbatim report be made of the committee's proceedings on the bill.

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The ACTING CHAIRMAN: We have a report from the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel of the Senate, E. Russell Hopkins, as follows:

In my opinion this bill is in proper legal form and I have no suggestions to make for its amendment.

There is also a memorandum from Mr. Jacques Fortier to the effect that the Minister of Transport has no objection to the passage of this bill.

Honourable senators, we have with us today Mr. Gregory Gorman, Counsel for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and Mr. C. A. Colpitts, Chief Engineer of the same company. Whom do you wish to hear from first?

Senator STAMBAUGH: I think we should hear Mr. Gorman first.

Mr. GREGORY J. GORMAN, Counsel, Canadian Pacific Railway Company: Mr. Chairman and honourable senators, this bill is to enable the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to construct a line of railway near Rimbey, Alberta, which is a point on the Hoadley subdivision which runs between Lacombe and Leduc. The main purpose of the line, which would be eight and a quarter miles in length, is to connect the subdivision branch line at Rimbey to a gas-processing plant which has been constructed by the British American Oil Company Limited and is now partly in operation.

Senator Stambaugh, when he sponsored the bill and moved second reading on February 16 in the Senate, gave a very full and careful explanation of the purposes of the bill, the use to which the plant will be put, and the history of railways in that area. I do not know whether it is the pleasure of honourable senators to have me go over that in detail.

Senator ISNOR: I do not think it is necessary to do so. Senator Stambaugh gave us a very full background.

Mr. GORMAN: Mr. Colpitts, Chief Engineer for the C.P.R., has detailed knowledge of the proposed line and is willing to answer any questions that may be asked.

Mr. C. A. COLPITTS, Chief Engineer, Canadian Pacific Railway: Mr. Chairman and honourable senators, I might just give a slight description of the territory