

deal of local comment it may be as much as two years ago, over the fact that the Canadian National had five superintendents over the various work in Saskatoon, whereas the C.P.R., which is in a similar condition so far as mileage is concerned, had only one there. The comment was to the effect that the C.N.R. was overmanned as far as that was concerned. I notice there is still an increase in superintendence of these various works.

Mr. HENRY: I think, broadly speaking, you might say that that is due to the general strengthening up of the supervising forces.

Mr. STEWART: On the other hand, would you care to make any comment as to this criticism which has been levelled at the Canadian National at that particular point? That it is overmanned so far as superintendents are concerned, compared with its competitor the C.P.R.

Mr. HENRY: I do not think I would say that.

Major BELL: Mr. Stewart, that particular point, Saskatoon, we will wire Mr. Warren, our general manager there, and if you will just put a question we will have him wire a very full reply and have it here for to-morrow's meeting.

Mr. HENRY: I will undertake to do that.

Major BELL: Generally speaking, when you speak of superintendents, of course you do not mean the ordinary superintendents of the road; you mean those in charge of shops and that sort of thing. That is what we call a superintendent. I know there are not five superintendents at Saskatoon.

Mr. STEWART: I do not even know what branches or departments they are at the head of.

Major BELL: You mean, speaking generally, the supervision in Saskatoon. I know we have not five superintendents there; that would be out of the question, but your statement relates to the supervision there of our senior men, that we have more than the Canadian Pacific.

Mr. STEWART: Yes.

Major BELL: We will give you an answer in the morning, in the greatest detail, from the man there.

Mr. STEWART: I want an answer that will be a reply to the local criticism. That was two years ago, and they may not be there at the present time.

The CHAIRMAN: We are still at page 20; any further questions there?

Mr. HARRIS: Has item 356 been dealt with?

The CHAIRMAN: No, I do not think so; I was just trying to finish "Maintenance of Equipment". Now we will go on to "Traffic Expenses". Do you wish to take this item by item, or merely dip into it as you are interested. I notice quite an increase there in industrial and immigration bureaus, from \$145,000 to \$300,000.

Mr. HENRY: That is due largely to the Colonization Department organized in 1923, about which I think the President gave a statement.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, I believe he did speak about that.

Mr. HARRIS: Is this what you might term a domestic expense or a foreign expense?

Mr. HENRY: It is partly the one and partly the other.

Major BELL: If you look at page 7 of the report you will find an explanation by the President.

Mr. HARRIS: Before leaving Maintenance of Equipment, if I may refer to it for a moment, what do you anticipate will be the result of next year's operations? Do you still anticipate a decrease in the cost of maintenance of equipment?