COMMITTEE ROOM 429,

House of Commons,

THURSDAY, May 14th, 1925.

The Select Standing Committee on National Railways and Shipping met at 10.00 o'clock a.m., the Chairman, Mr. W. D. Euler, presiding.

The CHARMAN: We now have a quorum, gentlemen. Yesterday, one of the members, I think, Sir Henry Drayton, asked for a statement with regard to the budget and what the items were in connection with the reduction. That is now here, and it can be placed on the records.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS-BUDGET

Item	Original 1924–1925 Budget	1st Revised 1924–1925 Budget	2nd Revised 1924–1925 Budget	1925–1926 Budget
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Rental for Lease of Subsidiary Lines. Interest on Funded and other Debt. G.T.P. Guaranteed Interest. Sinking Fund payments. Equipment Principal payments. Dividend on G.T.R. 4% Guaranteed Stock. Retirement of Central Vermont Railway, Capital Obligations. Discount on \$17.000,000 Bond Issue.		1,979,228 64 35,742,392 50 1,662,120 00 151,133 33 6,856,400 00 2,433 333 33		1,379,227 60 36,773,698 62 1,108,030 00 151,133 33 7,467,400 00 2,433,333 33 775,090 00 637,500 00
Total Financial Requirements Less Resources	47,628,670 30 28,174,302 64	48,824,607 80 20,835,202 97	48,224,607 00 26,495,937 10	50,725,372 88 21,265,997 88
Net Financial Requirements New Equipment "Under Trust" General Additions and Betterments Paris Property. Ontario Electric Lines. Montreal Terminal Railway. Quebec Terminal. New Equipment. Discount on Proposed Bond Issue	$3,000,000 00 \ 1,500,000 00 \ 1,278,000 00 \ 200,000 00$	27,989,404 83 4,060,050 00 23,187,000 00 2,851,445 17 1,200,000 00 1,278,000 00 1,551,100 00 1,910,000 00	21,728,669 90 4,060,050 00 21,975,603 37 2,723,576 73 1,200,000 00 1,278,000 00 1,651,100 00 1,910,000 00	29,459,375 00 17,150,000 00 750,000 00 1,040,625 00 1,600,000 00
Total	56,527,000 00	64,027,000 00	56,527,000 00	50,000,000 00

Note.—Retirement of obligations made out of proceeds of \$50,000,000 Bond Issue dated February 1st, 1924, and \$17,000,000 Refunding Bond Issue of February 15th, 1925, are not included as such issues do not relate to the 1924–1925 Budget Appropriation.

Sir Henry Drayton: This carries out the idea. The idea was to show all the different things, so the House can see at once what the situation is. I think that will save pages of work. How much in that is for maintenance; for next year, the estimates for maintenance for roadbed and the maintenance for equipment.

Sir Henry Thornton: There would not be any maintenance. That would be part of the general expense, if I understand your question right.

Sir Henry Drayton: How much of that is made up in your supporting figures?

Mr. Henry: You mean betterments?