

Hon. Mr. MANION: The C.P.R. will want to be in exactly the same position.

Hon. Mr. EULER: I suppose so, yes.

Hon. Mr. MANION: If that is satisfactory, we can dispense with any further discussion, and I will probably introduce it this afternoon.

Mr. POWER: May I ask this question: Mr. Fairweather said a few moments ago, it was impossible to distinguish between the profits made on telegraphs in the ordinary operations of the railroad, and the commercial business. Is there not a separate organization for the Canadian National Telegraphs?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Yes.

Mr. POWER: What jurisdiction has the vice-president or the president of the Canadian National Telegraphs over train despatches?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: There is no president of the Canadian National Telegraphs.

Mr. POWER: Vice-president in charge of the Canadian National Telegraphs.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: He would have nothing whatever to do with the train despatchers, no authority over them at all.

Mr. POWER: None?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: No, but the maintenance of the wires over which each man sends his message is under his charge.

Mr. POWER: That is under his charge?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Yes.

Mr. POWER: And separate accounts are kept as to the maintenance and charged to the Canadian National?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: The costs of maintenance of telegraph facilities are all kept without regard to whether they are for railway operation or commercial operation. You could make an arbitrary accounting subdivision.

Mr. POWER: The jurisdiction as to personnel only extends over telegraph operators engaged in commercial telegraphs?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Partly; but there is another group. We have quite a large number of telegraphers who are engaged in carrying on message business for the railway, distinct from the despatching of trains. For instance, the officers at the various centres are continually sending messages between offices. We have found it efficient to segregate that business from the commercial business as far as transmission goes; there are several operators doing nothing but that. They come under the general manager of telegraph.

Mr. POWER: Though they are engaged only in the business of the operation of the road?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Yes.

Mr. POWER: They do not do any commercial business at all?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Those particular men do no commercial business at all.

Mr. GEARY: I see in your maintenance of way, operating account, telegraph and telephone \$3,690,000 and in your maintenance of way they charge to telegraph and telephone one million. You aggregate those amounts also in the equipment, I suppose, do you?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Yes. Oh, no, maintenance of equipment—maintenance of telegraph equipment would go in maintenance of way and structures. Our equipment maintenance is entirely the rolling stock of the company and the machinery to maintain it.

Mr. GEARY: That would be carried in some other accounts?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Yes, it is one of our general accounts.