

Mr. HEAPS: What I am thinking of is this, Sir Henry: Say that we insist on this, that they become naturalized Canadians. We have probably in the United States on the lines owned and operated by the company a large number who are Canadian citizens and who might prefer to retain their Canadian citizenship, for which I would not blame them. If we insist on an American changing his nationality here we may be faced with a similar situation on our lines in the United States which might create a hardship.

SIR HENRY THORNTON: You might easily start up an international question and you might incite reprisals. There is no question about that.

Hon. Mr. EULER: A bit of moral persuasion would be enough.

Hon. Mr. MANION: Is not that practically the law in the United States now. I think it is perfectly fair. An awful lot of people came back to Canada when conditions got bad in the United States, because a great number of concerns over there were dropping Canadian citizens.

Mr. HANBURY: That was not government policy, that was propaganda.

SIR HENRY THORNTON: Well, it worked out that way, I rather think. Just tell us what questions you would like answered. We have got one and if there are any others, we will try and get the information.

Mr. FRASER: When you are on that question, what percentage of your total employees are employed on American roads properly in your American system.

SIR HENRY THORNTON: We can get that, but we have not got it here. You would like the number of employees on the payrolls, the number not only on the payrolls of the Canadian National in Canada but the number that are on the payrolls of our American lines.

Mr. FRASER: That is the question.

SIR HENRY THORNTON: We can get that.

Mr. CANTLEY: Sir Henry, there were 2,276 pensioners, the average pension working out at less than \$200 per year.

SIR HENRY THORNTON: I think we can get that for you.

Mr. McLAREN: The average pension is \$641.06.

Mr. CANTLEY: Well, the average increase this last year was about \$193.

Hon. Mr. EULER: Does that include all the executives and others?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: That 2,276 was the total number of employees on the pension rolls at the end of 1930.

Mr. FRASER: And the \$440,000 is the increase, not the total?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Not the total.

Mr. McLAREN: The total of the pensions including Eastern lines is \$2,158,117.16.

Hon. Mr. EULER: What is the number of pensioners?

Mr. McLAREN: The number of pensioners at December 31, 1930 was 3,380.

Hon. Mr. EULER: What is the retiring age?

Mr. FRASER: How is it that figure does not correspond with what you have here?

Mr. McLAREN: That includes Eastern Lines and Central Vermont railways. I will give you the breakdown. The Canadian National including the Grand Trunk Western is 2,035; Canadian Government Railways 1,296; Central Vermont 49; total 3,380.

Mr. BOTHWELL: What proportion of them would be contributory?

Mr. McLAREN: The total number under the contributory arrangement is 1,296.