

Canadian National Railways

it. It then deals with a duplex roomette and states:

Compact comfort with bed and all facilities.

The next one states:

Bedroom: Another type featuring full length day-sofa, folding armchair, upper and lower beds and all facilities.

It also states that the bedrooms have folding armchairs replaced by upper and lower beds at night, with all facilities. Then it refers to the club car and states:

Privacy or conversation—in comfort.

Apparently you can read all the latest magazines in deep-seated comfort. They have carpeting up to your ankles; you name it and they have it. Then the booklet refers to the cafe lounge and says:

A pleasant setting for hearty meals, snacks and refreshments.

Then we have the livingroom and the booklet speaks of lounging in sophisticated ease. It refers to the lounge—"soft lights and luxury in a modern mood." This is beautiful for Canadians. We then go to the diner where it speaks of fine meals, gleaming silver and impeccable service. That is the end of that one. Most Canadians enjoy these things, but these people spend our money to promote this stuff and at the same time deprive us of our comfortable travelling accommodation.

We then come to another pamphlet which starts off by saying "Why be a prisoner of the road"? It goes on to say:

There's no need to sentence yourself to hours of tension behind the wheel when you can travel relaxed on CN "traveliving" comfort and have the use of your own car at destination.

The brochure mentions all-weather reliability. This is something they should have taken into consideration in Newfoundland. I suggest the buses will not have all-weather reliability. The brochure also states, "No eating on the run". How in the name of heaven are you going to sleep and eat, play bingo and snakes and ladders and do these other things on a bus? This is fine for the rest of Canada. This is just my way of speaking but I am serious. Canadians nest in deep-seated comfort; they can sleep the miles away. They can go into the lounge and enjoy the friendship of their friends and can even meet new friends.

Another brochure suggests that one should not be bashful. You are not supposed to be bashful; you are supposed to speak to people and make new friends while enjoying carpets up to your ankles. You are supposed to have

a drink and make new friends with somebody in the lounge car, I suppose, while you play bingo. This is all for Canadians.

What do these people tell the Newfoundlanders? What do they offer to the people there? They offer a 39-seat bus with air conditioning, which we do not need, and a lavatory.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Peddle: Hon. members over there sound as though they approve of this. Maybe they were not here when I made my earlier remarks. They do not have any idea what confederation means.

An hon. Member: Speak up, we are listening.

Mr. Peddle: They should try to understand. We are supposed to be equal partners in confederation. The name of the outfit I am criticizing today is Canadian National Railways. That suggests to me that it is a national service rather than one available to nine provinces of Canada but not to the tenth. This is the point I am trying to make.

The Chairman: Order, please. I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member but his time has expired.

Some hon. Members: Carry on.

The Chairman: Is it the pleasure of the committee to allow the hon. member to continue?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Peddle: I should like to thank you, Mr. Chairman, and those hon. members who have been so gracious. I hope they do not regard this as entertainment because it is not intended as such.

Mr. Mongrain: Think about the amusement tax.

Mr. Peddle: I have another pamphlet here from the C.N.R. which states:

CN "traveliving" is travel fun. Whether you're going to the next town or across Canada, you can relax, sit back in comfortable, friendly surroundings and enjoy traveling "the way of the worry free"—by CN.

"Traveliving" means dollar-saving fares, fine food, good service, convenient schedules and hospitality...and the most beautiful scenery Canada has to offer right outside your picture window.

I might mention at this point that I took a ride on a train in Newfoundland recently.