

Mr. ISNOR: Yes, that is their centre. Their case was presented by Mr. Tom Moore; also from the floor of the House by Mr. Peter Heenan. They certainly have a good case. I have the material downstairs and I propose to present it to this committee. But I feel in fairness to the whole situation, as covered by the motion, that we should have the same privilege as Vancouver. I know that the west wishes to be fair in this connection, and I cannot understand yet—I thought that was settled earlier in the meeting. It embraces the whole of Canada. If so, we should have the privilege of having a representative here from Nova Scotia.

Mr. TUCKER: I think this committee should take a stand in the matter; but if the sub-committee go and ask for leave of the Cabinet or something like that, they are going to immediately run up against an objection on account of the cost. As far as I am concerned I am favourable to at least one witness being brought from the Atlantic seaboard and one from the Pacific. I should like to point out as far as expenses are concerned, that a considerable part of the expense goes to the railroads. We have to pay large deficits of the Canadian National Railways anyway. If we spend some money sending witnesses here, we are not going to be out of pocket. As far as the C.P.R. is concerned, they are calling on us all the time, and if some of the money goes to them it may help them and they will not have to come to us in the future.

The CHAIRMAN: Have we had enough discussion on this point? What do you want done?

Mr. MACNICOL: I should like to support the East in this matter, if there is any reason for bringing anyone here from that section. If we are going to widen out like that we might as well have somebody here from Fort William, Owen Sound, Montreal and other ports. If our reference is so wide as that, we might as well have them all here.

Mr. MACINNIS: The motion that will be made by you, Mr. Chairman, in the House on behalf of this committee will be a general motion, and will not take in the number of witnesses who will be called. You will merely ask for the authority to call witnesses. The witnesses who may be called will be a matter for the sub-committee and this committee to decide on.

The CHAIRMAN: I think it can be worked out in that way. I do not see that we are going to get very far with this general discussion. We cannot come to any definite conclusion as to how much money we are going to spend and how many witnesses we are going to call. I think parliament will be fair in the matter.

Mr. REID: I think it would be advisable to have the committee go on record that it desires to have witnesses called.

Mr. MACINNIS: I move that the committee ask authority from the House to call witnesses and incur whatever expenses may be necessary.

Mr. McIVOR: I second that motion.

The CLERK: That authority is granted.

Mr. NEIL: We have that authority.

The CHAIRMAN: Are you ready to hear Mr. Clendenning's submission?

Mr. MACNICOL: He has not been invited, and we are not obligated in so far as expenses are concerned with respect to Mr. Clendenning?

The CHAIRMAN: He has been east on business, and has his submission with him.

Mr. MACNICOL: The committee is in no way committed to the expenses of Mr. Clendenning?

The CHAIRMAN: No, not with Mr. Clendenning. If there is no opposition to Mr. Clendenning I shall ask him to come forward, and the clerk will administer the oath to him before he makes his submission.

FREDERICK HAMPTON CLENDENNING, called and sworn.