

Your Committee also draws attention to the fact that during the past year the company has been carefully investigating the growing competition of the motor bus and the motor truck and expects shortly to develop some means of effectively meeting the conditions arising in connection with this competition.

Your Committee in its previous report referred to the question of taxation and is pleased to note from the evidence adduced that considerable progress has been made towards the development of a basis of taxation in conjunction with the various Provincial Governments throughout the Dominion which will remove the discrimination referred to in the Committee's final report last year.

From the evidence given, your Committee is of the opinion that the amount of \$31,000,000 is necessary for the purposes of the company during the coming year and should be passed by the House.

Your Committee notes with satisfaction that the Canadian National Railways continue to hold the confidence and goodwill of the public through the excellence of the services rendered and the courtesy extended to patrons.

Your Committee further desires to express its appreciation of the manner in which the President of the Canadian National Railways and the officers assisting him gave their evidence to the Committee.

A copy is attached hereto of the Minutes of the Proceedings and Evidence, with certain statements requested of the attending officers, which have been printed with the evidence.

Your Committee further recommends that its proceedings and the evidence adduced before the Committee be printed as an appendix to the Journals of the House and that Rule 74 in respect hereto be suspended.

(For Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, etc., accompanying said Report, see Appendix to the Journals, No. 3)

Mr. Lapierre, from the Special Committee appointed to investigate our present sources of supply of anthracite and bituminous coal, the dependability of such sources, and whether the price paid by the Canadian consumer is fair and reasonable; and to also enquire as to the methods of mining and delivering Canadian coal in the best and cheapest way to all parts of the Dominion, for the purpose of giving employment to our workmen, freight to our transportation companies, and thus effecting a saving of money now spent for this commodity in other countries, presented the Third and Final Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

Your Committee on the 6th of May was constituted by resolution as follows:—Messieurs Armstrong (Lambton), Bury, Campbell, Flemming, Garland (Bow River), Gershaw, Howden, Lapierre, MacDonald (Cape Breton South), McLean (Melfort), Neill and Nicholson. On the 12th of May the name of Mr. Cantley was substituted for that of Mr. Nicholson.

Your Committee held fifteen meetings, examined twenty-eight witnesses for evidence, and also held a conference at which the Premiers of New Brunswick and Ontario, the Minister of Lands and Mines of New Brunswick, the Attorney General of Nova Scotia, the Attorney General of Manitoba, and the Provincial Treasurer of Ontario, attended.

In order to avoid duplication of evidence, your Committee have had before them the report of the Senate Committee, 1923, on the Fuel Supply of Canada, and also the proceedings of the House of Commons Committee on Mines and Minerals, 1923, on the Canadian Fuel supply.

Your Committee are of opinion that they have obtained valuable evidence and have collected important data. In this latter particular, they were ably assisted by the Deputy Minister of Mines, the Secretary of the Dominion Fuel Board, and the officials of the Canadian National Railways.