

to give my observations. I say that the Government have it now in their power to answer the question he has just put to me, without spending a single cent—

Several MEMBERS: Order, order! Vote, vote. Your time is up.

Mr. RAINVILLE (Chairman): The hon. member having been interrupted by the hon. minister of Inland Revenue (Mr. Sévigny), it is only proper that the hon. member should have time to conclude his remarks.

Mr. LACHANCE: I was then saying, Mr. Chairman, to conclude my remarks that for me the situation is rather foggy; we do see, in the background, large financial institutions, we do see banks, big capitalists, investment associations and trusts of every denomination, all restlessly active and lying in wait for these millions; but, it is unfortunate that the Government did not want to assist in disentangling the occult ramifications of all this transaction and in letting the public know who will receive this money first, and who will get it later. Nevertheless, there remains an undeniable, self-evident fact: it is that the Government are going to pay \$60,000,000, when, under the Act of 1914 they would not have to give one single cent.

Therefore under such circumstances, I believe it is my duty to vote against the proposed Act.

Mr. J. E. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chairman—

The CHAIRMAN: It is two o'clock. The question is on clause 1. Shall clause 1 be carried?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Section agreed to on division; yeas 63, nays 36.

On section 2—Transfer of shares:

The CHAIRMAN: Shall section 2 be adopted?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Take the vote.

The CHAIRMAN: I declare section 2 carried on the same division.

On section 3—After transfer Canadian Northern Railway Company may be assisted:

The CHAIRMAN: There is an amendment to this section. All the words after "Fund" on line 4 are struck out and the following substituted therefor:

Provided, however, that until authorized by Parliament the total of such advances shall

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not exceed the sum of \$25,000,000. A report of any such advances showing in detail the purposes for which they were applied shall be presented to Parliament by the Minister of Finance within twenty days after the opening of the next ensuing session thereof.

The question is on the amendment. Shall this amendment be adopted?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Mr. L. A. LAPOINTE: I rise to a point of order. Was there any notification of the gag in respect to this amendment?

The CHAIRMAN: That is not a point of order. The amendment formed part of the clause. I declare the amendment carried, and the section as amended carried, on the same division.

On section 4—Appointment of arbitrators:

The CHAIRMAN: There is an amendment to this section. The words "and may apply to their own judgment in determining such value" in line 24 are struck out, and all the words after the word "Fund" in line 37 are struck out and the following substituted therefor:

In determining the value of the said six hundred thousand shares the arbitrators, should they regard it as expedient to take into consideration the reproduction cost of the Canadian Northern Railway system, shall not include therein the increase in value, due to the war, of labour, materials, equipment or of any property.

I declare the amendment carried and the section as amended carried, on the same division. Shall the title of the Bill be adopted?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

The CHAIRMAN: Carried on the same division.

Bill reported and amendments read the first and second time and concurred in.

On motion of Sir George Foster, the House adjourned at 2.12 a.m. (Wednesday).

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The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by asterisks.)

MINISTER OF CUSTOMS.

Mr. FORTIER:

1. Has the Minister of Customs a private car?
2. If so, when did he obtain it?