

in round figures, if you do not mind?—A. It is hard to say anything at all accurate but I should say on the entire route there should be something around 1,200 men.

Q. If the route was only built from Pincher Creek—from the end of the grid system to Kingsgate—how many men would be employed?—A. There would be employed say half of that number, but for a shorter time.

Q. Now, as far as maintenance is concerned, Mr. Dixon, how many men per mile—and I know this question may be difficult because I do not know very much about pipe lines—but on the average, how many men would be permanently employed per mile in pipe line maintenance?—A. I think somewhere in the neighbourhood of one-half a man per mile.

Q. Somewhere in the neighbourhood of one-half a man per mile. I took the trouble before I came here to put through a telephone call to Victoria. I wanted to check your idea about steel mentioned in regard to the Dominion Bridge. I had in mind that the West Coast Transmission Company mentioned that their steel would be made in the United States. Now, Dominion Bridge in Vancouver is in my riding and I want to know something about employment. I want to put this on the record. Their monthly payroll now is \$100,000 per month and they consider that if they got this contract 250 men would be employed for one year, and their payroll would increase fifty per cent.

Mr. SMITH: Is this a question?

The CHAIRMAN: Well, others have made statements.

Mr. MURRAY: I would like Mr. Goode to qualify his last statement about the number of men who would be employed.

Mr. GOODE: Have I your permission to answer it, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: I think you have made the statement and it will be found in the record. I do not think there is any need of repeating it. Mr. Herridge has the floor.

By Mr. Herridge:

Q. This morning I asked Mr. Dixon a question. The city of Nelson has a population of approximately 10,000. I asked if it would be served on this line and I think the answer given was yes. But in listening to Mr. Dixon's review of the various cities and towns which would be served along the line, I failed to hear him mention the city of Nelson, and I notice that the city of Nelson is not indicated as being served on any of the maps presented to this committee.—A. The city of Nelson is not far from Trail and we certainly expect to serve it but not directly. That is an error. We did not have it in our list because in conversations with the British Columbia Electric Company, they expect to serve that city, and to take the gas as a unit for all those towns. They are considering that. That is an error that it is not in. We expect to serve Nelson.

Q. Then I have your assurance that the city of Nelson will receive service from this line?—A. Yes.

Q. Thank you. Now, has the Canadian Pacific or the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, Limited, given any indication that they intend to invest in your company?—A. No, they have given no indication that they will invest in the company.

Q. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Harkness?

Mr. HIGGINS: Mr. Chairman, on a question of privilege: there appeared to be some doubt about the transcript. Let me say that the transcript I read from was by courtesy of the power company. It is an exact transcript supplied I believe officially. At least there is no notation on the bottom, but I am told that it comes from bona fide sources, and the exact wording which I read is the same that is contained in the official transcript.