

like to point out that all this discussion could have been carried on under part II, and I think it should have been carried on under that part of the bill. Part II has to do with cooperation, and whatever loss of employment may take place will come about under that part. As a matter of fact it is my personal opinion that the general discussion carried on this afternoon should have been carried on under part II, and I believe we would facilitate matters—because I suppose no one desires to stay here all summer—without in any way limiting discussion or debate if we adhered pretty closely to a discussion of the sections as they come along. I suggest that with all due reference, but I am content to abide by whatever the committee may decide.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman; from the section of the rules which you have just read, it is obvious that we have been completely out of order all afternoon, because it is definitely stated there that the title—and there is only one title—should be left to the last. Throughout the time we have been discussing this matter, Mr. Chairman, it has been understood that we were discussing the title, so that evidently the whole discussion has been out of order. Objection was taken some time ago to any broad discussion under this heading, "title," and it was then stated very definitely that the section was broad enough to admit almost everything. I think that undoubtedly that is so and under that tacit ruling, not a definite ruling of the chair, we have had considerable discussion, for example on the part of my hon. friend from Rainy River and the ex-Postmaster General. It seems very strange now, when someone else gets up to talk along precisely the same line which the discussion has followed for the last hour or two, that the chairman himself should say that the hon. member who wishes to speak is out of order. I do not think there should be any discrimination. The hon. member is as much justified as any of the previous speakers.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. MacNicol): An hour ago I asked the committee to confine its remarks to clause 1, the short title, pointing out that if that clause carried the committee could go on to clause 2 under which, as I understand, almost anything can be said in connection with the bill.

Mr. DUFF: I suggest that clause 1 be allowed to stand and that we go on with the rest of the bill.

Mr. MANION: Why not pass it?

[Mr. Manion.]

Mr. DUFF: Because under the rule it is not supposed to be passed now. The title is passed after all other sections.

Mr. MANION: I think there is confusion in regard to the title. What we are discussing now is the short title. The title itself reads:

An act respecting the Canadian National Railways and to provide for cooperation with the Canadian Pacific Railway System, and for other purposes.

Mr. DUFF: That is the preamble.

Mr. MANION: It is the title.

Mr. DUFF: No, it is the preamble too.

Mr. MANION: It is the short title we are discussing.

Mr. DUFF: What the minister read is the preamble. If it is the title it is not very short.

Mr. POWER: I suggest again that it would be far better to let clause 1 stand.

Mr. MANION: I have no objection to the clause standing. We have been discussing it all afternoon and I had hoped that by five minutes to six we should be able to carry it. If we could carry it, it would be so much progress made. However, if it pleases my hon. friends, and I am always so anxious to please them, I have no objection to having it stand. I suggest that the clause as amended stand and we will come back to it later.

Mr. POWER: To facilitate the business of the house, will the minister hand to someone on this side the amendments which he proposes to move. He said he had certain amendments to propose as we go along, and though I know that it is not customary to do as I suggest, it is extremely difficult to discuss amendments on a moment's notice. If the minister would lay on the table copies of his amendments, in connection with the next four or five clauses at any rate, the committee would have an opportunity of studying them and it would expedite matters.

Mr. MANION: As the hon. member says, that is really not customary and I do not think I should care to do it. I will go as far as this, however. When we come to a clause which is to be amended, unless the amendment is a simple one, such as the one before us now, I shall give it to the committee and let the clause stand and go on with other clauses, so that the committee will have plenty of time to study the amendment. None of them is complicated; I believe that