

And in wandering about to-day, General Anderson has been good enough to show us all there was to be seen of the harbor, and there was a great many things turned up that we did not fully appreciate or fully comprehend before, or, at all events, we had not the same comprehension of the situation that we have now, and as the question is a very important one to the Canadian Pacific Railway we cannot afford to make any mistakes, and I wish to say now that we want to take a little more time to consider this question, to see what offer we can put in, what offer we can make for your road that would be most acceptable to you and to the company which I represent. I say this because I noticed by the paper to-day that there was some idea that we should make an offer, or that this meeting was to receive offers to-night. I wish to say now that we want to consider that a little more than we have had opportunity of doing.

I do not know, Mr. Mayor, that there is anything more that I can say about the matter. If there is any question about the company that any gentleman would like to ask me, I would be glad to answer, and give any information I can, only I would like to take this opportunity to impress upon this meeting I doubt whether it would be possible for us to succeed with our purpose of getting here unless with the hearty co-operation of the people of Portland, and by that I do not mean the question of property. I do not know that there is anything more I can say.

Mr. Putnam said—I have consulted Mr. Cleaves, who sits by me, and he has no objection, and under the circumstances, I asked the committee when they adjourn to adjourn subject to the call of the Chairman.

The Mayor said—This meeting was called by a vote of the committee, requesting all parties who wished to propose for the city's interests in this property to make their propositions this evening, and also to state who the parties were they represented. Mr. Stephen is here to answer for himself and for his road, and Mr. Cleaves for Mr. Wescott and others. If there are any other parties who have any proposition to lay before the committee, we would be glad to hear them. If there are any questions which any member of the committee desire to ask Mr. Stephen, he will be glad to answer them, as I understand it, and give you all the information he can.

Alderman Emery—Mr. Abbott from Montreal, of the Canadian Pacific is here, and we should be very glad to hear from him in regard to this matter.