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ROOM 116, HOUSE OF COMMONS,

THURSDAY, 26th June, 1924.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., Mr. Euler, the Chairman, presiding.

Present: Messrs. Euler, Gauvreau, Graham, Harris, Jelliff, Kyte, Mackinnon, Milne, Stewart (Humboldt), Stork—10.

Routing of Canadian Mail Traffic

Consequent on the President of the Canadian National Railways having stated at a previous meeting of the Committee that that company was not receiving a fair share of postal transportation business, and on motion of Mr. Graham,—

Mr. R. L. Fairbairn, Manager of the Postal Service Bureau, was called and examined.

Mr. Fairbairn showed that the routes served by the Canadian National Railways would have an improved mail service if some of the existing postal transportation agreements with the Canadian Pacific Railway were transferred to the Canadian National Railways. Financially, the unfairness of the present arrangements towards the Canadian National Railways was also demonstrated.

The witness submitted a statement containing observations regarding the existing mail service and recommendations for the improvement thereof.

Mr. Fairbairn retired.

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Major Bell and Messrs. Brown, Henry and Cooper were in attendance, and answered questions relative to Railway Operating Revenues, Railway Operating Expenses, Maintenance of Way and Structures, Traffic Expenses and Transportation Rail Line, also Miscellaneous Operations, as embodied in pages 18 to 22.

Motion for Leave to Sit while House Sitting

On motion of Mr. Stork,—

Resolved,—That leave be asked to sit while the House is in session.

The Committee adjourned at 1 p.m. until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

ROOM 231, HOUSE OF COMMONS,

FRIDAY, June 27, 1924.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., Mr. Euler, the Chairman, presiding.

Present: Messrs. Drayton, Drummond, Euler, Harris, Kyte, Jelliff, Jones, Mackinnon, Milne, Stewart (Humboldt).—10.