

Mr. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

Mr. CHEVRIER: What relationship has the deficit of \$190,000 which we are taking a vote on now?

Mr. ARMSTRONG: The two together make the amount required. The \$190,000 and the \$600,000 add to the total cash requirements of \$790,000.

The CHAIRMAN: Any other questions?

Item agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, the next, 635, supplementary.

Mr. HEES: That is the supplementary estimate that has to be voted.

Item agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, we have a motion by Mr. Chown and seconded by Mr. Bourbonnais. All in favour?

Agreed to.

Mr. BROOME: Mr. Chairman, are we just now winding up on this?

The CHAIRMAN: We are.

Mr. BROOME: I would like to make one remark if I can be accorded the same courtesy that Mr. Chevrier was, and that is that for the purposes of the record I would like to see that all major equipment, such as scheduled on page 6, when bids are called for that the Canadian National ask the bidding companies to supply the Canadian content and that in the consideration of these bids the figure of the Canadian content be taken into regard in the letting of the contracts. That puts the onus on the supplier to advise the railway company as to whether it is merely an assembly operation or whether they are carrying on a fully detailed manufacturing organization.

The CHAIRMAN: You are just asking that it be considered?

Mr. BROOME: Yes, by the railroad.

The CHAIRMAN: The railway have to buy the cheapest.

Mr. BROOME: They could know the content and even if one order were two per cent higher than the other and it had double the Canadian content, in the consideration of that bid that factor should be taken into account.

Mr. GORDON: I understand your proposal and in my opinion is a thoroughly impractical situation. It would be against the interests of the Canadian National Railways in calling for bids along the lines you suggest. However, I will take note of your suggestion and see what can be done about it.

What I think is serious, Mr. Chairman, is that the reports of the discussions of this committee have a habit of getting into the press in a very great hurry and I do not want the report to go out from this room that there has been that proposal made because it would be, in my opinion, most damaging in respect of the Canadian National Railways' purchasing policy. I would not want it thought we are being directed in any way in a manner that would tie our hands in doing what is best for the Canadian National Railways.

Mr. BROOME: All I am suggesting is that the Canadian National Railways get that information from their suppliers, that the railway ask the supplier for that information and the supplier does know the Canadian content, obviously.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, I think as the president, Mr. Gordon, has suggested, he can take your comments for consideration, but I do think we should not in any way leave the impression that it is tying his hands in any way or affecting any bids he might receive. That is the trouble sometimes, they are misunderstood.