

Q. You would find it necessitated the bringing of the policy of the Canadian National Railways into line with the policy of the Government?—A. I do not quite know how to answer that, I want to answer it, but I do not quite understand the question.

Q. Well, you propose to rent a considerable part of this space to the Government?—A. A portion of it, yes; but there will be a residue for which none of us have any use—

Q. I am trying to gather from you, Sir Henry, what portion of this building will be required for the National Railways purposes. You do not exactly know what that is as yet?—A. Not precisely. That is being worked out.

Q. Would that be one-half of the building?—A. No.

Q. Do you think it would be 25 per cent of the building?—A. Perhaps; that is about right.

Q. What portion do you think the Government will require?—A. Oh, I cannot answer that. I do not know precisely just what space they have elsewhere at the present time.

Q. Sir Henry, if the policy of the Government was to change very considerably, and you found, for instance, that a tariff was put up against goods coming in from Europe—

Mr. KYTE: God forbid.

Mr. HARRIS: —which made it impracticable for you to even send out soliciting freight agents, soliciting freight traffic and express traffic, do you think you would find yourselves, with a large organization in Europe, probably embarrassed to get a financial return from your expenses?

The WITNESS: If such a situation would come about, if a tariff would be put up which would practically prohibit the movement of freight from Europe to Canada, we would, of course, have to trim our sails to meet the wind, and have to adjust our forces accordingly.

(Chairman Euler resumed the Chair; Acting Chairman Stork withdrew.)

*By Mr. Harris:*

Q. I gather that your sails are trimmed now to gather as much freight as is possible on the Continent?—A. One is always subjected, and rightly so, to whatever policy the Government may pursue. If the Parliament of Canada imposes a prohibitive tariff, we will have to make the best of it.

Mr. HARRIS: I think that is all.

Mr. KYTE: Is that a threat or a prophecy?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Mr. Chairman, I have the paper here, of which I spoke this morning. It is the "L'Amerique Latine."

Major BELL: I thought it was a small-sized sheet.

Mr. KYTE: This is only a four-page paper.

The WITNESS: Would you mind letting me see that? (Paper handed to witness.)

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: That is all there is to it. I think I recognize this sheet. I notice something on the first page here about de Cameron Bocaccio, which seems to be pleasant reading. Here is a column, "La vie Canadienne." It starts off with "Mr. Forke" too.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: There is a special article on the Hotel Scribe.

Mr. KYTE: Have you a translation of it, Sir Henry (Drayton)?

*By Sir Henry Drayton:*

Q. That is the sheet?—A. Yes, that is it.