

permit them, not to cut down the service, but the expense. I do not suppose they will admit this will interfere with their service; I do not think they made any such admission.

Mr. PRICE: There is one other question I would like to ask in regard to this matter; no doubt there are some representatives of the Canadian National Express Company here among the officials; is it the intention, if this takes place, for one company to handle the express from the city of Moncton to Montreal covering C.P.R. points, or is it the intention to simply have what we have at the present time. For instance, suppose I wish to ship some point on the C.P.R. outside of Saint John on the line to Montreal. We ship Canadian National Express to Saint John and then by Dominion Express, C.P.R. from that point on. I would like to know if the Express Company will handle expressage directly with the one company from Moncton to any point on the C.P.R. as well as on the C.N.R.?

Hon. Mr. MANION: I did not intend going into that, but I take it they would, or the people would not be favourable to the amalgamation.

Mr. LABELLE: It would be on the same principle as the United States with the Railway Express Company serving all the railways. In the United States they have that system where one express company handles the express for the different railways.

Mr. HUNGERFORD: Shipments would be made by the one company to any point on either the Canadian Pacific or the Canadian National line.

Hon. Mr. EULER: I understand the Bill has not been distributed—it is not printed?

Hon. Mr. MANION: No, it has not been distributed because I have not introduced it in the House. I thought, probably, we would be ready to introduce it this afternoon.

Hon. Mr. EULER: Does this mean there will be a possible change of ownership, or, at least, there will be ownership of the actual assets of the trust companies and telegraph companies.

Hon. Mr. MANION: May I read clause 3. Clause 3 says: "The capital stock of the company shall be forty million dollars, divided into four hundred thousand shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each." My understanding of that is that they mean to put the assets of both companies into one company which will be a joint company of the C.P. and C.N.

Hon. Mr. EULER: Before I say anything about the control of that company, I would like to ask whether that, in any sense, comes in conflict with the clauses of the Bill we put through last year?

Hon. Mr. MANION: No, that was about amalgamation. I will read that clause. I have it marked. It says in clause 27, part 4:—

Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to authorize the amalgamation of any railway company which is comprised in National railways with any company which is comprised in Pacific railways nor to authorize the unified management and control of the railway system which forms part of National railways with the railway system which forms part of Pacific railways.

I read that clause which enabled it; it is under part 2, clause 16 in regard to co-operation:—

without restricting the generality of the foregoing, any such measures, plans or arrangements may include and be effected by means of—

- (a) new companies controlled by stock ownership, equitably apportioned between the companies.