

Mr. HENRY: That was due to economies.

Mr. HARRIS: How many channels are you getting this coal from in the Atlantic region at the present time?

Mr. HENRY: I could not give you that offhand; a dozen or more.

Mr. HARRIS: Does your own purchasing agent do all the buying?

Mr. HENRY: We have the Vice-president in charge of purchases and stores. He does that. That is all done directly from the head office in Montreal.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I suppose Mr. Vaughan is in charge of that?

Mr. HENRY: Yes.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: And he has a general fuel agent whose particular function is to look after fuel purchases, and he in turn has regional purchasing agents who report to him in respect of prices and all that sort of thing, and follow his directions in regard to the purchase of coal. It is all under the direction of the Vice-president in charge of purchasing, who is aided by a fuel purchasing agent.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, it is nearly one o'clock. Shall we decide when to meet again, and what we shall consider? We can meet this afternoon if we so desire. We have the permission of the House. If we do, what shall we take up, in view of the suggestion made by Sir Henry Drayton? What is the wish of the committee?

Mr. STEWART: I am hardly in agreement with the suggestion of Sir Henry Drayton, in the circumstances. I think perhaps it would not be quite as satisfactory a method as following the lines we are proceeding on now. However, seeing that we are coming to a place where we will have to stop soon, I think the best thing we can do is to curtail the discussion wherever we reasonably can.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I would suggest that at the next meeting we could almost finish what we want to say. There are two things I have asked for, and that is all I will want.

Major BELL: There has been a request made that we explain the electric railway situation, and if it is satisfactory to the committee and yourself we would like to bring that on this afternoon.

Mr. STEWART: Mr. Chairman, there was a statement yesterday promised about the superintendence at Saskatoon. Is that available?

Mr. HENRY: That will be available this afternoon.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: In the meantime we will just think things over and confine ourselves to particular items into which we want to inquire.

The witness retired.

The committee adjourned.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS,

FRIDAY, June 27, 1924.

The Select Standing Committee on National Railways and Shipping resumed at 3.30 p.m., Mr. W. D. Euler, M.P., Chairman, presiding.

The CHAIRMAN: We will proceed.

Mr. STEWART (Humboldt): We were to have a statement on the electrified lines.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Henry.

Mr. HENRY: There are three electric lines involved, Mr. Chairman; the Niagara-St. Catharines and Toronto, extending generally from Port Dalhousie,

[Mr. Henry.]