

will give all parties interested—railways, shipping companies, small ship owners, airway companies, and motor-truck companies—full opportunity to be heard. I imagine motor highway traffic would bring in the provincial governments.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Not necessarily.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I am inclined to think they will want to be heard, and if so, we must give them time to present their views before we reach any conclusions. That is one reason for suggesting that the committee meet on the rising of the House; not to do any business concerning the contents of the Bill, but to arrive at some procedure by which we may notify those interested when they can appear before the committee.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: As I have already said, ample opportunity will be given all interests to be heard before the Railway Committee. I need only repeat what I said yesterday, that by giving second reading to this Bill no honourable senator is committed to its principle. Either on the report of the committee or on the motion for third reading honourable members will have full opportunity to express their views and take their stand on the principle involved.

My right honourable friend (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen) has expressed a doubt as to the possibility of doing anything practicable in the way of controlling the motor-truck business, it being mostly provincial in scope. As I have already stated, I believe the provinces are as interested as the Dominion in maintaining certain standards of operation of heavy motor-trucks and in protecting their road-bed, and will very likely desire to co-operate with the Federal Government to establish some working arrangement.

Our Railway Committee is well equipped to hear all contending parties. In order to expedite matters, and, as my right honourable friend (Right Hon. Mr. Graham) has said, prepare the procedure for the sittings of the committee, I now move second reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved that the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours.

Hon. Mr. PARENT: In view of the importance of this Bill, I should like to know whether it is the intention to have the evidence before the committee taken in shorthand.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It will be for the committee to decide as to that.

The motion was agreed to.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE

On the motion to adjourn:

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I should like to remind members of the Railway Committee and other senators who may like to attend that the committee will meet at 5 o'clock.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Thursday, February 4, 1937.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

TRADE WITH DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, 1922-1936

INQUIRY

Hon. Mr. DUFF inquired of the Government:

1. What were the total exports from Canada to the Dominican Republic during the calendar years 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926?
2. What were the total imports from the Dominican Republic to Canada during the calendar years 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926?
3. What were the total exports from Canada to the Dominican Republic during the calendar years 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931?
4. What were the total imports from the Dominican Republic to Canada during the calendar years 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931?
5. What were the total exports from Canada to the Dominican Republic during the calendar years 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935 and 1936?
6. What were the total imports from the Dominican Republic to Canada during the calendar years 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935 and 1936?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I have answers to the inquiries of the honourable gentleman. The answer to the first inquiry is as follows:

1. Total exports to San Domingo (Dominican Republic) in the calendar years 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926 were as follows:

Calendar years

1922..	..	..	..	..	\$133,088
1923..	..	..	..	..	232,462
1924..	..	..	..	..	404,845
1925..	..	..	..	..	306,477
1926..	..	..	..	..	463,654