

Mr. CREAGHAN: It seems to me that yesterday Mr. Knowles stated to the committee—or some witness stated to the committee—that there was some evidence that all non-competitive rates went up 17 per cent. Did I hear that incorrectly yesterday?

Mr. KNOWLES: That was my understanding, but we have the assistant general freight traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway with us, Mr. J. M. Roberts, and you might ask him if he advanced any rates 11, 12, 13, 14 or 16 per cent in his tariffs. I do not know all the tariffs, but Mr. Roberts is in charge of the tariffs of the Canadian Pacific Railway and he can tell you.

Mr. CREAGHAN: That is a point that got me confused yesterday, and I was sure it applied to non-competitive rates.

Mr. CHEVRIER: And commodity.

Mr. CREAGHAN: Oh yes, and that they automatically went up by 17 per cent.

Mr. CHEVRIER: No, that is not correct in my understanding.

Mr. DRYSDALE: Let us call the man from the Canadian Pacific Railway to find out.

Mr. CREAGHAN: If my assumption is correct, then everything we have been debating has to do with the whole purpose of this legislation.

Mr. FISHER: I have a few questions I would like to ask Mr. Guest. Will I get a chance tomorrow to ask them?

Mr. CHEVRIER: No, ask them now.

Mr. CREAGHAN: If we could get the answer to that proposition, at least the committee would know whether or not we are debating subjects which are not related to the legislation.

Mr. J. M. ROBERTS (*Assistant general traffic manager, Canadian Pacific Railway*): The rates were all increased, and all made subject to the tariff to which Mr. Knowles referred subsequently. Due to the force of competition, the 17 per cent may have been taken off. But originally, on December 1, all normal class and commodity rates were increased intra Canada.

Mr. CHEVRIER: In some circumstances you perhaps raised them only three per cent or five per cent?

Mr. ROBERTS: No sir, not originally.

Mr. CHEVRIER: Not originally; but after the judgment went into effect, you might have reduced that 17 per cent to three per cent, five per cent, or ten per cent?

Mr. ROBERTS: That is correct, according to the force of competition.

Mr. CHEVRIER: You would have increased them to 17 per cent in the first place?

Mr. ROBERTS: We cannot pick and choose because we do not have the time. We have to apply all of it to everything, and my understanding is that that was the procedure.

Mr. DRYSDALE: You say there is only a small proportion which went up 17 per cent?

Mr. ROBERTS: No, I would not say that.

Mr. DRYSDALE: Or a large proportion?

Mr. ROBERTS: Yes sir.

Mr. FISHER: Would you say that British Columbia with a good long haul perhaps gained more in the reduction than some of the other provinces?