

Mr. DEACHMAN: Once coal began to move in major quantities over such a line and to a deepwater harbour in the lower mainland, then other rates would have to come down. Would that be your view? That the CP rate, if it were going to remain competitive and if the coal dock at Port Moody were going to remain in business, it would have to compete?

Mr. WHITTAKER: I do not think it is possible, sir, to bring the coal down into the United States and then take it north again from Everett up into British Columbia. I think that additional haulage would make the proposition much less attractive.

Mr. DEACHMAN: Even with a deep seaport built at Sturgeon Bank?

Mr. WHITTAKER: Yes, for the simple reason that there would be just that much additional haulage which would cost that much more money.

Mr. DEACHMAN: Even the advantages of bulk carriers at a deepwater port, such as has been suggested at Sturgeon Bank, would be offset by the disadvantage of the additional rail haul between Everett and Vancouver?

Mr. WHITTAKER: Of course, any bulk carriers that could come into Sturgeon Bank could certainly come into Everett, where the water is much deeper than the location of the proposed dock at Fort Roberts or Sturgeon Bank, so those advantages would just wash out.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Whittaker, you are destroying a pet project of Mr. Deachman's.

Mr. DEACHMAN: No, I am very curious about this project because it has been spoken of in British Columbia many times and it is one of a number of possibilities, Mr. Chairman, that are being explored to see whether or not western Canada can obtain this coal business. I think the presentation which Mr. Whittaker and his associates made today is a very interesting proposition for the west.

Mr. PRITTIE: I have just one question on the possibility of a line through the United States. What has the attitude of the British Columbia government been on this matter?

Mr. WHITTAKER: I have not talked to the British Columbia government.

Mr. PRITTIE: The Attorney General has met with your association and the CPR at different times?

Mr. WHITTAKER: He has not met with our association, sir, he has met with one company and that was a private meeting. I was not present.

The CHAIRMAN: If there are no further questions, I wish to thank Mr. Whittaker, Mr. Harquail, Mr. Dutton and Mr. Blair very much for the presentation of their brief.

Before we adjourn, I want to bring to the attention of the committee two letters that we have received. Actually, they are briefs in the form of letters. One is from the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, University of Toronto, from M. E. Charles, associate professor of chemical engineering, and R. M. Sobernon, associate professor of civil engineering. We also have a letter from E. J. Wiggins, director, Research Council of Alberta. Could I have a motion to have both these, and today's brief, printed as an appendix to our Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence?