

Railway and their subsidiary companies be submitted to a committee of the House for revision annually.

Mr. PRICE: Before we adjourn, I believe Mr. Fullerton had a statement made concerning the repairs to the car ferry at Charlottetown. I would like to have the figures in connection with that—the first tenders and the second tenders that were submitted.

Hon. Mr. FULLERTON: It has not been the practice in the past to give out the figures—to give out the amount of different tenders. I am in the hands of the committee; if the committee insist on it I must do as the committee says. I can see no object or useful purpose to be served in giving the figures.

The CHAIRMAN: Does that apply to present tenders?

Hon. Mr. FULLERTON: Yes, present tenders.

The CHAIRMAN: I would suggest that any request for such information would be strictly out of order, because I for one take the ground that we have no right to get any information respecting the railway company concerning the present year's business. There has always been the rule, and I would consider such a request strictly out of order.

Mr. PRICE: All I can say is that information of this nature has been given before and no harm has been done. It has not been advertised through the press. I simply asked for the figures—the tenders that were first submitted in connection with the repairs to the car ferry at Charlottetown and the second tenders that were submitted.

Hon. Mr. MANION: I presume that is for the management to consider, and at the next meeting they can give us an answer. I do not say they will give the figures, but the answer.

Hon. Mr. EULER: I do not know whether the chairman will think his ruling covers my request, but I would like to have a statement at the next meeting whether the \$18,000, or whatever the sum may have been that was paid to the executive of the English bondholders in connection with the Toronto Suburban—whether any of that and how much came out of the fund to the Canadian National Railways.

The CHAIRMAN: That question, as far as I am concerned, would be perfectly in order.

Mr. LABELLE: There is nothing paid yet, because in the agreement they said that it must be approved by the legal representative of the Canadian National Railways, and that 75 per cent of the bondholders must approve.

Hon. Mr. EULER: And whether the arrangement that is contemplated—and I suppose the details are settled—whether anything has been paid or whether it is contemplated paying any money out of the Canadian National treasury?

Hon. Mr. MANION: In addition to the 25 cents.

Hon. Mr. FULLERTON: Yes, we will give you that information.

The CHAIRMAN: I would consider that to be perfectly in order. I cannot agree with Mr. Price. If the management wish to give him such information as he asks for I think it would probably be in the interest of the road, but I am not going to consider a question of that kind as being in our rights now.

The committee adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock p.m.