

Mr. GORDON: They are all right.

Mr. RYNARD: You are suggesting that they might be all right. We think so.

Mr. GORDON: There is only one positive cure, and that is an underpass or an overpass.

Mr. RYNARD: Have you the figures that show where accidents have happened where there were flashing signals?

Mr. GORDON: The Board of Transport Commissioners keep very careful records of accidents. They are the governing body in respect to that particular point.

Mr. RYNARD: I will drop you a line about it.

Mr. GORDON: Or perhaps you had better write to the Board of Transport Commissioners.

Mr. HEES: Might I suggest that Mr. Rynard or anybody else who has a problem about safety crossings or anything like that go to see the Board of Transport Commissioners. The board is located at the Union Station. You should go to see Mr. Sheppard, the chairman, and have a talk with him about it, or with whoever he designates, and find out what the situation is in your particular area. He will be glad to see you.

Every person I have suggested should go to see him has had a good reception.

Mr. RYNARD: I thank the minister for this kind suggestion.

Mr. CREAGHAN: The federal government is now contributing approximately \$15 million towards the grade crossing fund per year. Who does the construction? Is it done by the Canadian National Railways or the Canadian Pacific Railway? Do they get that money and spend it?

Mr. GORDON: We usually install the protection.

Mr. CREAGHAN: Who actually spends or administers that \$15 million federal government grant?

The CHAIRMAN: It is the Board of Transport Commissioners.

Mr. GORDON: In the simple matter of installing lights, we do the work and we recover the sum. Larger projects however, such as an overpass are usually carried out in cooperation with the highway departments. In that case the work is done by either authority as directed by the board. Whoever does the work, will recover the amount that has been agreed upon by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

Mr. GUNDLOCK: Might I have an approximate figure of the usual cost sharing of such lights that have been mentioned?

Mr. GORDON: There is no standard. It depends on the circumstances.

The CHAIRMAN: The municipality pays for part of it and the province pays for part of it.

Mr. GORDON: If you take it on an average for last year, our share of expenditures for the various projects affecting the C.N.R. amounted to 17.3 per cent. 24.7 per cent was the portion paid by the municipalities and the other authorities of like character, and 58 per cent was the contribution from the grade crossing fund. That is the average. The individual items will vary, depending on the circumstances.

Mr. CHEVRIER: How much does that represent in total?

Mr. GORDON: About \$965,000 for grade crossings on the CNR. That was for the year 1957. That was my point a moment ago. The amount we require in our budget is small compared to the \$15 million which has been voted this year.