

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AND EVIDENCE.

SENATE COMMITTEE ROOM No 8,

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, May 14, 1914.

The Committee on Senate Bill (B2)—“An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Railway Act”—met at 11 a.m.

Senator Young and Mr. J. E. Armstrong in the Chair.

Mr. ARMSTRONG (Chairman) read the following communication from Mr. D. McCaughrin, representing the Order of Railway Telegraphers:—

WINDSOR HOTEL,

OTTAWA, 13th May, 1914.

Mr. J. E. ARMSTRONG, M.P.,  
Chairman Spl. Ry. Committee,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—I regret very much my inability to attend the Committee meeting Thursday, as per arrangements of May 12, account my being obliged to attend Telegraphers Committee meeting of the Ontario Division on that date.

I shall however keep in touch with the progress of the discussions dealing with the Consolidation of the Canadian Ry. Act and will be on hand to give evidence when the Committee will be ready to deal with the Amendments which affect Railway Agents and Telegraphers.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) D. McCAUGHRIN,  
*Legislative Representative*  
*Canadian Railway Agents and Telegraphers.*

Mr. ARMSTRONG (Chairman) read the following letter from the Acting Minister of Railways:—

OFFICE OF THE  
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS,  
OTTAWA, 6th May, 1914.

DEAR MR. ARMSTRONG,—For your information and the consideration of the Committee I beg to enclose herewith copies of two letters from E. B. Read, of London, England, making certain suggestions *re* clause 161 of the Railway Act.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) J. D. REID,  
*Acting Minister of Railways and Canals.*

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House of Commons,  
Ottawa, Ont.