

are we going to show in that appendix the reason or purpose for which loans were made to the two railway systems? It is presenting a radically unfair picture of them both. Only one side of the picture is being given for in most cases there was a quid pro quo, a return given by the railway companies for what they received. If one side is to be presented, surely in fairness to both companies the other side should also be shown.

Mr. DUPUIS: Well, show the other side.

Mr. WALSH: If the hon. member who has just spoken would go into the records a little more carefully he would not be so ready with his suggestions. For instance, here is one. A grant was made to the Canadian Pacific Railway in connection with the construction of the Crowsnest pass, in which both railways were interested. That grant is to be shown against the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The other side of the picture was a reduction in the railway's freight rates. Is that fact also going to be stated in this appendix? Is it fair to record one and not the other? I consider this procedure is most unfair to both the railroads.

An hon. MEMBER: I hope they show it.

Mr. WALSH: If I loan a sum of money and receive a favour of some nature in return, surely if I am going to record the one I should also report the other.

Mr. HOWE: Is the hon. member saying that he objects to this clause going in, that he does not want any record?

Mr. WALSH: I object to this clause going into the bill.

Mr. CAHAN: It has nothing to do with the bill.

Mr. WALSH: It is not accomplishing anything. It is not a part of the bill. It sticks out like a sore thumb. It does not belong here or anywhere else.

Mr. HOWE: Will my hon. friend move to strike it out?

Mr. WALSH: I would ask that it be struck out.

Mr. HOWE: Let the hon. member move it.

Mr. WALSH: I will move accordingly, and I thank the Minister of Transport that to this extent he has confidence in me. I move:

That clause 24 be struck out of this bill.

Is it the wish of the committee that I should state my reasons?

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

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The CHAIRMAN: Shall clause 24 carry?

Mr. BEAUBIEN: Mr. Chairman, before the clause is carried—

Mr. WALSH: I have not taken my seat yet. I was asked by the minister if I would move to strike out the clause. I am willing to do it if the minister is satisfied that I should move it.

Mr. HOWE: I am willing to vote against it, but it might be a quick way of testing the opinion of the committee.

Mr. WALSH: May I point out that I wish this clause struck from the bill because it is quite unfair to the two railway systems.

Mr. RYAN: Would the hon. member permit a question? Is he suggesting that any member of the committee played politics in connection with this clause?

Mr. WALSH: Certainly I do.

Mr. RYAN: From what standpoint? Where was politics raised in this committee?

Mr. WALSH: The hon. member was a member of that committee.

Mr. RYAN: I was.

Mr. WALSH: Can the hon. member state his reasons for voting in favour of this clause?

Mr. RYAN: My reasons are the section itself. It speaks for itself.

Mr. WALSH: State them.

Mr. RYAN: In order to show the people of this country what has been done for all railways, not merely the Canadian National Railway. The clause speaks for itself.

Mr. BEAUBIEN: The hon. member for Mount Royal (Mr. Walsh) has accused members of the railway committee of playing politics. Probably if I were as unkind as he, I would accuse him of the same sin. Ever since this bill has been introduced in the house by the Minister of Transport, the leader of the opposition and the hon. member for St. Lawrence-St. George have impressed on the members of this committee the necessity of giving the Canadian people a clear idea of what they have put into the railways of this country. If the people are to be properly informed either through this bill or in the public accounts, there must be a true picture showing all the grants that have been given to all the railroads in Canada. I have no brief either for the Canadian National railways or the Canadian Pacific railway. The