

Mr. MACDOUGALL: The Canadian National Railway will be half owner of the Ottawa Terminal Railway Company, and it will be open to parliament to inquire through the Canadian National Railway about anything respecting the terminal.

Mr. TARDIF: If you look at one half you see the other half automatically.

Mr. CARON: Not necessarily.

*(Translation)*

Mr. BEAULÉ: Mr. Chairman, will section 7 provide for a French-speaking representative on the board?

*(Text)*

The CHAIRMAN: Is clause 7 carried?

*(Translation)*

Mr. BEAULÉ: I did not get an answer to my question. I asked whether there would be a French-speaking Canadian on the board.

*(Text)*

The CHAIRMAN: Can you answer that, Mr. Macdougall?

Mr. MACDOUGALL: No, I cannot answer that, Mr. Beaulé, and for this reason: we are just now compiling the company. We have not got down to the detail of all the organization of the inner workings of the company, including employee questions and management questions. These have not been worked out. I cannot say the name of any man chosen yet, so I cannot tell you whether he is English, French, Ukrainian or anything else.

*(Translation)*

Mr. BEAULÉ: When will you know?

*(Text)*

Mr. MACDOUGALL: I would presume when the company is organized we will know once the appointments are made.

*(Translation)*

Mr. BEAULÉ: Will it not be too late to ask questions at that time?

*(Text)*

Mr. MACKASEY: Mr. Chairman, I resent the inference here that we have to protect French Canadians by legislation. I think our society and an organization as close to the government as this well understands that such Canadian talent should be included, and conceivably all the members could be French Canadian. We should not have to protect people in Canada by legislation. I think French Canadians have proved their competence in this type of endeavour and in theory it could be a board of all French Canadian members.

I am from French Canada and I would resent protection by by-law. I think we should be enlightened enough in our society to make it unnecessary to protect any group by legislation.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Macdougall is counsel for Canadian National Railways and he cannot make statements on the future policy of Canadian National Railways. However, as you know, Canadian National Railways come up for review every year before this committee and no doubt they will be aware of the statement you have just made, as they have been aware of statements made by this committee from year to year. I think you should be satisfied with the statement that Mr. Macdougall has just given.