

Mr. MAYBANK: If you have fourteen sacks of mail extra you do not get anything extra for that. You might carry two or three passengers, but that is a loss.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there no limit on your poundage of mail?

Mr. SYMINGTON: Twelve hundred pounds.

Mr. JACKMAN: I suppose the business needs of the country are greatly increased around Christmas time. I think the policy should be examined. I suspect that the great increase in mail poundage all through the Christmas period is due to greeting cards.

Mr. SYMINGTON: I do not know. It is the spirit of goodwill, anyway.

Mr. JACKMAN: I think there are many people who need to travel at that time too.

Mr. SYMINGTON: The travel is goodwill travel too. It is Christmas travel. I have only given you the facts and figures.

Mr. JACKMAN: Some of the dollar a year men might have wished to go home. That is a war effort.

Mr. NICHOLSON: When you are carrying 1200 pounds of mail what is the maximum number of passengers you can carry?

Mr. SYMINGTON: That depends upon the length of the run you are making because distance involves the carrying of more gasoline.

Mr. NICHOLSON: From Toronto to Winnipeg?

Mr. SYMINGTON: From Toronto to Winnipeg, 1,200 pounds of mail? We would not take many passengers eight out of fourteen, probably.

Hon. Mr. HANSON: There is an item here: Operating expenses, \$8,974,000 on page 4. Is that the sum total of the tables on pages 11 and 12?

Mr. SYMINGTON: Yes, those are the details of that.

Hon. Mr. HANSON: We will come to this a little later on. I would like to ask you a question with regard to the personnel in relation to the number of planes you operate?

Mr. SYMINGTON: Item 601, page 11—is that where you are?

Hon. Mr. HANSON: No, I am coming to the question of personnel.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we had better adjourn now, gentlemen, with the understanding that we will meet at 4 o'clock if the house gives us permission so to do.

The committee adjourned at 1 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The committee resumed at 4 p.m.

The CHAIRMAN: We have a quorum. We shall proceed from where we left off this morning.

Mr. JACKMAN: Where was that?

Mr. SYMINGTON: I had given my explanation of the increased expenses.

The CHAIRMAN: Page 10, was it?

Mr. SYMINGTON: Yes, the increased expenses.

Mr. JACKMAN: I suppose ordinarily in operating a line such as this you would expect that, with increasing volume, you would be able to carry a larger part of the gross to net; that is, under ordinary circumstances. The law of increasing return would apply rather than that of diminishing.