

was furnished to every member of the committee giving the full details of each vote. This pamphlet is entitled Canadian National

Railways, Estimate of Financial Requirements, 1930. The index of the pamphlet reads as follows:

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Statement of Estimated Financial Requirements

Resources and Capital Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1930

Net income requirements after interest charges. Exhibit A \$8,396,990

That particular exhibit covers three pages. The index continues:

Other financial requirements—	
Retirement of capital obligations (including sinking fund and equipment principal payments)	Exhibit D \$ 7,268,010
Acquisition second mortgage bonds Admiral Beatty hotel	Exhibit E 135,000
Net financial requirements	\$15,800,000
Capital requirements—	
General additions and betterments (less retirements)	Exhibit F 28,550,000
Discount on securities to be issued	Exhibit G 2,000,000
Proposed new equipment issue—Series L	Exhibit H 5,250,000
Net requirements	\$51,600,000

This gives a net aggregate amount of \$51,600,000. This is the exact amount which was provided in the estimates of last year for the requirements on capital expenditures of the Canadian National Railways. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I was correct when yesterday as an assertion I stated, not in order to correct my hon. friend but simply to try to place him on the right track, that the present committee on the Canadian National Railways was furnished with full and complete details so far as the estimates on capital requirements for the fiscal year 1930 were concerned. I had no intention whatever to blame the Prime Minister. I knew he was labouring under a false impression; probably I should not have used the word false, but at any rate he did not possess the necessary information. In justice to myself I thought I had a right to make a statement.

Now, sir, I wish to say a few words in connection with the further suggestion I made in regard to the \$20,000,000 loan. I suggest that the same procedure should be adopted with regard to the \$20,000,000, that has always been followed in this house in dealing with the estimates of the Canadian National Railways. I think that if a special committee was given authority to look into some of the details which could be given by the government and such procedure would help to dispel some of the doubt which is bound to exist in the minds not only of members of this house but of the general public. That is one thing which the government could do at the present time. It has been stated in this house that the Minister of Labour (Senator Robertson) has

already received from municipalities with a population over 10,000 applications for relief. He has also received similar applications from municipalities with populations of 6,000 and over. These applications are for the relief of the people within the borders of those particular municipalities. I know that in my own constituency the town council of Rimouski has made a demand upon the Minister of Labour for public works in order to help relieve the local unemployment situation in that locality. The municipal council has asked the government to help first, by constructing a new intake pipe for the waterworks of Rimouski and providing an overhead bridge to do away with the level railway crossing on the national highway. That particular spot constitutes one of the most dangerous places on the national highway of the province of Quebec. The federal government has also been asked to construct a dyke or retaining wall at low tide, where the land becomes the property of the federal government, in order to protect the property of the people in the immediate vicinity. That dyke is to be constructed from the western to the eastern sections of the city of Rimouski not only for the purpose of saving private property from damage, but to help relieve the present situation. There is also a request for a new main highway to prevent the congestion which exists at the present time in the main street of the city of Rimouski through which the national highway passes. I would like to ask the Prime Minister if it is the intention of the government in connection with applications which have been received by the Minister of Labour from these various municipali-