

EVIDENCE ON BILL 196

THURSDAY, December 5, 1957.

3:00 p.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum. The first bill will be an act respecting the construction of a line of railway by Canadian National Railway Company from Optic Lake to Chisel Lake, and the purchase by Canadian National Railway Company from the International Nickel Company of Canada, Limited, of a line of railway from Sipiwesk to a point on Burntwood river near Mystery lake, all in the Province of Manitoba.

I believe that you are all in possession of the bill, but before we go into that, I should like to have a motion authorizing us to print 700 copies of the minutes of the meeting in English and 200 copies in French.

Moved by Mr. Smith (*Simcoe North*), seconded by Mr. McDonald (*Hamilton*) that the committee print 700 copies in English and 200 copies in French of its minutes of proceedings and evidence in respect of bills 196, 197, and 72.

The CHAIRMAN: What is your pleasure gentlemen?

Motion agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: I have just had a note from Mr. Hees, the Minister of Transport, and he is tied up in a cabinet meeting at present and cannot be here, so I am going to ask—

Mr. CHEVRIER: Perhaps I could act in his place!

The CHAIRMAN: I am going to ask the officers of the C.N.R. if they will come up here on the platform. Dr. Solandt is the vice-president of Research and Development, Mr. Ralston, the commissioner of development and Mr. Taschereau, the solicitor. Dr. Solandt, you are the one who is going to give the evidence?

Dr. SOLANDT: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Dr. Solandt is up here on the platform and he will give the evidence. If you wish to ask anything further from the others, we can have them come up as well. Now on clause 1 of the bill, are there any questions?

Mr. CHEVRIER: Would it not be a good idea if we had Dr. Solandt outline the position of the line and then perhaps it would be easier to take the bill clause by clause.

The CHAIRMAN: Dr. Solandt, would you outline what is required? Will you do that and point it out on the map, or have you a brief?

Dr. SOLANDT: No, I just wondered how complete a story you want. You have had it in the house.

The CHAIRMAN: We have had it in the house, but if you could show them on the map I think it would be much better.

Dr. D. O. M. Solandt, Vice-President, Research and Development, Canadian National Railway Company, called:

The CHAIRMAN: Can you all see the map, gentlemen?

The WITNESS: This is a map of northern Manitoba, with the main line from Winnipeg coming up here; the Pass here, the Hudson Bay Railway to Churchill