

*Prince Rupert B.C. Lots*

Mr. Ruel was questioned by Mr. Kyte respecting the sale of Prince Rupert lots owned by Canadian National Railways.

Mr. Ruel retired.

*Conservative Caucus*

At 12.12 p.m. Sir Henry Drayton reminded the Committee that a Conservative caucus was scheduled for 11.30 a.m. today. The Committee, accordingly, adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

ROOM 429, HOUSE OF COMMONS,

WEDNESDAY, 25th June, 1924.

The Committee met at 10.30 o'clock a.m., Mr. Euler, the Chairman, presiding.

*Present:* Messrs. Drayton, Drummond, Euler, Jones, Gauvreau, Graham, Harris, Jelliff, Kyte, Mackinnon, Milne, Robichaud, Stewart (Humboldt), Stork—14.

*Railway Operating Expenses*

Two officials of the Canadian National Railways, Mr. R. A. C. Henry, Director Bureau of Economics, and Mr. C. B. Brown, Chief Engineer Operation Department were called and questioned.

Witnesses stood aside.

*Hotel Scribe, Paris*

Sir Henry Drayton having arrived, Mr. Pratt, of Paris, France, was, on motion of Mr. Kyte, called and examined.

Mr. Pratt retired.

Senator Wilson, on motion of Mr. Mackinnon, was called and examined.

Senator Wilson retired.

*Railway Operating Expenses*

Messrs. Henry and Brown were recalled. Further examination was made of the Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1923, after which the witnesses retired.

*Report of the Committee*

A discussion took place respecting the recommendations which should be included in the Committee's report to the House. It was suggested that the executive officers of the Canadian National Railways should first submit to the Committee a draft report of recommendations, which might assist the Committee in arriving at conclusions.

The Committee adjourned at 1 p.m. until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.