

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I would like to say that if any member of this committee at any time wants to ask any question, whether it is at this meeting or at any time subsequent during the year, I will be only too glad to place at his disposal any information we have got.

The CHAIRMAN: But it will not be placed through the chairman.

The motion of Mr. Duff reads as follows: That the annual report of the Canadian National Railways for the year ending 1930 and the estimated expenditures for the present year be received and adopted.

Mr. GEARY: Mr. Chairman, I do not see that this committee has any power to adopt the report. They report it to the House and the House adopts it.

The CHAIRMAN: According to my recollection, that has always been what the committee has done. I do not want to depart from any rule.

Mr. HANSON: I know that has been the practice, but I think we should add to that motion, and I would ask Mr. Duff to incorporate it; that this committee very earnestly recommends to the management a reduction in the capital expenditure and the operation expenditure wherever it may be, in order to carry out the wish here, that ought to be expressed in concrete form.

Mr. HANBURY: Mr. Chairman, I would say that there is a Board of Directors and management beside the Minister, and I would be prepared to leave that with the management.

Mr. BEAUBIEN: When this report is presented to the House, any member can move an amendment to that report if he desires to do so. The House has full jurisdiction over all that we have done here.

The CHAIRMAN: As chairman of this committee, I propose to present a report to Parliament, which I propose to ask this committee to endorse, and in that report I intend to incorporate a statement of that kind, so that this resolution only partly gets rid of our work. This advances us so much, and the plan has got to come before you.

What is your pleasure regarding this motion? Will you just signify it in the usual manner? I declare the motion carried.

Mr. HANSON: Mr. Chairman, I think we ought to follow this up by reporting Bill 79 and also Bill 83. I have pleasure in moving that Bill No. 79 be reported.

Mr. DUFF: I second the motion.

Mr. GEARY: What does that mean?

Mr. HANSON: We have been discussing the budget which makes up \$68,500,000, and it is a matter of importance that we report this Bill and it has been referred to us by the House for that purpose.

Mr. DUFF: And it is necessary to report it immediately, Mr. Hanson?

Mr. HANSON: I do not know that it is, but I think it is well to get it out of the way.

The CHAIRMAN: It is moved by Mr. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Duff, that Bill 79 referred to this committee by the House be reported by this committee without amendment.

Mr. DUFF: And the same thing with respect to Bill 83.

The CHAIRMAN: It should be explained, I think. The Minister has explained that they are adopting a different method this year from other years. This year they are passing Bill 79, authorizing the Canadian National Railways to make provision for these moneys; and Bill 83 authorizes the government to guarantee the securities. Do you want to make two separate motions?

Mr. DUFF: Yes.