

Senator LOUGHEED.—May I suggest that Mr. Price is present at the wish of the Committee, and before these gentlemen address the Committee on the question before us I would suggest that Mr. Price, who prepared this Bill, be heard stating what the law was before, and the changes that the new Bill proposes to make.

Mr. KING.—May I be allowed to add one suggestion? I understand that the chairman, Mr. Armstrong, also has a Bill in the House of Commons, and that there is some intention of asking its incorporation in the general Bill now before the Committee.

Mr. ARMSTRONG (Chairman).—I have the clauses here.

Senator LOUGHEED.—On what do you propose addressing the Committee? The Bill as now before us?

Mr. KING.—We wish to find out really what the Committee is discussing. We are a little in doubt as to whether Mr. Armstrong's Bill was before the Committee or merely the general Bill.

Mr. ARMSTRONG (Chairman).—I intended to have the amendment I have here placed before the Committee, but I did not think it was wise to take up the time this morning.

Mr. KING.—We do not think it wise to take up the time of the Committee in talking about things in which the Committee is not interested, and with deference we would like to know what the Committee would like to hear from us.

Senator YOUNG (Chairman).—The Committee would like to hear your case.

Mr. MACLEAN, M.P.—I would like to hear what the new proposal is. This is a new measure, and they are widening the jurisdiction so as to include vessels. I agree with Senator Lougheed in saying that we ought to hear Mr. Price first, and have him explain to us what the Bill proposes to do in the way of widening the powers of the Commission. That will take only a few minutes, and then representatives of the shipping interest can address themselves to the new proposal, whatever it is.

Mr. ARMSTRONG (Chairman).—I understand that Mr. Price has had under consideration the Bill which I have before Parliament, and that to some extent that was the cause of its being placed in the revision. I move that clause 358 in the Consolidated Railway Act be amended as follows:—

Mr. Armstrong, M.P., moves to substitute this clause for clause 358 in the Consolidated Railway Act Bill. (As drawn, this clause will apply to all steamers, etc., leaving Canada).

358.—The provisions of the Act shall so far as deemed applicable by the Board extend and apply to the traffic carried by any Company or persons by sea or by inland water between any ports or places in Canada or between any port or place in Canada and any port or place out of Canada and the provisions of this Act in respect of tolls, tariffs and joint tariffs, traffic agreements, classification of freight accommodation for traffic, shall so far as deemed applicable by the Board extend to and apply to all freight traffic carried by water from any port or place in Canada to any other port or place in Canada or out of Canada. And all questions of the places along the line of route where vessels shall call for traffic and the time of call and duration of stay shall be subject to the approval and control of the Board.

Mr. MACLEAN, M.P.—What are you reading? Is that your proposal?

Mr. ARMSTRONG (Chairman).—Yes, I am merely putting it before the Committee.

Mr. NESBITT, M.P.—You will have that printed in the regular procedure?

Mr. ARMSTRONG (Chairman).—It is bringing all the traffic on waters under the Railway Commission, or in a vessel touching our ports. I will not take the time this morning to explain that clause.