

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Young, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Watson, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honourable Mr. Young moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Watson. That the following message be sent to the House of Commons:—

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM, No. 8,

TUESDAY, May 20, 1913.

The Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours to whom, by order of The Senate made on the 29th April, 1913, was referred the following Message from the House of Commons:—

“HOUSE OF COMMONS,

“FRIDAY, April 25, 1913.

“Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honours that this House do disagree to the amendment made by the Senate to the Bill No. 97, An Act respecting the Canadian Northern Branch Lines Company, for the following reasons:—

“(a) The said amendment does not fully describe the lines of Railway referred to and tends to raise doubts as to the respective routes of the same.

“(b) The said amendment does not provide any limitation of time for completion of the first line of railway specified in Section 8, of Chapter 56, of the Statutes of 1911, authorized by paragraph (a) of the said Section.

“Ordered, That the Clerk of the House do carry the said Message to the Senate.

“Attest.

“THOS. B. FLINT,

*Clerk of the Commons.*”

have, in obedience to the Order, considered the said Message, Bill and Amendment, and have the honour to report thereon as follows:—

Your Committee recommend that the Senate do insist upon its amendment to the said Bill, for the following reasons:—

1. As respects the reason (a) given by the House of Commons for its disagreement, because the amendment can raise no doubt as to the respective routes of the lines of railway referred to therein, inasmuch as the amendment purports only to describe shortly the lines themselves, and the routes to be followed by the lines are fully described in the amendment authorizing their construction, to which enactment the amendment makes express reference.

2. Further, as respects the said reason (a) because the method of short description used in the amendment is convenient and conduces to intelligibility, and has been used for some years in Bills and Statutes relating to The Canadian Northern Railway System, particularly during the present session by the House of Commons itself in the Bills originating in that House and concurred in by The Senate, No. 96, “An Act respecting the Canadian Northern Railway Company,” No. 99, “An Act relating to the Canadian Northern Quebec Railway Company,” and No. 105, “An Act respecting the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway Company.”

3. As respects the reason (b) given by the House of Commons for its disagreement, because, if Section 20, of Chapter 56, of the Statutes of 1911, the enactment containing the existing limitation of time for completion of the line of railway authorized by paragraph (a) of Section 8, of that chapter, be repealed as is proposed by Clause 2 of the Bill, Section 150 of *The Railway Act*, which, as regards