

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, March 1, 1962.

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The Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines met at 11.00 a.m. this day. The Chairman, Mr. W. M. Howe, presided.

Members Present: Messrs. Baldwin, Belzile, Bourget, Brassard (*Chicoutimi*), Brassard (*Lapointe*), Crouse, Dumas, English, Fisher, Grills, Howe, Keays, McDonald (*Hamilton South*), McFarlane, McPhillips, Pascoe, Pigeon, Pitman, Rapp, Rogers, Thompson, Tucker.—22.

In attendance: The Honourable Léon Balcer, Minister of Transport; *From the Department of Transport:* Mr. G. A. Scott, Assistant Deputy Minister; Mr. Jacques Fortier, Counsel; and Mr. W. A. Thornton, Executive Assistant, Railways. *From the Canadian National Railways:* Mr. S. F. Dingle, Assistant Vice-President; Mr. A. V. Johnston, Chief Engineer; and Mr. J. W. G. Macdougall, Q.C., General Solicitor.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-67, An Act to authorize the Construction and Operation on behalf of Her Majesty of a line of railway in the Province of Quebec between Matane and Ste. Anne des Monts.

On Clause 1

On the invitation of the Chairman, the Minister of Transport made a brief statement on the purpose of the Bill, and then introduced the officials of the Canadian National Railways and the officials from the Department of Transport.

Mr. Balcer was questioned, assisted by Messrs. Scott and Dingle.

The Minister read into the record a letter from the St. Lawrence Corporation Limited, Three Rivers, Quebec, dated January 11, 1960.

Mr. English, the member for Gaspé, also read into the record telegrams he had received from the Independent Gaspe Truckers Association; Mr. James G. Russell of James Richardson Company Limited; Mr. Louis Landry, Secretary-Treasurer of James Richardson Company Limited and his 600 employees.

On Clause by Clause consideration

Clauses 1 to 3 were severally carried.

On Clause 4

Mr. Balcer was questioned; Clause 4 was carried.

On Clause 5

Mr. Balcer was questioned; Clause 5 was carried.

Clause 6 was carried.

On the Schedule

Mr. Johnston was questioned; the Schedule was carried.