

Mr. A.M. Nanton said he did not agree with all that Mr. Ashdown had said. He believed that the public had considered the contract with certain impropriety. He said that he did not know from the reports that the board had done anything like that. "Mr. Ashdown smiles," said Mr. Nanton. In the report that he (Mr. Ashdown) signed in effect it was stated that the committee had not been asked to consider the changes entered into and provided these changes were made and provided that the figures given were correct. He contended that the chief point to consider was: Are those figures that had been placed in the report correct? He said that the board as a whole had not seen those figures but the board as a whole had heard Mr. Roblin make certain statements. The statement he referred to was the statement of Mr. Roblin that in a certain municipality of the Northwest Pacific asked that their lines be put in at a valuation of from seven to eight million dollars. Mr. Mellen said in reply to that that the valuation was not \$7,000,000 but \$2,250,000 as shown by his pencilled memoranda. He said Mr. Brock had asked on that particular point asked Mr. Roblin whether anything was put in writing in connection with that particular point. He said that Mr. Brock had asked him to put it in writing.