

ling public. I am glad the hon. member has brought that to my attention, and I shall certainly draw it to the attention of the management. A private car must certainly take second place to the observation car. I trust my hon. friend will bring any complaint of that kind to my attention at once. He also referred to the trains of Montreal not connecting. That is correct. It occurred through an error made by a clerk in confusing daylight saving with standard time in drawing up the time table. On the 27th of this month, the new time table will come out and the mistake will be rectified. It could not very well be rectified before, because the time tables had all been printed and published. At all events, so far as the Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern are concerned that grievance will not exist in the future.

Mr. COPP: I want to make an explanation. I had intended to say that I had a conversation with the Deputy Minister and he explained the situation to me in that way. I quite appreciate it.

Mr. J. D. REID: A criticism of that kind is quite just and fair, and any errors of that kind should be brought to the attention of the Government in order that they may be rectified.

The hon. member also referred to the loss of a grip by a passenger, and his having to correspond with Toronto. His criticism, broadly speaking, was that we should have at Moncton some official with greater powers than any we have there at present. Of course, every great system must have a head office. I was under the impression that the present General Superintendent, Mr. L. S. Brown, is General Superintendent for the whole system. I understood that he could do almost anything in connection with the general operation of the road, and complaints of that kind, I think, should go to Moncton.

Mr. COPP: I wrote to Moncton but the letter was forwarded to Toronto.

Mr. J. D. REID: I suppose he would have to make a report to Toronto in any case. That was also a matter for fair criticism, and I shall see whether anything can be done to make the adjustment of these grievances easier.

The hon. member also referred to Mr. Carvill. Perhaps the hon. member would take the matter up with Mr. Carvill and see whether the statements I have made would not be satisfactory. If a commissioner were

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to go to St. John he would require evidence to be taken from the General Manager and the whole staff. It would take time to have an investigation. If a commissioner did go, it would have to be distinctly understood that it would only be for the purpose of clearing him from the charge of being implicated in the theft.

Mr. COPP: That's all he asks for.

Mr. J. D. REID: I could not possibly agree on any terms to an investigation as to carelessness and so on, with a view to reinstating him. I have great sympathy with any man with a family, who is lying under a charge, or who feels that his reputation has been injured. A man's reputation is really what he prizes most. No amount of money is to be compared with a man's reputation, and it is only on that ground an investigation could be considered. I have tried to do all I can publicly, by putting a statement on Hansard, to satisfy the people of St. John and Mr. Carvill and his family. I will try and consider the other request the hon. member has made.

My hon. friend also referred to the Employee's Pension Fund. That is a very important matter. I agree that the pensions are very small. Some months ago I had the staff commence to draw up a pension act applicable to the whole system. They are all different now, but when we get them all under one system it should work more satisfactorily than having three or four different systems. If I interfered at the present time with the Pension Act it might impede a proper final adjustment and for that reason we have had to delay for a short time any action in the matter. I am, however, endeavouring to get these men a higher pension, and personally I am of the opinion that they should receive more than they are getting. I think the matter should be adjusted at the earliest possible moment, and if the instructions I have given are followed out this should be possible before we meet next session.

The hon. member for Carleton, N. B. (Mr. Caldwell) asked a question in regard to the running rights over the Canadian Pacific railway from Westville to St. John. To get running rights over that road the St. John Valley and Quebec railway would have to make application to the Board of Railway Commissioners. I have not taken this matter up with Mr. Hanna, but they would have to make application, and no doubt Mr. Hanna would assist them in any way he possibly could. I have not the agreement be-