

area by modernizing the freight facilities, including the provision of modern freight sheds. Provision for industrial warehouses with rail connection in the area between St. Henri and Bonaventure will also be possible as traffic requirements warrant. The removal of the coach yard from St. Henri area to the Point St. Charles area will permit of the re-arrangement of the main freight yards at Turcot, which will result not only in a very substantial economy, but will also enable the traffic in and out of Montreal to be handled more expeditiously. It will also be possible to construct a second highway on the portion of the Victoria Bridge which is now occupied by the Montreal and Southern Counties Railway. This will afford an improved highway approach to the city and to the South Shore communities. Increased opportunities for traffic will be created by these measures, and substantial economies will be effected.

Among the economies which will result are the consolidation of passenger stations, the shortening of distance run by all passenger trains from the east and south, a saving in switching costs, economies from the operation of a modern coach yard for passenger rolling stock and economies from the use of electric traction for passenger trains and switching movements.

I hope this explanation will be satisfactory to honourable members, in view of the railway necessities of the city of Montreal and the opportunity of providing work for unemployed in that city.

MOTION TO ADJOURN DEBATE

Hon. Mr. CALDER moved adjournment of the debate.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Is it your pleasure to adopt the motion?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I want to be quite frank. I asked the honourable senator to move adjournment of the debate because I wished to speak.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: If that is so, I would suggest that my right honourable friend should not do violence to the rules of the House. At a later date he can, on a substantive motion, lay before the Senate his views on some matters which he dealt with in his speech yesterday and which I answered this afternoon. If, however, he does speak again now, I shall surely be entitled to reply.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Quite so.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: There is then no end to debate.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Oh, yes, there is an end. I should not object to the honourable gentleman replying right after I sit down. As the honourable leader made very special references to me in regard to certain incidents of the past,—

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I was answering my right honourable friend.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes;—I have a right to speak on the motion to adjourn the debate, and also on a motion to adjourn the House.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I do not for a moment desire to limit whatever rights the right honourable gentleman may have, but I felt that for the proper conduct of our business honourable members should be able to continue the discussion—

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes, everybody can speak on this motion.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: But does my right honourable friend intend to speak now?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes, right now.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I do not see that, under the rules, my right honourable friend can do so.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: May I explain? On a motion to adjourn the debate anyone can speak and cover all the subject-matters of the original motion. That could always be done in the other House until the new rules came into effect in 1913—rules, which, of course, have never applied here. I am not trying to get any advantage for myself: the honourable leader can speak, any other member can speak on the motion.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: On the motion to adjourn the debate?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Then debate would be interminable.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: We could keep at it; but there is no danger of our doing so. I just want to put myself in order; that is all.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Does my right honourable friend desire to speak now?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes. I shall not take very long. I am quite within my rights; I am not asking for any favours.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I do not see it in that light. I have always taken it for granted that on the Address, as on other matters, a member who has spoken may not take part in the debate again, except by way of explanation or to ask a question.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: It is a new motion.