

Mr. RYAN: With regard to the question of fuel and the operating expense, I wonder if we could ascertain the amount of fuel purchased from New Brunswick coal mines as compared with mines in the Atlantic division?

Mr. McLAREN: We will get that information for you in a little while.

Mr. ARMSTRONG: The answer to Mr. Hanson's question is: for all class one roads in the United States in 1935 it was 45 cents and for Canada 55 cents. You will remember of course that the operating ratio in the United States is lower.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions?

Mr. RYAN: How is the purchase of fuel carried out? Do you call for tenders or do you go into New Brunswick and buy coal and into Nova Scotia and buy coal? What is the system?

Mr. HUNGERFORD: It is a matter of negotiation with the individual firms.

Mr. RYAN: Could we have the statement to-morrow morning taking it up as closely as you can?

Hon. Mr. HOWE: With that you ought to get the proportion the railways buy of the total production.

Mr. RYAN: I would be glad to have that, too. I think the railways ought to co-operate with New Brunswick. I think the minister appreciates my difficulty.

Mr. KINLEY: Have you coal mines in New Brunswick? I never knew that.

Mr. RYAN: All you know about is fish. I am talking about New Brunswick coal.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: We will pass to page 31: Operated Mileage, December 31, 1936. Are there any questions to ask? (Carried.)

That concludes this report with the exception of the question with regard to coal. Is it agreeable that we meet at eleven o'clock to-morrow morning? I think the management would like to get finished as quickly as possible.

Mr. BOTHWELL: We still have the Canadian Government Merchant Marine to deal with.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Yes, and the estimates and finance bill will be taken up to-morrow.

The committee adjourned at 5.55 p.m. to meet again on Friday, March 19, at 11 o'clock a.m.