

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, June 24, 1931.

The Select Standing Committee on Railways and Shipping, owned, operated and controlled by the Government, scheduled to meet at 11 a.m., and later postponed to meet at 3.30 p.m., and further delayed by a division in the House, came to order and opened proceedings at 3.50 o'clock, Hon. Mr. Chaplin, the Chairman, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Beaubien, Bell (*St. Antoine*), Cantley, Chaplin, Duff, Euler, Fraser (*Cariboo*), Geary, Gobeil, Gray, Hanbury, Hanson (*York-Sunbury*), Heaps, Kennedy (*Peace River*), McGibbon, MacMillan (*Saskatoon*), Power and Rogers, 18.

Mr. Beaubien made some remarks respecting the length of time the Committee had been considering the annual report and estimates of the Canadian National Railways, and suggested that the Committee consider Bills 79 and 83, and after consideration have same reported to the House. Discussion followed the suggestion, and developed into a general discussion on expenditures.

Grand Trunk Western and Central Vermont railways were discussed. Mr. Hungerford, Vice-President, Operation and Construction, was requested to explain matters in this connection.

Mr. Duff moved, seconded by Mr. Cantley:—

That the Annual Report of the Canadian National Railway System for the year ending December 31st, 1930, and the Estimates of the Canadian National Railways for the year ending December 31st, 1931, be received and adopted.

Carried by show of hands.

Mr. Fraser asked a number of questions in connection with the steamship service on the Pacific coast, which were answered by Sir Henry Thornton and officers of the Canadian National Railways staff, in detail.

Some discussion respecting Northern Alberta Railway; questions in this connection answered.

Questions in regard to capital stock of the System, and stock held by the public, answered.

Discussion in detail respecting radio equipment and radio broadcasting of Canadian National Railways.

Statement by Mr. Hanson, expressing his views on the railway situation, after which,

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Duff:—

That Bill 79, referred to the Committee by the House, be reported without amendment; carried.