

Mr. HANBURY: I have made some suggestions which I was hoping to have incorporated in the report.

Hon. Mr. MANION: I have them before me now. These were handed to me by Mr. Hanbury:—

The committee recommends that until the government is relieved of all liability under the guarantee given, the accounts and estimates of the Canadian Pacific Railway and their subsidiary companies be submitted to a committee of the House for revision annually.

May I say a word about this. I have thought over this and I have looked up the reference, and as far as this committee is concerned it could not deal with this matter, because our reference—and this is drawn up by the clerk of the House—is specific; it is to the select standing committee of the House for the present session: "A select standing committee on railways and shipping owned, operated and controlled by the government." That is the point I am making. We have no power to deal with the Canadian Pacific in this committee unless the House made a special reference of it to us.

Mr. HANBURY: I think if you will read what I have submitted you will see that I am not suggesting that this committee should do it; I am suggesting that a committee should be set up by the House to do it in the future.

Hon. Mr. MANION: Mr. Chaplin can deal with that. I am bringing out this point only.

Mr. POWER: Mr. Hanbury asks that we recommend to the House that a committee be set up to go into C.P.R. expenditures, and we can do that; we can always recommend something to the House.

Hon. Mr. MANION: If it is the voice of the committee to recommend that.

The CHAIRMAN: I would not want to put that into a report without submitting it to the committee for its approval and having it discussed.

Mr. HANBURY: That is the reason I suggested that perhaps a further meeting of the committee might be necessary in order to consider your report.

Hon. Mr. MANION: Might there not be a sub-committee formed of this committee to draw up a report instead of calling a whole committee?

Sir EUGENE Fiset: Why not follow the procedure of the past? The procedure of the past was that the chairman usually prepared the report after we had finished and submitted it to the committee for final consideration.

The CHAIRMAN: We have always submitted the report for the approval of members of the committee; we never sent a report to the House without having the approval of the committee.

Sir EUGENE Fiset: That is what I have suggested. When you have dealt with the final report and sent us a copy have final meeting and submit the report.

Hon. Mr. MANION: That makes it easier.

Mr. POWER: That makes it easier for everybody but the chairman.

Hon. Mr. MANION: Mr. Fullerton asks me if he and his colleague are released by the committee, and I have told them yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Very well, gentlemen, we will adjourn.

The committee adjourned.