

Mr. GZOWSKI: Yes.

Mr. DUFF: Are you going to finish the laying of the rails?

Mr. GZOWSKI: No, we have not sufficient money with that \$1,000,000.

Mr. DUFF: How many men have been laid off in the last three or four months?

Mr. GZOWSKI: Very few, sir.

Mr. DUFF: Will the men on now be kept all year?

Mr. GZOWSKI: No. About the end of August will wind up the appropriation we have, and about the 15th of July will start a material reduction in the number of men.

Mr. DUFF: When do you expect to complete the railway?

Mr. GZOWSKI: Well, when we get the money.

Mr. DUFF: Well, you know, of course—or perhaps, you don't know, but I will remind you of the fact that under an Act which was passed by Parliament the railway must be completed by 1932.

Mr. GZOWSKI: Yes.

Mr. DUFF: Is it the intention to complete it by that time.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Well that is a little difficult question to answer because it involves the question of policy. I should say yes that it is, but that will involve additional appropriations. Mr. Gzowski has pointed out that the money in hand will only carry us to a certain date, and if there is no money then the work will have to stop. But I should think—and Mr. Gzowski can correct me if I am wrong—that if we had sufficient funds for it we could finish by the statutory date to which Mr. Duff has referred. Is that right.

Mr. GZOWSKI: Yes.

Mr. DUFF: Sir Henry, the policy was laid down by parliament when they passed this Act in 1929. It is not a question of policy.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: You have got a different parliament.

Mr. DUFF: That does not make any difference unless we repeal the Act.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Well, I can only say, Mr. Duff, I do not know how to build railways without money.

Mr. DUFF: I agree with you. Let me ask another question. Is it not a fact that under the Act passed in 1929, \$3,500,000 was provided for this railway.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I cannot remember that.

Mr. GZOWSKI: Yes, that is correct.

Mr. DUFF: How much of that amount has been spent including this \$1,000,000 referred to in this Exhibit.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Mr. McLaren can answer that.

Mr. McLAREN: There has been expended up to the end of December, 1931, \$2,411,998.48.

Mr. DUFF: Almost \$2,500,000.

Mr. McLAREN: Right.

Mr. DUFF: And this is an extra million dollars.

Mr. McLAREN: Right.

Mr. DUFF: Or is this for part of the work already done.

Mr. McLAREN: The \$1,000,000 is for expenditure in 1931.

Mr. DUFF: Then how are you going to provide for the rails and the track-laying, sleepers and ballasting.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Well, this is just one of those problems.