

find that all the rest of them will be Canadians. However, with respect to officers receiving \$5,000 a year salary or more, there are about, as I recall it, fourteen or fifteen Canadians working on our lines in the United States, and there is something like eleven or twelve of United States citizenship working in Canada.

Now, what the nationality of the brakemen and the conductors, or the enginemen, or the machinists or the track labourers may be, I haven't any idea; but my guess would be—and I think I am right—that only a negligible proportion of the total staff of the Canadian National are of foreign citizenry.

Mr. HANBURY: In Canada?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: In Canada. Of course, that is just my estimate, and you can easily see how difficult it would be to take a census of the whole railway and attempt to get accurate information.

Mr. FRASER: My object in asking the question was simply because of that criticism, that a lot of your pensioners immediately depart to the United States and get their pension there, and it is only fair to the Canadian National that the fact should be disclosed. That is the reason I asked the question.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Well, I do not think it is a fact.

Mr. HEAPS: I was going to ask, Sir Henry, at what age the employees of the company are eligible for pension, and, secondly, how long a person had to be employed by the company before he is entitled to a pension.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: That will all be found in this pamphlet, which will be distributed, Mr. Heaps. The whole thing is there. Will that satisfy you, an examination of that pamphlet?

Hon. Mr. EULER: I would suggest that you just hit the high spots in connection with this question. I doubt very much whether the members of the committee will take the time to read that pamphlet.

Sir EUGENE Fiset: I would like to have the questions answered by the president, because we have hundreds of questions come to us from different employees.

Mr. MACMILLAN: On numerous occasions I have men come to me in Saskatoon complaining about the American citizens who are employed on the National Railways. I do not know anything about it. I have never bothered about it; but I have just received two letters to-day about the same thing. One of them reads, in part, as follows:—

“If you wish to delve into this matter you will find that our Canadian National Railways, especially in the Rolling Stock Department, is very much Americanized. In fact, you will find that a number of the American trainmen have been working for the system for a number of years and have not even taken out naturalization papers.”

I think it would be important if some information can be obtained.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: As a matter of fact, that was a question which the Minister and I discussed, oh, it must have been two or three weeks ago, I think, and he had had similar complaints. We discussed it and I said I did not know how we were going to get definite information on the subject. I can get it as far as the principal officers are concerned. That is simple, and I have just given you the answer in that respect.

The CHAIRMAN: Let me make a suggestion here. We are getting employees and pensions mixed up. It seems to me the question of pensions and who gets the pension can be very easily and readily determined because those pension cheques are sent to a certain place. It seems to me that if we get that information by itself that will clean up one side of it and you will have to take some other method to clean up the other. Let us get one thing at a time.