

APPENDIX No. 2

Mr. MACDONELL: I think that where there are trains operating between Toronto Union Station, for example, and Montreal, the Board of Railway Commissioners should have some kind of general authority to provide for such cases as the Minister of Customs has spoken of. At the same time, the Board might spread the service of trains operating between these points over a larger period of time and so effect a better service.

Mr. MACLEAN: If it is true that the Board of Railway Commissioners require C.P.R. trains to stop at Oakville and to accept Grand Trunk tickets, the principle for which the Minister of Customs is contending has already been adopted.

Hon. Mr. REID: I would like to see an amendment adopted requiring Railway Companies to interchange tickets if a mistake has been made. At the present time, I understand, the Board has not even power to require them to do that.

Mr. MACLEAN: What about that point, Mr. Johnston?

Mr. JOHNSTON, K.C.: No, they have not the power at present.

Mr. MACLEAN: Can you frame an amendment whereby the Board would have that power?

Mr. JOHNSTON, K.C.: That is not a thing that can be done in a few minutes. Is it desirable that the railways should be compelled to give these interchangeable tickets? That is the starting point.

Mr. SINCLAIR: Who is to get the proceeds?

Hon. Mr. REID: If a man purchases a ticket for Montreal on the C.P.R., makes a mistake and goes all the way by the Grand Trunk, the C.P.R. refunds the passage money to the Grand Trunk. The same procedure obtains on the Toronto to Ottawa line via Brockville.

Mr. NESBITT: That arrangement was made between themselves.

Hon. Mr. REID: Mistakes are occurring every day in the Union Station, where people get on the wrong train or the wrong road, and they have to get off and go back, because they have not the money to pay their fare. It is generally some poor person who is caught in that way.

The CHAIRMAN: Have you anything to say as to that, Mr. Chrysler?

Mr. CHRYSLER, K.C.: I have no instructions about that. As I said a short time ago, I never heard of it before.

Hon. Mr. COCHRANE: You had not concluded your remarks, Mr. Chrysler, on the occasion of our last meeting.

Mr. CHRYSLER, K.C.: No.

The CHAIRMAN: Had we not better dispose of this?

Hon. Mr. COCHRANE: It is not on the programme.

Hon. Mr. REID: Does that mean it will not be considered at all?

Hon. Mr. COCHRANE: Let it stand till to-morrow.

Mr. CHRYSLER, K.C.: I understand it is suggested that the matter be postponed till to-morrow. In the meantime, perhaps I can get instructions.

The CHAIRMAN: I was going to ask the Committee if it was their wish that Mr. Johnston should frame a clause to cover it?

Hon. Mr. COCHRANE: No.

Mr. MACLEAN: It stands till to-morrow.

Section allowed to stand.