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Sir Henry Thornton was further examined respecting the purchase of this building. The principal questioners were Sir Henry Drayton, Mr. Harris, Mr. Kyte and Mr. Stewart (Humboldt).

The Committee adjourned at 12.55 p.m. until Monday next at 10.30 a.m.

Room 231, House of Commons, Monday, 23rd June, 1924.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., Mr. Euler, the Chairman, presiding. *Present:* Messrs, Drayton, Drummond, Euler, Gauvreau, Graham, Kyte, Mackinnon, Milne, Stewart (Humboldt), and Stork—10.

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Major Bell, Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals, was recalled and examined. Witness retired.

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This report for the year ending December 31, 1923, was considered as to the items appearing on page 5 thereof, viz: Mileage, Revenue Expenses. Sir Henry Thornton was heard. The decrease of revenue for mail service was attributed to a re-arrangement of rates. In considering "Maintenance of Way and Structures," Sir Henry Thornton outlined the steps taken to effect the indicated decrease in cost.

The Committee adjourned at 1 p.m., until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

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TUESDAY, 24th June, 1924.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., Mr. Euler, the Chairman, presiding. *Present:* Messrs. Drayton, Drummond, Euler, Gauvreau, Graham, Harris, Jelliff, Kyte, Mackinnon, Milne, Stewart (Humboldt), Stork—12.

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Major Bell was recalled and questioned, after which he retired.

Mr. Gerald Ruel, Vice-President and General Counsel for Canadian National Railways, was called and heard. He was questioned by Sir Henry Drayton, and subsequently by Mr. Kyte and Mr. Mackinnon. In the course of Sir Henry Drayton's questioning of the witness, reference was made to the Home Bank, which, Mr. Kyte taking exception, was ruled out of order.