

Mr. MAGEE: Yes.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, it is almost ten-thirty and I think we should adjourn now until three-thirty this afternoon.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): Perhaps there are not many more questions for Mr. Magee.

Mr. CHEVRIER: I think it would be a good idea to finish with Mr. Magee.

Mr. FISHER: Your organization is a federation of provincial associations?

Mr. MAGEE: Yes.

Mr. FISHER: We have had the picture of freight rate representatives of the provinces coming here making representations.

Mr. MAGEE: Yes.

Mr. FISHER: It would seem, since most of these representations would be for this subsidy very directly on the provincial level, that your association has not been successful in convincing the representatives of the provinces of the worth of your position. Is that a fair statement?

Mr. MAGEE: The provincial trucking associations in the west and in the maritimes certainly have talked to representatives of their provincial governments and have attempted to show them that if we are going to have subsidized rate reductions on the railroads, it will have a serious effect on the trucking industry in the provinces. We know those provinces want the truck competition to exist because of its salutary effect on the railway rates. We have tried to persuade the provincial governments that they are pursuing two mutually opposite objectives.

Mr. FISHER: In other words, they are trying to have it both ways. But so far you have had no success with any provincial government. I suggest you have not been successful enough to have them change their position?

Mr. MAGEE: No sir. If our understanding of what was said at the appeal on November 24 is correct, provincial governments asked for disallowance of the rate increase and its replacement by a subsidy.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions for Mr. Magee? If not, I am sure we are very grateful to him and his associates for their presentation. It has been very comprehensive. I am sure Mr. Magee has tried to answer all the questions.

This afternoon we will hear Mr. Gordon Blair, counsel for the Great Western Coal Company Limited and the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Coal Company Limited.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 1958.

3:30 p.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I see we have a quorum; will you come to order.

Our first witness today is Gordon Blair, counsel for the Great West Coal Company Limited and the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Coal Company Limited. Mr. Blair has a brief to present to you.

In connection with the brief, the member in whose riding most of these coal mines are situated is with us today. His name is Mr. Southam. Mr. Southam was wondering if it would be agreeable to the committee if he could come up to the front. He would be willing to answer any questions in regard to these coal mines. Would that be agreeable to the committee?

Mr. FISHER: This is not setting a precedent, is it?