

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the motion carry? (Carried).

Mr. VIEN: How many ships have you in the fleet owned by the Railway sailing between Vancouver and the Yukon?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: I think there are seven altogether.

Hon. Mr. FULLERTON: Seven altogether.

Mr. VIEN: All passengers or passengers and freight?

Mr. HANSON: Mixed.

Mr. VIEN: Will you file a list giving the tonnage?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: That might be included in the report you are preparing for Mr. Hanson.

Mr. VIEN: Are the ships that are indicated in the West Indies Steamships Limited and the ships of the Canadian government marine indicated on page 9 of the report and the seven ships you have just mentioned which are included in the Canadian National Railway System, the only ships owned by the System?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Oh, no.

Mr. VIEN: Will you file a complete list of all the ships owned and operated by the System, indicating the various categories?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Yes, sir.

Mr. VIEN: And giving the tonnage?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Yes.

Mr. VIEN: And would it be possible to give a summary of the results for each ship?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: I do not think that could be done with any convenience at all.

Mr. KINLEY: It is generally known what they are doing.

The CHAIRMAN: Now gentlemen, we are through, shall we adjourn?

Mr. VIEN: We have the West Indies service yet.

Mr. KINLEY: I want to say just a word. Yesterday I brought up the question of operating railroads in a foreign country and very properly it was pointed out to me that these were feeders for our railroads and brought traffic to them. I want to say that the same aspect appears to me with regard to the ocean trade. We owned these ships and they were bringing trade to our railways; they were feeders. We are not putting them in the same category as operating in a foreign country.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Mr. Kinley, may I ask you one question?

Mr. KINLEY: Yes.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: From the time we put that route in operation in 1918 until we sold it in 1936 it cost us \$81,000,000. Do you really believe that any benefit to Canada resulted that was worth \$81,000,000?

Mr. KINLEY: Mr. Minister, I may say to you they were not very good years. In the first place you were undertaking and doing missionary work, and the government of the day saw fit to carry it on from year to year. Now that we have arrived at a place where we see light, we have gone out of business.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: We did not see light, as a matter of fact. We were faced immediately in this year with the spending of another \$6,000,000 on that line, which is another \$6,000,000 tacked onto the \$81,000,000 we have lost. Now I doubt if any man here, faced with the problem, would have said, "We will shoot another \$6,000,000." I may say that we knew definitely that some of the traffic that we had in 1935 we could not hope to carry longer without new ships.