

Hon. Mr. EULER: The word "transportation" will cover that.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Yes, that is the reason why that word was chosen.

Hon. Mr. EULER: It will cover truck transportation and bus and everything else.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: If they are going to do it, they might as well do the job. When it is done, if it takes a little longer time, when it is done it ought to be done and finished, and it ought to be of such a character that the people of Canada will have sufficient confidence in the report, and if it is adopted say, "Well now, that is the policy of this country and we are going to stick to it".

Mr. HACKETT: Everything is included in it except the decalogue; I think you ought to include that.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I have no objection to including an examination of the Bible. You will find in the Bible a number of examples of transportation. Noah was perhaps one of the greatest live stock agents the world has produced. He built the first ship and he had a keg of whisky in it, too. Here is what happened: Noah asked the Lord for two kegs of whisky, and the Lord said, "No, you cannot have two kegs of whisky." He said, "Well, I need two kegs of whisky, I want to put one on one side of the ship, and one on the other, and if I don't have two the ship will be out of balance." The Lord said, "No, you only need one keg, and you can put it in the middle."

Mr. HANSON: I think, Mr. Chairman, the suggestion was a highly constructive one, and this committee ought to give attention to it. I think we ought to go on now with something else.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I shall have to ask your apologies for mentioning that now. As you know, it was near six o'clock when we adjourned last night, and I thought it was better to postpone it until the morning.

The CHAIRMAN: The matter can be taken up by the committee alone at another time. Let us get on now with the business.

Mr. CANTLEY: You did not indicate what that general consideration would involve.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I have no more to say with respect to that, Colonel, than I have already said.

Mr. CANTLEY: A general consideration of the state of transportation throughout the Dominion of Canada.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Precisely.

I really think I ought to apologize for perhaps a thing that might be regarded as almost impertinence, but I have at heart, and we all of us have at heart, the welfare of the country, and that is why I venture to make the suggestions which I have made.

Mr. MACMILLAN: That is what we employ you for.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I shall try to earn a little bit of my salary.

We have, Mr. Chairman, to consider this morning the Canadian Government Merchant Marine.

The CHAIRMAN: Each of you, I think, has a statement of the Canadian National Steamships, which includes the Canadian Government Merchant Marine and also the Canadian National West Indies. Anybody that has not one of those may get it.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen: The deficit sum which has accrued as a deficit for the operation of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, an amount that the government is being asked to contribute this year or provide on account of the total estimated deficit, is \$588,000. Now,