

APPENDIX No. 2

The CHAIRMAN: (Reads):

Any conductor or other employee making a report to the company of the occurrence of any such accident shall, as soon as possible after such accident, notify the Board of the same by telegraph.

Mr. CARVELL: That satisfies me. He simply notifies the Board of the fact of an accident. The Board then has knowledge, and they can investigate it if they want to. He has notified the Board that there is an accident, and the Board can make such enquiries as it likes.

Mr. MACDONELL: This Committee cannot do more than that. It is up to the Railway Board then.

The CHAIRMAN: What is the next point, Mr. Chrysler?

Mr. CHRYSLER, K.C.: I have here a good deal of correspondence with reference to the question of bi-weekly payments that I need not trouble the Committee with. It pertains to a proposed new section, 290 A. In the first place, of course, this applies to all companies, but the companies principally affected are the transcontinental railways.

The CHAIRMAN: The clause that Mr. Chrysler is dealing with at present is 290 A—Orders and regulations of the Board. The amendment submitted to this Committee is as follows:

290 A. The wages of all persons employed in the operation, maintenance or equipment of any railway to which the Parliament of Canada has granted aid by way of subsidy or otherwise or which has been declared to be a work for the general advantage of Canada shall be paid at least semi-monthly.

Section 290 was passed by the Committee.

Mr. CHRYSLER, K.C.: Of course, the words "railway to which the Parliament of Canada has granted aid by way of subsidy or otherwise" as introduced there, do not limit the railways to which it applies, because the proposed amendment goes on to say that it applies to every railway "which has been declared to be a work for the general advantage of Canada." Therefore it applies to all railways which are under the jurisdiction of this Parliament.

The CHAIRMAN: I am sorry to interrupt you, Mr. Chrysler, but I think I should read some correspondence regarding this subject at this time. A letter has been received from Mr. Charles Dickie, Secretary, Federated Trades, enclosing a resolution from the Federated Trades of the Mechanical and Car Departments of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The letter is as follows: (Reads).

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Montreal, Que., May 23, 1917.

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DEAR SIR,—The attached resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Representatives of the Federated Trades in the Mechanical and Car Departments of the Canadian Pacific Railway, now in session at the city of Montreal.

It is not necessary to enter into details of the matter at this time, as the resolution speaks for itself, further than to say that we feel assured that your