

*Motions for Papers***MOTIONS FOR PAPERS**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS AND IMPERIAL
OIL—DEVELOPMENT OF MINERAL OR OIL
RESOURCES**Mr. Wright:**

For a copy of any agreement or agreements made between the Canadian National Railways and Imperial Oil Company Limited in regard to the exploration and the development of mineral or oil resources on the said companies' lands.

Mr. Chevrier: Mr. Speaker, there is objection to this notice of motion, because it offends against the principle of giving information of one of the railway companies to a private competitor. This matter was threshed out at some length in the committee on railways and shipping on March 30, 1950, when the very information sought here was requested by an hon. member, and objected to by the president of the Canadian National Railways. He took the stand then that it was not in the interests of the railways to give this information, and the committee upheld him. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, I would object to the information being given.

Mr. Fulton: I do not wish to have it dropped, but—

Mr. Speaker: The motion is not debatable, but I will hear the hon. member briefly.

Mr. Fulton: I was about to say, by way of a question of privilege, that the minister did refer to a question in committee last year. I was the member who requested that information. May I point out that I do not think the precedent set in committee covers this house at all. What was requested in committee by me was general information as to the price being paid to the Canadian National Railways for the sale of its oil lands or leases. I did not request the information in the terms of this motion, and I think that should be made clear on the record.

Mr. Chevrier: If this motion were to pass, the information for which the hon. member asked in committee would be obtained through the production of these agreements. I am objecting to that.

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member for Mel-fort (Mr. Wright) prepared to drop the motion?

Mr. Wright: I think this information should be available. These are crown lands. I am not prepared to drop the motion.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: Shall I declare the motion dropped?

Mr. Wright: No, no. The yeas and nays should be called.

Mr. Speaker: Does the house wish me to ask for the yeas and nays? Those in favour of the motion will say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: Those against the motion will say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Wright) which was negated on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Adamson	Green
Argue	Harkness
Balcer	Hees
Blair	Herridge
Brooks	Hodgson
Bryce	Jones
Casselman	Knowles
Catherwood	Lennard
Charlton	MacLean (Queens)
Churchill	McGregor
Coldwell	McLure
Coyle	Meeker
Diefenbaker	Murphy
Dinsdale	Noseworthy
Drew	Nowlan
Fair	Quelch
Fairclough, Mrs.	Tustin
Fleming	White (Middlesex East)
Fulton	Wright—39.
Graydon	

NAYS

Messrs:

Abbott	Decore
Anderson	Dewar
Applewhaite	Dickey
Arsenault	Dion
Ashbourne	Eyre
Balcom	Ferrie
Bater	Fournier (Hull)
Beaudry	Fulford
Benidickson	Garland
Blackmore	Garson
Blanchette	Gauthier (Lake St. John)
Blue	Gauthier (Portneuf)
Boisvert	Gauthier (Sudbury)
Boivin	George
Boucher	Gibson
Breithaupt	Gregg
Brown (Essex West)	Hansell
Bruneau	Harris (Grey-Bruce)
Cameron	Hellyer
Carter	Helme
Chevrier	Henry
Clark	Hosking
Claxton	Howe
Cleaver	Huffman
Corry	James
Croll	Jutras
Darroch	Kickham
Dechene	Kirk (Digby-Yarmouth)