

National Railways on the other hand advocating their proposition, you have a line of cleavage right away.

The CHAIRMAN: For the purpose of information, I would like to ask you is there any objection to the National Railways constructing a duplicate line to one now operated by the city of Toronto or the Hydro Commission?

Mr. HARRIS: I would not say that. If you used the words "proposed duplicate line" and the "proposed line to be operated by the Hydro Commission," I would say yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Are you afraid that if it continues as it is now, we may have—

Mr. HARRIS: Cleavage, unless these gentlemen get together.

The CHAIRMAN: Two competing, public-owned lines.

Mr. HARRIS: I don't think we will stand for that. I want to get them together, before they get too far apart.

Mr. HENRY: There is no conflict there at all. As far as the line to West Hill is concerned, it is simply a street railway, Mr. Harris.

Mr. HARRIS: How much money has been spent by the Hydro Commission in the development of the radial line starting somewhere in the heart of the city of Toronto, running through the Toronto Harbour Development, up through Erie Terrace, and north from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 miles, and then projected out into the country from there?

Mr. HENRY: I forget how much.

Mr. HARRIS: They have spent quite a considerable amount?

Mr. HENRY: Not so much on that end, as they have on the other. I do not think there was much money spent on that end.

Mr. HARRIS: There is a definite policy behind that expenditure?

Mr. HENRY: There was.

Mr. HARRIS: Is that policy being co-ordinated with yours? You had no conference with the Hydro Commission.

Mr. HENRY: No, we have had no conference with them.

Mr. HARRIS: Do you propose to have one? Do you think it would be advisable to have one?

Mr. HENRY: I don't see that any good purpose would be served by having one. It is a question of our co-ordinating our facilities there and providing the service which that territory demands.

Mr. HARRIS: You feel it would be the policy of the Canadian National line then to go ahead the way you are going, and not pay any special attention to the effort that has already been put forth by the Hydro Commission?

Mr. HENRY: Excepting to benefit by the information that has been obtained.

Mr. HARRIS: Perhaps Sir Henry Thornton could give us his idea as to the policy you propose to pursue with regard to getting an entrance into the city of Toronto for the Toronto eastern lines?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: (To Mr. Henry). You stated what?

Mr. HENRY: I explained to Mr. Harris what we proposed to do, and Mr. Harris referred to the proposal put forward by the Hydro Electric Power Commission in connection with their radial line, and he asked me the question whether it was the policy of the Canadian National Railways to sit down with them and work out a scheme which would be satisfactory to them and to the people of Ontario. My answer to that was that as far as the Toronto eastern was concerned we were endeavouring to co-ordinate the facilities which we had

[Mr. Henry.]