

house may in its comprehensive wisdom enact the bill into legislation. It is all contained in one paragraph which reads as follows:

A return ticket issued by any railway company between any two points in Canada shall be accepted by any other railway company whose line runs between the same terminals.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CANADIAN NATIONAL-CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY BILL

Hon. R. J. MANION (Minister of Railways and Canals) moved the first reading of Bill No. 37 (from the Senate) respecting the Canadian National Railways and to provide for cooperation with the Canadian Pacific Railway system, and for other purposes.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. MANION: Mr. Speaker, the bill will require a very brief explanation. As has been stated, it is based on the report of the royal commission on transportation, commonly known as the Duff commission. It contains three parts: Part 1, A, the appointment of three trustees instead of the seventeen directors; B, control by the trustees of the annual budget; C, the appointment of auditors; D, the making of the annual report. Part 2 provides for cooperative arrangements between the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific, and part 3 provides for arbitration before arbitral tribunals in the event of disputes arising between the two railways regarding cooperation.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Is that a government bill?

Mr. MANION: I should think so. I am still a member of the government.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

LUMBER EXPORTS TO BRITAIN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. HANBURY (Vancouver-Burrard): I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he can tell the house what progress is being made with the government of Great Britain in connection with the marketing of Canadian lumber in that country.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member was not in his place or he would have heard what was said on a previous occasion. The treaty arrangements covered by a protocol between Great Britain and Russia have been terminated by notice and expire in the month of

April next, and until such termination the British government can take no action in the premises; that is, should there be need for further consideration by reason of unfair competition, the means are not available for action until after the expiration of the six months' notice in April next. Until that time it is obvious that no action can be taken other than that taken by those who have the product to sell and endeavour to sell it. If they succeed, well and good; if they do not, they have not sold their product.

BRITISH COAL IMPORTATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. W. NEILL (Comox-Alberni): Can the Minister of Labour give us any information as to the steps that have been taken or the progress that has been made in checking the importation of British coal into British Columbia, where it is brought out by ballast to the detriment of our local mines?

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): I believe some British coal has come into the city of Vancouver, but whether it is in ballast or not I do not know. The whole question is under review by my department, and at the moment I cannot express any view because the amount of the shipments, the conditions under which they come in, and the extent to which they come into competition, fairly or unfairly, with Canadian fuels is not yet apparent.

PENSION LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. G. POWER (Quebec South): May I ask the Minister of Pensions and National Health if it is proposed in the near future to bring down legislation based on the report of the committee which was recently appointed to investigate pensions administration?

Hon. MURRAY MacLAREN (Minister of Pensions and National Health): I gave the information a few days ago, and the hon. member will find it in Hansard. However, to save him the trouble of looking it up, I might say that it is likely that legislation will be introduced.

TADOUSSAC-BAIE ST. CATHERINES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. F. CASGRAIN (Charlevoix-Saguenay): May I ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce if he is aware of the fact that the ferry service between Tadoussac and Baie St. Catherines is being operated only once a day