

to be a convenient time. My own idea would be that this day week, or to-morrow week, would answer the purpose. I only make that as a suggestion. We all have the same object in view—to do the best we can for the Company.

A SHAREHOLDER: I shall be happy to second that proposal.

Mr. ELEY: Mr. Bonar has asked me to reply, as he is suffering from indisposition. Before we came to the determination of proposing the appointment of this Committee, we had several consultations, and the amendment is the result of those consultations. I think the matter is really so serious, that it is of importance that it should be calmly discussed. We shall not meet the Directors in any hostile spirit, but we wish to have time for the consideration of the various matters suggested to us. It will really be quite impossible, within the compass of a week or a fortnight, to do that which we wish to do. The gentlemen who are proposed on this Committee, are well known to you, at least the majority of them. At any rate, we do not wish to withdraw our amendment. We knew very well, of course, how this would be met. We do not blame the Directors for their suggestions, but we are prepared to meet them by saying that we cannot withdraw our amendment. At the same time, if you think for a moment that we are going to indulge in any conduct that will be at all hostile to the Directors, you are much mistaken. Mr. Bonar would not allow himself to be a party to any such proceeding. You will bear in mind that there is a portion of the amendment which gives us instructions to send in our report, and we think it necessary that you should have that report.

A SHAREHOLDER: I beg to express a hope that the recommendation of our Chairman will be attended to, for two reasons. First of all, a committee seems to be perfectly unnecessary. Then, what further information can a com-