

Sir EUGENE Fiset: Has that fund of the Intercolonial been transferred to the Canadian National, or is it still handled by the Department.

Mr. McLAREN: The Grand Trunk superannuation fund is still continued by the Canadian National.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Then with regard to the Grand Trunk there was a superannuation scheme which was contributory. That scheme has been closed out in the sense that no new members are admitted to it. Existing members continue to pay and their pensions are fixed by that scheme.

Hon. Mr. EULER: All new employees come under the general scheme of the Canadian National.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Yes, sir.

Sir EUGENE Fiset: I understood that they had the right to elect to join the new pension scheme or remain under the old one.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: They had that privilege. Then there is the general non-contributory scheme of the Canadian National. That was modernized, I believe, last year was it not, Sir Henry?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I believe so.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: And applies to all employees of the Canadian National who are not either under the Canadian Government railway pension or under the Grand Trunk superannuation.

Hon. Mr. EULER: Is that the system now on the Canadian National under which all new employees come?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Yes.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: We have a little pamphlet here, Rules and Regulations for Pension Fund.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Would it be of interest to you to have copies of that distributed amongst members of the committee?

The CHAIRMAN: I think it would be well to have a copy of that delivered to each member of the committee.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I believe that an examination of the pamphlet will pretty well answer the question.

Mr. FRASER: Let me ask this, Sir Henry: Are the pensioners on the American lines under this system you have outlined here, or have you an entirely different system, or separate system for your American lines and your Canadian lines.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: It is all one.

Mr. FRASER: Well, now, could you tell me how many of your pensioners according to this you have given here who have been Canadian employees, are living at the present time and drawing their pension in the United States? The reason I am asking that, Sir Henry, is this: I have heard not only at one divisional point but at two divisional points in my district that what is happening is this, that some of the people who are working on the Canadian railways, on your Canadian system, have never become naturalized subjects of Canada, and as soon as they get their pension they depart to the United States and get the benefit of the pension over there.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I think the best way to answer that question—and I am speaking from memory, but I think the figures are accurate within a negligible percentage of error, we, of course do not know; take the whole of our personnel, we do not know exactly how many are Canadians, and how many are foreign citizens. To secure that information—in fact, I do not know whether it could be really accurately secured; but the only way you could start to secure it would be to question each individual as to his citizenship, and about the time you asked the first question from the first man I think you will probably