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Memo re Branch line Rys.

Mr. C.B.Rothery is Postmaster at Frenchmen's Butte, Sect 7 Tp, 53, R 24 w. 3rd Med. in Sask. County North Battleford. He refers to the St Paul De Metis Branch Line which was approved by both Houses of Parliament in 1924. This Bill # 55 received its Third Reading in the Senate without alteration on July 1st 1924. If construction has not been proceeded with it is no fault of Parliament.

(In 1923 some 29 pieces of railroad was proposed to be constructed in various parts of Canada. The Government brought down a blanket bill during the last week of the session asking for a blank cheque to build these lines as and when it pleased which the Senate very properly refused. In 1924 ~~there~~ the Government brought down a bill with an estimate of the cost of each line proposed of which the St Paul De Metis was one, and it was approved without delay by the Senate. Responsibility for this line not being authorized in 1923 rests solely with the Govt. Had they brought down separate bills then as they did in 1924 the Senate would have passed this bill a year earlier.)

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