

Mr. BEAULÉ: I have not finished, Mr. Chairman, I have some other questions. A moment ago the representative of the Canadian Pacific spoke of a parking lot for passengers. Is that parking lot going to be managed by private enterprise or will it belong to the company?

The CHAIRMAN: That also comes under section 10: powers of the company. Mr. Beaulé.

Mr. BEAULÉ: One other question Mr. . . . A while ago we were discussing level crossings, etc. for that station . . . Have you any other projects? For example, have you spoken to the city of Quebec about eliminating level crossings. Is any thought being given to building a station outside the city. The problem is just as serious as here in Ottawa.

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Mr. MACDOUGALL: Well, Mr. Beaulé, I spoke about Saskatoon because it came immediately to my mind. There may be others but this always, of course, depends upon the planning between the railway company and the municipalities concerned, and the interest the public may show in the lands that we may hold in the centre of a city for redevelopment purposes.

In many areas we invite people to come forward and to carry out redevelopment programs but these, of course, must take place in a manner which is consonant with our ability to give service to the public.

So just where this will happen in the future, I do not know; but our policy is that where we can redevelop our properties in urban areas, we endeavour to do so.

(Translation)

Mr. BEAULÉ: Mr. Chairman, I have another question. We have talked a lot about railways, transport etc. I am now thinking of the employees. If the station is relocated outside the city would it involve a lot of layoffs?

The CHAIRMAN: That matter was discussed at the other meeting, Mr. Beaulé.

Mr. BEAULÉ: Mr. Chairman, as I did not attend the other meetings, I was sent abroad, I think I am entitled to an answer from one of the witnesses.

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Mr. MACDOUGALL: This is the point that was raised before. I have explained with respect to employees that we follow the practice here that we follow elsewhere of dealing with the authorized representatives of the employees to make detailed arrangements about the setting up of a new organization when this occurs.

We have held meetings already with the organizations of the employees in the Ottawa area. We have discussed with them our plans as far as we know them, but we have had to tell them, quite naturally, that we only have gone so far as to ask for the incorporation of the new company. It has not been approved yet; we have not had time to deal with them in detail about who is going to work in the new terminal and just how it is going to be manned. This will take place over the next two or three years.

We have started formal discussions with the employees and there will have to be discussions between the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Pacific Railway as well about how the new organization is going to work out. But this has worked out very satisfactorily, if I may say so. The employees' representative organizations are quite satisfied with the manner in which it has proceeded to date.