

Mr. VAUGHAN: Yes.

Mr. MUTCH: I have had the experience of being two hours late and yet arriving on time in Winnipeg.

Mr. WALTON: There is some difference between the occasional case where a train is late and able to make up time and being able to do it day in and day out.

Mr. MOORE: Could the time be cut between Boston Bar and Vancouver?

Mr. VAUGHAN: There would not be much object in doing that if we were going to bring our train into Vancouver too early in the morning. What time do we arrive in Vancouver now?

Mr. WALTON: It does not change the arrival of west bound trains. It is around 8.30 or nine o'clock in the morning.

Mr. VAUGHAN: That is early enough for most people to arrive.

Mr. WALTON: The Toronto train arrives at 8.45 and the Montreal train at 9.20.

Mr. HAZEN: You acquired 856 box cars last year, do you propose getting more box cars this year?

Mr. VAUGHAN: Yes, sir. You will find that when you come to our budget. There is quite a lot of equipment in it.

Mr. HAZEN: Are there a good many more box cars on order this year?

Mr. VAUGHAN: Yes, we have a lot of box cars on order.

Mr. HAZEN: May I ask how many?

Mr. VAUGHAN: This is all given in the budget, but I can give you all the cars on order.

Mr. HAZEN: No, just the box cars.

Mr. VAUGHAN: There are 3,700 box cars on order for Canadian lines and 500 for the U.S. lines.

Mr. HAZEN: Do you expect any shortage of box cars during this year?

Mr. VAUGHAN: I think the situation will be a little tight on box cars during the year, but the worst is over. We had very unusual weather this year which delayed the movement of cars very considerably, as you know. We had storms all over the country, much more severe in some parts than were ever known before. This delayed the movement of traffic.

Mr. HAZEN: I understand there was a shortage of about 15,000 box cars in the east last year.

Mr. VAUGHAN: I do not think there was anything like that, Mr. Hazen.

Mr. HAZEN: I understood the shortage in the west was around 8,000 or 9,000.

Mr. VAUGHAN: There was not a shortage of that much. There was a shortage of cars for grain, but we have pretty well caught up with that. You must take account of the fact that a great many industries have stepped up their production in Canada, such as the paper and pulp people as well as various other industries. They are now producing to capacity and they require more cars.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Moore, you were going to ask a question?

Mr. VAUGHAN: Since 1940 we have added 17,966 freight cars.

Mr. WALTON: Through to the end of 1946.

Mr. JACKMAN: How many have you discarded?

Mr. COOPER: 4,638.

Mr. MOORE: Would the tonnage of the new cars be approximately the same as the old ones?