

Mr. GORDON: We would be quite willing to do it but we have spent a lot of time trying to simplify this presentation and I think it would be wise to leave it as is. We do not want to lengthen it.

Mr. SMITH (*Simcoe North*): Except I think that was one item we took an unnecessarily long time to pass this morning.

Mr. GORDON: We could put it on the basis that I will endeavour to make a breakdown for the committee, if at all possible.

The CHAIRMAN: Page 4, then.

Mr. CHEVRIER: That first line, Mr. Gordon, is completed, is it, the Hillsport-Manitouwadge?

Mr. GORDON: Yes, the only amount you will notice we have got in there is \$60,000 to complete it.

This section covers all the branch lines that have been authorized by special acts. The bottom part of the report shows you the amounts of expenditures we are making on each line in the 1958 period. The Hillsport-Manitouwadge, \$60,000; then the Beattyville-Chibougamau-St. Felicien is \$7,300,000 this year, and including this it will cost \$10,305,000 to complete that line. Then there is Bartibog-Heath Steele Mines \$200,000, the amount required to complete; then Sipiwesk-Thompson, the International Nickel line, \$4½ million will be spent this year, and total cost will be \$5,385,000. The Optic Lake-Chisel Lake line is estimated to cost \$10,165,000 and we expect to do \$2 million of the work this year.

Mr. CHEVRIER: Is it too early to make any comment on how the first half of the Beattyville-Chibougamau line has operated?

Mr. GORDON: From a traffic point only?

Mr. CHEVRIER: Yes.

Mr. GORDON: At the moment and in the last few months the traffic has been disappointing, largely because of the lead-zinc decline generally in regard to exports.

Mr. FISHER: Is it in order for me to ask at this particular point on new lines if you have received any inquiries as to any sort of a line near Nakina to the area of those large low-grade iron ore deposits that are held by Anaconda?

Mr. GORDON: Yes we are studying that now, but we have not got to the stage of anything definite as yet.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Anything on page 4?

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Mr. ROBINSON: Mr. Chairman, I am just wondering if our hotel service is making money?

Mr. FISHER: Could I pass this list down to him?

The CHAIRMAN: Was that not taken up yesterday?

Mr. FISHER: Yes. Here is a summary.

The CHAIRMAN: This is the capital budget for 1958 that we are discussing.

Mr. ROBINSON: I understand we are spending a total of \$11 million on these hotels for 1958, so I would like to find out—

Mr. GORDON: No, the total we are spending in 1958 is \$6,859,000, of which \$5,841,000 is represented by the clean-up work on the Queen Elizabeth. The Queen Elizabeth is well within its budget, I may say. So the other expenditures for all the hotels is only \$1,018,000, of which \$600,000 represents an addition to the Nova Scotian hotel in Halifax.

Mr. CHOWN: May I ask again the cost of the Queen Elizabeth hotel?