

Mr. HENRY: Fairly definite.

Major BELL: You could wear a car out without running it at all.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Yes, you could put it on a siding and let it rot if you left it long enough, but you are not going to get your bumpers out of shape in that way, or anything of that kind.

Mr. STEWART: Would not the freight carried make a lot of difference?

Mr. HENRY: It would depend to a certain extent on the nature of the traffic carried in it.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I think I am perfectly right in saying that is the fact, that there is a ratio and it is also true of locomotives.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Henry is not in a position to say.

Mr. HENRY: I could not like to venture an opinion on that.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I think Mr. Henry knows pretty well.

The CHAIRMAN: We cannot go behind what he says.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Probably not.

Mr. HENRY: If you would like to get a statement as to our experience in a given year, we can give you that.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I think you know enough about it to admit the obvious fact that there is a ratio between use and maintenance.

Mr. HENRY: There ought to be.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: What were your car miles for 1923 as compared with your car miles for 1922?

Mr. HENRY: That is on page 30. For 1923, the freight train loaded car miles were 797,189,578. For 1922 they were 708,181,197. The empty car miles were 413,047,269 in 1923, and 352,407,339 in 1922, making a total, loaded and empty, of 1,210,236,848.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: As against—?

Mr. HENRY: 1,060,589,336.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: And your repairs for the two years were what, on those same cars?

Mr. HENRY: The accounts indicate \$18,289,334 in 1923; \$23,518,811 in 1922.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: In other words, you spent how much more in 1922?

Mr. HENRY: The difference there is roughly, \$5,000,000.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Although you spent \$5,000,000 less, the increase of car miles was how much?

Mr. HENRY: That, of course, has to be adjusted. We ran about 150,000,000 more car miles.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: In 1923 you spent approximately \$5,000,000 less for repairs.

Mr. STEWART: Just a moment: does not that reserve enter into it?

Mr. HENRY: Yes. The situation, after you adjust for the reserve, is as follows: in 1922 we spent \$19,943,811; in 1923 we spent \$20,586,563, to which would have to be added the \$700,000 on account of the decrease in wages.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: A saving?

Mr. HENRY: A saving. That was, in other words, we performed that much more work for that much less expense.

Mr. STEWART: What was that, item?

Mr. HENRY: \$700,000, on account of decrease in wages.