

be called light freight will be carried by both the truck and the airplane. That will have a very material effect upon the earnings of our railways.

I do not wish to raise any contentious question, but it seems to me, in looking to the future, that we shall have to do what is now being contemplated in Great Britain. They will have to centralize their whole transportation system over there, under the control of the State, in some way or other. They are aiming at that in Great Britain at the present time. It was clearly demonstrated before our committees that there is a great deal of duplication in our railway services and that vast sums of money could be saved if by some means the two systems could be brought together. I am not saying the Government should buy out the Canadian Pacific, and I am not in favour of any particular scheme as to how the problem could be worked out. But it seems to me the time is bound to come when, if our railways are to exist at all, some means must be found whereby waste will be eliminated, particularly in view of the fact that there will be a greater and greater cut in railway traffic in the years that are to come.

That is the picture as I see it. I can see no other. Our railways will exist to haul heavy traffic, such as wheat, coal, iron, and lumber; but all the lighter freight that passes now between our communities over distances of two, three or four hundred miles, will be carried by the airplane or by the truck, and railway traffic will be reduced accordingly. This, however, is not a question for to-day. It is a question for to-morrow. I have no doubt that when the problem does arise means will be found whereby it can be worked out. At least, I hope so.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

## THE SENATE

Wednesday, July 15, 1942.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### PRIVATE BILLS

#### FIRST READINGS

Bill A4, an Act to incorporate the Canadian Alliance Insurance Company.—Hon. Mr. Coté.

Bill B4, an Act to incorporate the Felician Sisters of Winnipeg.—Hon. Mr. Haig.

### SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. HAIG: With leave of the Senate, I move that Bill B4 be read the second time now. I can assure honourable members that the Bill is in the ordinary form. Its object is to incorporate an order of sisterhood to operate a small hospital at the village of Grand View, Manitoba.

Hon. Mr. KING: In view of the fact that we are now approaching the time when Parliament will adjourn for some months, I have no objection to the motion.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

### SUSPENSION OF RULE

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Honourable senators, I move that Rule 119 be suspended in so far as it relates to Bill B4. The reason for this motion is that suspension of the rule would make it possible to send the Bill to the committee for its next sitting, whereas if the rule were not suspended the Bill could not be committed for seven days.

The motion was agreed to.

### REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Haig, Bill B4 was referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

### MILITARY TRAINING—ALLEGED FRAUDULENT EXEMPTIONS

#### INQUIRY FOR RETURN

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Mr. SAUVE: On the 28th of May I moved the following motion:

That an order do issue for a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the Government and all competent authorities, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, etc., concerning the supposed extortions exacted by Paul Hamelin, 4903 St. James St. West, Lachine, P.Q., or Montreal, charged with having received certain sums from young recruits by promising them to postpone their compulsory military training or even to exempt them from this training; and also concerning treatments handed down by military authorities to young men whom recently Justice Gustave Marin, of Montreal, called "victims".

I should like to know what were the responsibilities and activities of the Montreal Divisional Registrar's Office, with a view to judging whether or not complaints against it are well founded. I wish to be fair to the Registrar's Office and also to the people of Montreal.

Hon. Mr. KING: My honourable friend is asking for information with regard to an order for a return that was passed by this House?

Hon. Mr. SAUVE: On my motion of the 28th of May. I have not received any answer.

Hon. Mr. KING: I shall make inquiries.

Hon. Mr. SAUVE: Thank you.