

Mr. FINN: Not the Canadian National time-tables.

Mr. BOTHWELL: I think we should ascertain whether the time-tables are being printed in Boston and whether the work is being given to American workmen rather than Canadian.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Mr. Finn's remarks with regard to time-tables referred to the Eastern Steamships Company, a wholly owned American shipping company.

Mr. FINN: And the C.P.R.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Surely not the C.P.R. time-tables?

The CHAIRMAN: I think the whole of that discussion has been out of order for the last quarter of an hour. The chairman of the board informs me that the amount to be provided for will be \$399,000 and not \$199,000 as mentioned in the report. After mature consideration that is what the chairman of the board informs me.

Hon. Mr. FULLERTON: You cannot mix the two accounts.

Mr. YOUNG: What control is there over shipping rates?

Mr. KINLEY: None; they are in the shipping ring.

Mr. YOUNG: I am not asking you, I am asking the men who came here to tell us about these things.

Hon. Mr. FULLERTON: Of course, that is entirely a matter for the government. The government have made the contract. Mr. Howe will have to explain that.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Do you mean under the new regulations?

Mr. YOUNG: Yes, when we had our own Merchant Marine I take it we had something to say about rates.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Who?

Mr. YOUNG: I do not know. I am asking you.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: The operators of the line?

Mr. YOUNG: Is it controlled solely by competition?

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Yes.

Mr. YOUNG: There is no controlling body similar to the Board of Railway Commissioners?

Mr. HEAPS: Is there not a shipping ring?

Hon. Mr. HOWE: You have the Pacific Conference and the North Atlantic Conference, but that is an association of owners of ships.

Mr. HEAPS: Does not the shipping company that has taken over the Canadian Merchant Marine belong to what is commonly termed a shipping ring?

Hon. Mr. HOWE: I suppose so.

Mr. HEAPS: Would not the rates in that case be controlled by the shipping ring?

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Surely. All rates are.

The CHAIRMAN: Carried? (Carried)

Mr. FINN: I just want to say this—

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Finn, I think you have been given a very full opportunity to address this committee. You have been out of order for some time.

Mr. FINN: I am sorry if that is so.

The CHAIRMAN: We will go back to page 18 of the report and I will ask Mr. Fairweather to read the profit and loss statement.