

*Sarnia—Port Huron Tunnel*

stations to allow that organization to substitute its own speakers in Canada for the gramophone records of Rutherford's speeches.

Letters have been received by the commission from clergy of the majority of religious denominations in Canada commending its course in the Rutherford matter. Owing to popular indignation in the United States at the nature of his speeches, Rutherford has been denied the use of the great networks of the large broadcasting organizations in that country.

Mr. Speaker, with regard to the measure of responsibility assumed by the government in this matter, parliament gave full authority and responsibility to the radio broadcasting commission. I would refer my hon. friend to the bill adopted last session, which is chapter 51 of the statutes of 1932.

Mr. J. L. BROWN (Lisgar): I thank the minister for this statement; I think it will go a long way in giving the people of Canada a better understanding of the actual situation.

## RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. ROSS W. GRAY (West Lambton): I would like to ask the Minister of Railways and Canals (Mr. Manion) whether or not the special committee on railways and shipping will sit this session.

Hon. R. J. MANION (Minister of Railways and Canals): I have not given the matter very serious consideration up to the moment, but I think the special committee will have to sit to deal with the estimates of the Canadian National Railways. The point I made some time ago was that in all probability, since we are carrying out the recommendations contained in the Duff report, we would not call the officers of the railway before that committee but that we might call some of the directors instead. That was the recommendation of the commission. I think the committee will sit in the near future.

SARNIA-PORT HURON VEHICULAR  
TUNNEL COMPANY

The house resumed from Friday, March 31, consideration of Bill No. 41, to incorporate the Sarnia-Port Huron Vehicular Tunnel Company—Mr. Gray—Mr. Gagnon in the chair.

On section 2—Declaratory.

Mr. BENNETT: Mr. Chairman, the government has some responsibility with regard to all legislation introduced and passed in the house. I am having a report prepared with respect to this bill, and until that report is completed I think the bill should stand.

I wonder if the members of the committee have looked at the bill; I wonder if they

[Mr. Duranleau.]

have examined it and really understand what it means. If the congress of the United States approves, this bill can become operative. Perhaps this is out of order, the principle of the bill having been dealt with on the second reading, but the congress of the United States must approve before it becomes operative. The sum of \$25,000 is to be lodged with the government. There are no par value shares. The shares may be issued for such compensation as the directors by bylaw may fix, and they are authorized to issue bonds for \$5,000,000.

We have already had one experience in Canada with respect to bonds issued by one such venture, and we know with what sad result to the investors. Having any responsibility at all for the investing public, I cannot observe the passage of a bill such as this without taking some steps to afford some protection to those who may be induced to put their money into the venture, and under the circumstances, until I obtain a report from the law officers, I would ask that further consideration of the bill be deferred, rather than move that the committee rise. I merely move that the committee rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. GRAY: While I am agreeable to what the Prime Minister has said, to let the bill stand, can he give me any definite time as to when it can come up again—to-morrow night when private bills are under consideration?

Mr. BENNETT: This bill is of such far-reaching consequences, and its provisions are so extraordinary when applied to present day conditions, in view of what we know has happened in connection with two ventures incorporated by this parliament, that I should not think those who are preparing the report in the department will have completed their work by to-morrow night. On Friday night, however, there is no reason why it should not be considered. Both the Department of Justice and the Department of External Affairs will consider the bill in view of its international character and the fact that the construction of the works authorized is entirely dependent upon action that may be taken by congress. That is the purely external side of the matter, but the financial side is quite serious. The construction of the works does not depend merely upon action that may be taken by this parliament; it may depend upon action taken by the congress of the United States. By section 14: