

*Business of the House*

The hon. member stated that the railway companies of Canada have fallen far, far behind the railways of the United States in the provision of dock and grain handling facilities. But, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member, as is usual for members of parliament or for any politician who wants to become successful in his career through the practice of condemning railways generally, forgot to note that the railways of the United States are paid something like 300 per cent more for handling export grain than are the railways of Canada, both the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National.

The hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond (Mr. Prittie) pointed out that something like \$106,000,000 had been paid in subsidies to the Canadian Pacific Railway over the last several years. He again neglected, of course, to point out that this was a subsidy which was paid in lieu of freight rate increases that were granted by the Board of Transport Commissioners, a body which is set up to do the things which are required to protect the shippers of Canada.

The hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond feels that the Canadian Pacific Railway, and others, should be brought before a committee of this house so that in that forum their labour relations problems can be discussed by members of parliament. Up until a few years ago when the heavy hand of government regulation fell upon them very strongly, the Canadian Pacific Railway was far, far in advance of all other industries in the field of labour relations in Canada, providing its employees with a good annual income, a pension plan and so on.

**Mr. Herridge:** Would the hon. member permit a question?

**Mr. Byrne:** So that he certainly could not improve the circumstances of its employees simply by bringing the corporation before the House of Commons on an annual basis to discuss its relationships with the shippers and its employees. I think that in every respect this is another indication of the socialist trend toward domination of businesses.

**Mr. Herridge:** Would the hon. member permit a question?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Byrne:** I have no objection.

**Mr. Herridge:** Does the hon. gentleman think that the C. P. R. lived up to its obligation in respect of passenger service on the Kettle Valley railway?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. The hour for the consideration of private members business has expired.

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**Mr. MacLean (Queens):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might ask the acting house leader what the business will be for Monday, and the beginning of next week.

**Mr. Pepin:** The order of business will be, I am informed, first, medicare; second, feed grain; and third, the immigration appeal board.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

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