

Mr. HANSON: Have you not closed some on the Moncton-St. John sub-division?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Well, those are the only stations that were closed in the last two years.

Mr. HEAPS: This morning I raised a question about the taxation paid by the different companies, and it was claimed, I think, by Mr. Hackett that the Canadian Pacific were paying far more taxes in the West than the Canadian National. I have here rather an interesting comparison Mr. Chairman. It is the city of Winnipeg municipal Manual and it shows that in the city of Winnipeg alone the Canadian National have a tax exemption there on the property which they own within the city limits of \$5,720,000. It also shows that the C.P.R. have got a tax exemption there of \$8,269,000.

What I want to point out, first, is the fact that the more exemption the railway company has the more likely it is that that railway will pay more in the way of taxes, because the more property they have there the more there will be in the form of local improvements which will make it necessary for those railways to pay within the boundaries of those municipalities. I do not think that any comparison that we might be able to make here in connection with the amount paid by one railway as against the other can really give any idea. Would it not be of much more value to ask here if we could have some itemized account showing how the taxes are made up. What is true of the city of Winnipeg, I have no doubt, is true of every one of the large centres in the Dominion, where doubtless they receive more in the way of exemptions.

Mr. HANSON: I think you pay taxes enough, Sir Henry.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I think that is a doctrine to which everyone would subscribe.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that all that you want on the record regarding taxation?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I just want to say that the Canadian National has voluntarily accepted a very considerable tax.

Mr. HANSON: You have indeed in the Maritimes.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: A further division to indicate the split between Labour and Materials follows:

Employees' Compensation	1930	1929	Decrease
Maintenance of Way and Structures..	\$ 4,306,313	\$ 4,400,884	\$ 94,571
Maintenance of Equipment.....	3,402,951	3,497,881	94,930
Traffic	415,006	417,232	2,227
Transportation	10,661,812	10,807,684	145,872
Miscellaneous	221,325	238,643	17,318
General	797,221	678,847	118,374*
Total	\$19,804,627	\$20,041,171	\$ 236,644

*Increase.

Materials and Miscellaneous	1930	1929	Decrease
Maintenance of Way and Structures....	\$3,793,778	\$3,807,451	\$ 13,673
Maintenance of Equipment.....	2,768,033	3,077,801	309,768
Traffic	537,681	480,537	57,144*
Transportation	5,214,541	5,582,923	368,382
Miscellaneous	178,740	192,835	14,095
General	803,717	705,328	98,389*
Transportation for Investment—Credit	72,602	72,664	62
Total	\$13,223,888	\$13,774,211	\$ 550,323

*Increase.