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The Hon. the Speaker: I declare the Speaker's ruling sustained.

EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN

REGULATIONS OR POLICIES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

On the Notice of Inquiry of honourable Senator Fergusson:

That she will inquire of the Government:

1. Are there any regulations or departmental policies in effect in the Post Office Department, or in any other Government Department, which discriminate against or adversely affect the employment of women?

2. If so, what are they?

Hon. John J. Connolly: Answered by a rather voluminous document tabled earlier this evening.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

PASSENGER SERVICE AT RIVIERE DU LOUP—PUBLICITY RE THE "SCOTIAN"—INQUIRY ANSWERED

Hon. Mr. Pouliot inquired of the Government, pursuant to notice:

1. Why does the Canadian National make the passenger trains stop at the time indicated on the timetables at a quarter of a mile west of the station of Rivière du Loup?

2. Why doesn't the Canadian National make as much publicity for the "Scotian" train, which runs between Halifax and Montreal, as for the "Champlain" running between Quebec and Montreal?

Hon. John J. Connolly: The Management of the Canadian National Railways advises as follows:

1. The diesel fueling facilities are west of the Rivière du Loup station which makes two stops necessary. Eastbound passenger trains make a first stop to take on fuel and a second at the station for passengers. Westbound trains stop first at the station for passengers and then for fuel. The operating timetables show one arrival time, the two stops being so close together. The passengers disembark only at the station.

2. The publicity the "Champlain" receives vis-à-vis the "Scotian" primarily depends upon editorial estimates of public interest in these trains. The "Champlain" being an innovation and a response to a long-time public demand, in recent months it may have received more atten-

tion in the news media than the "Scotian." In Canadian National advertising, full support is given to all the major passenger services.

Hon. Jean-François Pouliot: Honourable senators, I was at the Rivière du Loup station yesterday at 7.50 in the morning to take the "Scotian". It was a long train and the parlour cars were stopped at least 700 feet west of the station. I saw mothers with young children and old ladies with luggage who had to walk that long distance. The answer given by the railway officials is not at all satisfactory. It is difficult to understand why the Province of Quebec is treated so badly, especially the eastern part of the province, which is under Moncton, N.B.

His Honour the Speaker will remember that not so many years ago he and I, and all the members who represented the constituencies east of Lévis, signed a petition to the then Minister of Transport asking that the eastern part of the Province of Quebec be under the control and management of the Central Region of the Canadian National Railways, which region at that time extended from Rivière du Loup to the Lakehead.

The other day the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Connolly, Ottawa West) said that he would rub the ears of the President of the Canadian National Railways. I thought he did that so gently that Mr. Donald Gordon liked it. The only remedy in this case would be to change the date of Boxing Day and have it tomorrow, in order that the whole matter is settled.

There is no excuse for not stopping the train so that the passenger cars are in front of the station for at least ten minutes. After the passengers have boarded, the train could be moved westward so that its fuel tanks may be filled. I am asking this for the convenience of all passengers.

Honourable senators, I spoke of the advertising that is made in respect of one train only, the "Champlain," between Montreal and Quebec City. I have in my hand some pamphlets about the "Ocean Limited." Many people want the same publicity extended to the "Scotian," which is a very good train. For a time the accommodation on that train was very poor and it lost its good name, but now the cars are better and the train should be advertised as much as the others.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

PRONUNCIATION OF "NOEL" BY FRENCH ANNOUNCERS—INQUIRY STANDS

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: Honourable senators, with respect to the wrong pronunciation of the word "Noël" by the French announcers and commentators of the C.B.C., I wonder if the