

should also report to you that this question was dealt with by constitutional amendment at the conventions, and our procedure is that all constitutional amendments have to be in the hands of the locals 30 days before the convention, at which times these matters are discussed within the locals. This again is to protect the interests of the members so that they are aware of the changes taking place in the organization and if they are opposed to changes they have an opportunity to express their opinion.

Mr. Golden: I am also on that mailing list and I notice that there was adequate publicity given to this bill and the fact that it was being proceeded with.

Senator McDonald: But the fact that you picked up the mailing lists of the provincial organizations and send the paper to them would mean that every member of the provincial union and every member of the national union would have received this.

The Acting Chairman: Mr. Hinds is here now.

Mr. Grosart: Mr. Hinds, I was asking for verification that the notice required by our rules had been given.

Mr. J. Hinds, Assistant Chief, Committees Branch: Yes, the rule requires advertising once a week for four consecutive weeks in the *Canada Gazette*. That was done starting on December 13, 1969, and continuing for three consecutive weeks thereafter.

Senator Grosart: Why is this situation different from that which requires advertising in certain daily newspapers?

Mr. Hinds: It depends on the type of organization. For an organization of this kind, the *Canada Gazette* only is required.

Senator Grosart: What is the distinction in this case?

Mr. Hinds: Rule 86 says:

(1) Every application to Parliament for a private bill shall be advertised by notice published in the *Canada Gazette*. Such notice shall clearly and distinctly state the nature and objects of the application, and shall be signed by or on behalf of the applicants, with the address of the party signing the same; and when the application is for an act of incorporation the name of the proposed company shall be stated in the notice.

(2) In addition to the notice in the *Canada Gazette* aforesaid, a similar notice shall be given in a leading news publication with substantial circulation in the area concerned and in the official gazette of the province concerned,

(a) where the application is for an act

(i) to incorporate a company or to amend an act respecting a company whose objects relate to transportation and communications generally, including airlines, pipelines, telecommunications, railways, or canals, or whose objects relate to the construction of any works;

(ii) to obtain any exclusive rights or privileges; or

(iii) to extend the powers of a company or to increase or reduce the capital stock, or to alter bonding or other borrowing powers, or to make any amendments which would in any way affect the rights or interests of the shareholders or bondholders or creditors of the company;

This application is not seeking any exclusive rights or privileges and therefore the *Canada Gazette* would appear to be sufficient.

Senator Grosart: Probably the distinction is also that there are no shareholders or bondholders.

The Law Clerk: And no construction. They have in mind nothing that is for the advantage of Canada which might extend the jurisdiction of the provinces.

Senator Grosart: Is there any transfer of funds involved in this?

Mr. Atkinson: There will be a transfer of assets from provincial unions to the national union and also there will be the assuming of liabilities.

Senator Grosart: How much will be involved, roughly?

Mr. Golden: It does not look like a plus figure at the moment.

Mr. Atkinson: I would think somewhere in the order of \$250,000.

Senator Grosart: You are speaking now of your predecessor organization.

The Law Clerk: It comes under subsection (4) of section 2.

Senator Grosart: I was asking about the total amount.