

*By Mr. Kyte:*

Q. You are a Senator of the Dominion of Canada?—A. Yes.

Q. And you have been engaged in business in Montreal?—A. Yes.

Q. For many years?—A. Yes.

Q. You visit Paris frequently?—A. Yes, quite often.

Q. When were you there last?—A. I was there in March and April; I left there on the 10th of May.

Q. Of the present year?—A. Yes.

Q. Do you know the building recently purchased by the Canadian National Railways known as the Hotel Scribe?—A. Yes.

Q. What would you say as to its location with respect to the business district of Paris?—A. To my mind it is the best located property in Paris. In fact, I would go further and say it is the best property in Central Europe. It is the hub of that part of the world.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. For business purposes?—A. For business purposes. It is right in the centre of Paris and so situated that you can see the property on both sides of the street as you come out. The Avenue de l'Opera is the centre of Paris. You have the Boulevard des Capucines and the Grand Hotel here, and the Scribe Hotel and the Grand Hotel are located right there, and the Avenue de l'Opera and the Boulevard des Capucines are right together there, and you can see the whole front of the property. It is like a square.

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Q. Have you or have you not, any idea of the values of property in Paris?—A. No, I have no idea of values.

Q. Is there any other information that you think you can give to the Committee?—A. No.

*By Hon. Mr. Graham:*

Q. Now that the Canadian National Railways has this, do you think it would be a good idea for all the business of our Canadian activities to move into that building?—A. To my mind that would be the thing to do.

The CHAIRMAN: Have you any questions, Sir Henry?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: No.

The CHAIRMAN: Any other members of the Committee desire to ask any questions? (To Senator Wilson) Thank you Senator.

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: We have at least had the dignity of having a Senator give evidence before this Committee.

The witness discharged.

The CHAIRMAN: We were dealing with the item on page 19, Railway Operating Expense, Maintenance of Way and Structures. Any other items you want to examine further?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: In connection with the accounts. Have you taken up the income statement on page 17?

The CHAIRMAN: No.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Is not that the first thing to take up? I will go on wherever you want me to go on.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we might go right through the report.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: The income comes first.

The CHAIRMAN: We got into that as a sort of a summary.