

ing to the committee that we consider these things on Tuesday next at a private session of this committee and then dispose of them. That is my attitude; because, after all, the Chairman has not any right to arrogate to himself what action the committee may take in reference to any particular subject matter. I have my own opinion about it and I am prepared to give it to the Committee at the proper time.

Shall we adjourn until Tuesday at 11 o'clock?

Mr. MACMILLAN: In connection with Mr. Euler's statement that there was no good purpose to be served by making those things public, and that it was not in the interest of the railways, he said he took that position last year in reference to all those matters.

I am not referring to expense accounts at all, but when Dr. McGibbon asked certain questions in the House last year the ruling was, it was not in the best interest of the railway, and when a small sub-committee of this committee got certain information that was held under cover. Now, Mr. Euler takes the stand, or took the stand at that time, that it was not in the interests of the railway that these things should be made public. I want to ask him if these things that have been divulged here during the meetings of this committee were not in the interests of the railways or in the interests of the public. What about the New York proposition? What about Sir Henry Thornton's house and all the emoluments he has got from this country? What about the hidden resolution of the special committee wherein he got an extra \$5,000 which the Board of Directors never passed? Were not all those in the interest of the public? I say, Mr. Chairman, with all due respect to Mr. Euler, and he is a very smooth gentleman—

Hon. Mr. EULER: I can say the same of you.

Mr. MACMILLAN: With all due respect to Mr. Euler I think this thing has been in the interests of the railway and the public. Now, so far as those expense accounts are concerned I am more or less inclined to agree with you, Mr. Chairman, and with Mr. Chaplin. We don't want to get into this small stuff.

Hon. Mr. EULER: I disagree absolutely with Mr. MacMillan, that it has been in the interest of the railway to broadcast many of the things that we are investigating here, most of which has not been proven; and I will say this, without any doubt or reservation on my part, that the things that have been said in this Committee have gone a long way to destroy the confidence that the people of Canada have in the Canadian National Railways as a publicly managed and owned institution.

The CHAIRMAN: That is your own opinion.

Hon. Mr. EULER: I will even go this far: I believe that it has gone so far as to do harm to the railways by way of them losing business. If Mr. MacMillan is right, that it has been in the interest of the railway that the public generally should have it conveyed to it suspicions and charges such as we have heard in this Committee, if that were really in the best interests of the railway I would not object, because that is what I am concerned about, the interest of the railway, and I am sincere enough—and I hope the members of the Committee believe that—when I say that I believe this, that every good that has been accomplished by reason of looking into these things could have been accomplished in other ways and would not have resulted in any loss of confidence by the people in the railways and in their management.

The CHAIRMAN: I would like to make this observation in reply to Mr. Euler: He is expressing his opinion on the various phases of the inquiry that has been made in this Committee. He has a perfect right to do so, but I would like it understood that these expressions are his and his alone. After all, in the final analysis, the functions of this Committee, the work of this Committee, is subject