

indicate that in respect to branch line construction by the Canadian Pacific in Western Canada, the returns were very satisfactory up until the depth of the depression.

Some Hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ruel made a similar statement before a Committee of this House concerning the Canadian National Lines in reply to a question by a member of the committee.

Gentlemen, we have had a most illuminating forenoon. Before we adjourn I invite any person to put questions to Mr. Beatty. Now is your time. We do not want anyone to be crowded out.

Hon. Mr. MOLLOY: Mr. Beatty, to boil this thing down, are you convinced in your own mind that administrative amalgamation would be better than the co-operation provided for in this Bill?

Mr. BEATTY: Yes, sir, I have not any doubt about it.

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON: That is a very wide statement. It would be better for whom?

Mr. BEATTY: For all of us.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I should like to have an explanation of the word "amalgamation." That excludes joint management.

Mr. BEATTY: "Consolidation for the purpose of administration" were the words used.

The CHAIRMAN: I want to thank Mr. Beatty for going into this subject so extensively. What he has said will assist us very materially in making up our minds about this Bill. Probably Mr. Beatty has not seen the Bill since it was redrafted. We have only one typewritten copy of the new draft, and perhaps Mr. Beatty will look upon the measure in a more favourable light when he sees the redraft. I do not know, of course, whether he would or not.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The redraft does not alter the principle of the Bill.

The CHAIRMAN: I am not going to admit anything until we see the redraft, but I think I am safe in saying that it does not alter the principle. It has been moved and seconded that a subcommittee, consisting of Senators Meighen, Lynch-Staunton, Beique and myself, be appointed to examine the redraft. Does that motion carry?

Some Hon. SENATORS: Carried.

The CHAIRMAN: The subcommittee will meet immediately after the sitting of the Senate this afternoon. We shall then take up the redrafted Bill, which will be presented to the full committee later.

An Hon. SENATOR: Has the redraft been printed?

The CHAIRMAN: No. The function of the subcommittee will simply be to see if the redraft is a clarification of the intention of the Royal Commission. I take it that you all agree that, in order to save time, the subcommittee will have authority to proceed with the printing of the redrafted Bill if so desired.

The committee adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, November 18, at 11 a.m.