

Canadian National Railways

Ontario. It is has been a great asset to the Dominion of Canada because of the fact that a great deal of money has been collected from that harbour. In the schedule I notice in the first paragraph under the heading, "Goderich", the following:

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and land lying under the waters of lake Huron and the Maitland river, being a water lot lying opposite part of block "A"—

And so on. Then it goes on to describe that land. We have a salt well lying under the waters of the harbour of Goderich. It is 1,700 feet below the surface of the water. I was wondering how that part of the schedule was going to affect the salt well which was started in there within the last three or four years, is now about three miles in length and is lying under the water. As I said, it is 1,700 feet below the surface. For anyone who has never been in Goderich and has never seen that rock salt mine, I think this would be a good trip for him to make in order to have a look at it. I do not know whether or not I am off the subject under discussion. However, I wondered whether that part of the schedule had any effect on this salt mine. I should like to ask that question of the minister.

Mr. Speaker: It is my view that perhaps these questions should be more limited to committee study when the individual items or the schedules are under discussion rather than be asked when the principle of the bill is under discussion. Is the house ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on railways, canals, and telegraph lines.

AERONAUTICS ACTAMENDMENTS RESPECTING BOARDS OF
INQUIRY, ETC.

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Aeronautics Act to authorize the Minister of Transport to establish boards of inquiry to investigate aircraft accidents, to give such boards the necessary power to carry out their functions and to provide for the expenses of witnesses appearing before these boards, and to provide further for certain changes in connection with the administration of the act.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Chown in the chair.

The Chairman: Shall the resolution carry?

Some hon. Members: Carried.

The Chairman: Shall I report the resolution?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Pickersgill: What is the matter? It was carried.

The Chairman: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Pickersgill: It cannot be said that we are not co-operating.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

Mr. Balcer thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-92, to amend the Aeronautics Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYSCONSTRUCTION OF BRANCH LINE FROM
NEPISIGUIT JUNCTION, N.B.

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to authorize and provide for the construction of a line of railway in the province of New Brunswick, by Canadian National Railway Company, from Nepisiguit Junction for a distance of 15 miles to the property of Brunswick Mining and Smelting Corporation Limited, at a total estimated expenditure of \$1,450,000, not to be exceeded by more than fifteen per cent; to authorize the issue by the said Railway Company of securities that may be guaranteed by Her Majesty in right of Canada to finance the construction of the said line; and in order that the said railway company may forthwith proceed with the construction of the said line of railway, to authorize temporary loans to the said railway company out of the consolidated revenue fund upon terms and conditions prescribed by the governor in council and secured by securities of the said railway company.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Chown in the chair.

The Chairman: Shall the resolution carry?

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Mr. Balcer: Mr. Chairman, I must admit that I am a little bit hesitant to get to my feet and speak on this matter. I am almost afraid of talking myself out. May I say I was very thankful to the committee for the speed with which they carried the previous resolution standing in my name on the order paper. I must admit that I expected at least 27 speeches when we decided to include 27 harbours in the previous bill. I imagine they will come on another day.

The present resolution seeks approval to introduce legislation to authorize the Canadian National Railways Company to construct