

Mr. JELLIFF: Perhaps I can get an answer to my question now, as to the branch lines; how do you propose to go on with the branch lines this year?

Mr. HENRY: You mean the financing?

Mr. JELLIFF: Yes.

Mr. HENRY: The financing has to be done as provided in the various Acts. We have issued so far on account of the branch line work \$11,500,000.

Mr. JELLIFF: Do you expect to do more than you did last year?

Mr. HENRY: Well, there is a regular programme.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: We expect to follow that programme as closely as circumstances will permit.

Mr. HENRY: That I think has been already discussed.

The CHAIRMAN: If the authorization goes through the House, you expect to go on with the work?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Certainly.

Mr. MACKINNON: Take item 41, Cost of Road Purchased. What was the new road?

Mr. HENRY: That was the Montreal Terminal Railway, extending from Montreal to Bout-de-l'isle.

Mr. MACKINNON: Was that about two years ago?

Mr. HENRY: Yes, about that.

The CHAIRMAN: We are digging into various items now. Is it your intention to go on that way, or item by item? Are you content to ask a few questions, and let it go at that?

Mr. HARRIS: I would like to transgress the rule, just before you get away from it. Sir Henry asked me for a sample of United States advertising. I had one in my room, but I did not bring it with me.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: May I see the specimen?

Mr. HARRIS: Yes, certainly.

The CHAIRMAN: Maybe you got it in the United States?

Mr. HARRIS: No, I did not; I had it given to me by a gentleman interested in railroad matters, and I carried it quite a while before I noticed where it was made.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I will look at it when it gets here.

The CHAIRMAN: Let us go on with the first item, Engineering. Perhaps Mr. Harris' sample might have been carried across the line recently.

Mr. HARRIS: No, it has not been brought across the line recently.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I will have to look into it, but I can only repeat my general statement, that we have gone to considerable trouble to have every bit of work we can executed in Canada.

The CHAIRMAN: That is your distinct policy?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: That is our distinct policy. I cannot answer for anything of that kind.

Mr. HARRIS: I did not intend to ask you a question like that, I only asked for a general statement as to the United States and Canada in that respect, if you will give us that.

The CHAIRMAN: That closes it.

Mr. MACKINNON: That is catering to Toronto sentiment.

The CHAIRMAN: Let us proceed. No. 1, "Engineering." We have tried to get at this several times. Are there any questions? If not, we will take No. 2, "Land for Transportation Purposes."

[Sir Henry Worth Thornton, K.B.E.]