

The balance sheet for 1936 contains near the end:

Total Liabilities.....
* Dominion Government—Proprietor's Equity (Represented by)—
1,000,000 shares of no par value stock of the Canadian National Railway Company issued in exchange for the residual value of Canadian Northern Stock.....
5,000,000 shares of no par value capital stock issued by Securities Trust to the Government in consideration for the securities, advances, claims for unpaid interest and collateral security now held by Government, .....
Dominion Government Capital Expenditures for Canadian Government Railways.....

I would add as a footnote:

Proprietor's equity is disclosed in the net debt of Canada and in the detailed historical record of Government assistance to railways, as shown in the public accounts of Canada.

This would link the balance sheet to the public accounts, so that anyone looking at that balance sheet would find direct reference to what the proprietor's equity account contains. This note, I think, goes much further than any statement which any company, having passed through some kind of readjustment, has ever disclosed to its shareholders.

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STANTON: Does the honourable gentleman suggest that the note be added to the public accounts rather than to the Canadian National Railways accounts?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No. The note is to be added to the Canadian National balance sheet and is a reference to the proprietor's equity. It is based upon the amendment which I have just read, and which would go in as an addition to clause 11—the very clause suggested by my honourable friend from Montarville (Hon. Mr. Beaubien). The difference between my honourable friend and myself—

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Does that not call attention to the public accounts?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It brings the Canadian National Railway balance sheet into close relation with the public accounts.

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STANTON: Would that not have the effect of adding a note to the public accounts?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No; it is to the balance sheet. So now the only difference between my honourable friend and myself is that he desires that the footnote attached to the balance sheet be accompanied by a schedule containing all that would otherwise be found in the public accounts.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: No. My honourable friend is not right there. The amendment proposed by the honourable senator from Montarville (Hon. Mr. Beaubien) would show in the schedule what you have proposed to write off—\$1,360,000,000.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: That will appear in the public accounts.

Hon. Mr. DUFF: We had better go into committee.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No, there is no need.

Hon. Mr. DUFF: It looks like that to me. I was shut down yesterday—

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Would my honourable friend from Montarville read his amendment?

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: Could I have my honourable friend's suggestion?

Hon. Mr. DUFF: We had better go into committee.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: I was only asking a question.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: Where is the footnote? May I have the draft of the footnote suggested by the honourable leader?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It is in the hands of my honourable friend.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: I understood my honourable friend had another draft. I think he will find he read it just a moment ago.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The honourable gentleman has what I read.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: Where is the draft of the footnote?

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STANTON: What are the words of the footnote?

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: That is what I want.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I will write it again.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: My honourable friend read it.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I read it.

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STANTON: What are the words you desire to add to clause 11?

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: The amendment is here, but what is the wording of the footnote to be placed at the end of the statement?

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STANTON: This is it.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: No, that is not it.