

Mr. VAUGHAN: It is a very necessary service and we think it is a profitable service. It is very difficult actually to say what volume of traffic is originated by these offices, but we will be very glad to furnish you with a copy of our expenses in these places.

Mr. HAZEN: Relating to the relay system you have been experimenting with, has it reached the stage where it is practical?

Mr. VAUGHAN: It is still in the experimental stage. There is a long statement here in connection with it. It is something we have gone into with the Canadian Pacific communication department and it is still in the experimental stage.

Mr. HAZEN: How long have you been working on it?

Mr. VAUGHAN: Since early 1945.

Mr. HAZEN: Has it been an expensive undertaking?

Mr. VAUGHAN: Is the cost there, Mr. Cooper?

Mr. COOPER: To the end of February, 1947, the Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto section, we have spent \$6,166. I do not see the figure here for the Hamilton-Toronto section. I would say that up to the present time we have spent about \$6,000 on it.

Mr. HAZEN: Is there any system like this in operation any place?

Mr. VAUGHAN: I do not think there is in Canada. This is something new, but I think the experiment is being tried elsewhere too.

Mr. McLURE: Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of Mr. Vaughan's report.

Mr. EMMERSON: I am pleased to second that motion.

The CHAIRMAN: Those in favour of the motion?

Carried.

Now we are in a position to go on with the balance sheet. It is nearly six o'clock. Do you think we had better adjourn at this stage and take up the balance sheet tomorrow?

(Discussion as to procedure continued off the record.)

The CHAIRMAN: I think we had better call it six o'clock and if it is agreeable to members of the committee we will meet to-morrow morning again at ten o'clock in room 497.

The committee adjourned at 5.50 o'clock p.m. to meet again to-morrow, April 30th, 1947, at 10 o'clock a.m.