

C. N. R.—Branch Line

Walburg to Loon Lake this summer. We feel the time is ripe to help the thousands who moved here from the south on the understanding that this line would be completed. Your cooperation is requested.

Northern Railways Development Association,
C. F. Marshall, President,
Fred Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer.

I understand that in regard to this railway the minister has a petition dated April 4. Moreover, the matter has been brought up in the house by myself time and again during the last five years.

Mr. SPEAKER: I would ask the hon. member to put his question.

Mr. McINTOSH: I am just coming to the question.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member has laid a sufficient foundation for the question if he will now kindly ask it.

Mr. McINTOSH: The question, based on the submission made to the special committee on railways and shipping by the member for Athabaska and myself on April 10, and also on the questions, to which I have referred, brought up in the house during the last five years, is this: Can the minister add anything further to his previous statements in regard to the extension of this branch line, thus more fully informing parliament and the country on the question.

Hon. R. J. MANION (Minister of Railways): The hon. gentleman appeared before the railway committee and, assisted by the hon. member for Athabaska (Mr. Davies), submitted the case. They both went into the matter carefully with the management. I have nothing new from the management with regard to the question but they are no doubt giving it consideration and I shall be glad to bring to their attention the remarks which the hon. gentleman has just made.

GRANTING OF INTERIM SUPPLY

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): I notice that yesterday, when the Minister of Finance (Mr. Rhodes) was asking for interim supply, he intimated that he thought an arrangement had been made with the opposition as to the granting of this supply. As a matter of fact, I do not think that any such arrangement was made with anyone on this side of the house. Had I been here, I would not have objected to the granting of a month's interim

[Mr. McIntosh.]

supply; I would, however, have pointed out that it is now over five years since the last parliament went out of existence, and that the time has come when the members on this side, or indeed in any other part of the house, should not be asked to take steps calculated to assist in further prolonging the demise of the present parliament and government.

PATENTS OF INVENTION

The house resumed, from Tuesday, May 28, consideration in committee of Bill No. 48, to amend and consolidate the acts relating to patents of invention—Mr. Cahan—Mr. Morand in the chair.

The CHAIRMAN: Section 65 is under consideration.

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (Secretary of State): During the debate on the various sections of this bill, from 1 to 64, the hon. member for East Kootenay (Mr. Stevens), the former Minister of Trade and Commerce, called the attention of the house to a letter which he had written, addressed to me, dated July 30, 1934. I remembered, of course, receiving that letter and making certain inquiries in regard to it, and then seeking an interview with the hon. gentleman, who was then my colleague in the government, and finding that he had left for the west, the time of his return being uncertain. I have no doubt there is a proper explanation why a letter dated July 30, 1934, was not delivered to me until several days later. I presume the explanation is that prior to leaving for the west he signed a number of letters, one dated July 30, and that that letter was held by his secretary for the compilation of the documents which were to be attached to it and which might require some further time. But this fact remains, as I have stated, that I did make some inquiries in regard to the matter during his absence; and without going into a full discussion—I do not think this is necessary—I wish to say simply that I did find that, with regard to the complaint of George A. Broder of the North Shore Radio and Electric Company of Vancouver, on the same day as the date of the letter in question, July 30, a judgment against him had been entered in the Exchequer Court of Canada for infringement of patent rights; and that judgment having been entered, and the case closed by a judgment from which no appeal had been taken, there was no possibility of the Secretary of State or of the commissioner of patents intervening. With regard to the case of Morris Feldberg, on looking into it I found that among the documents submitted to me was