

9-10 EDWARD VII., A. 1910

The committee adjourned till Tuesday, 22nd instant, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

VICTOR GEOFFRION,
Chairman.

Attest,
WALTER TODD,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, February 22, 1910.

The committee met at 11 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT:—Messrs. Geoffrion (chairman), Macdonald, Clarke (Essex), Wilson (Laval), Barker, Lennox and Crothers—7.

Mr. R. C. Smith, K.C., informed the committee that he was present to represent the Board of Commissioners of the National Transcontinental Railway as counsel.

Mr. Barker moved that the committee proceed to the consideration of the motion made by him at the last meeting of the committee for the production of certain papers and documents. Mr. Macdonald moved in amendment thereto that consideration of the said motion be allowed to stand for the present, to enable Mr. Lumsden to be heard, amendment agreed to.

Mr. Lumsden stated that it was not his intention to be represented by counsel.

Mr. Lennox moved that the committee do not proceed with the investigation until counsel has been engaged on behalf of the public, in order that the facts may be fully elicited, it having been announced that Mr. Smith, K.C. appears as counsel for the Commission, and Mr. Lumsden of being without counsel.

Mr. Macdonald moved in amendment thereto that the committee proceed to hear what statement Mr. Lumsden has to make, and on hearing him will, in view of his having stated that he does not desire counsel, determine what parties, if any should be represented by counsel in order to best ascertain the full facts, and the question being put on the amendment, the committee divided as follows: Yeas—Messrs. Macdonald, Clarke (Essex), and Wilson (Laval), 3. Nays—Messrs. Barker, Lennox and Crothers, 3. The voices being equal the chairman voted yea and declared the amendment carried. Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. Barker moved that the committee do now adjourn, which was negatived.

Mr. Hugh D. Lumsden was sworn and produced a statement of the reason for resigning his position. (*See Exhibit No. 1, page 71, of the Evidence.*)

Mr. Lumsden also produced a memorandum showing returns of classification at certain stations in Districts B and F, and notes thereon made by himself after personal observation. (*See Exhibit No. 2, page 79, of the Evidence.*)

Mr. Lumsden was asked to produce at the next meeting of the committee, a statement of the names of the engineers responsible for the classification on the said stations so far as he could ascertain or recollect them (together with a statement of what each engineer had said to him in regard thereto and upon which he had based his statement that he had lost confidence in a portion of the staff.)

Mr. Lennox moved that committee recommend that their proceedings and the evidence taken by them be printed and reported to the House from day to day, which was agreed to.

Committee adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

VICTOR GEOFFRION,
Chairman.

Attest,
WALTER TODD,
Clerk.