

9. That the negotiations in the immediately preceding statement referred to have been carried on to a successful conclusion, the authorities of the city making stipulation that action under agreement reached through such negotiation to be taken immediately, in which immediate action the authorities of the Canadian National Railways concur.

10. That the Council of the city passed a resolution on the 15th day of April 1926, (copy of the resolution hereto attached marked "A") making reference to the agreement and, in particular, to clauses 12, 13, 14, 16, and 17 thereof and to the matter of hotel requirements in the city, and under said resolution resolved as follows:

"That, in consideration of the said railway companies, or either of them, immediately erecting, or causing to be erected by an arrangement with any other person or company, a first class modern hotel containing not less than five hundred rooms, and forthwith to maintain and operate the same, the city hereby releases the company from its obligations under clauses 12, 13, 14 and 17 of the said agreement of 1913."

11. That it is the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Canadian National Railway Company that, in view of the progress made by the Canadian National Railways in revenue receipts during the present year the whole cost of the construction of the proposed five hundred room hotel can be met from the estimates which were submitted to parliament at its last session and approved by the agreement or agreements with the city of Vancouver to give full effect accordingly.

The committee concur in the foregoing recommendation and submit the same for approval."

I might just say in apologizing for reading that long document, I should not have intruded into this discussion at all, but my friend Mr. Hanbury brought me into it by declaring that I used the words "unnecessary extravagance."

Mr. HANSON: Mr. Chairman, it would appear from the reading of that order in council that by letter of the 3rd of August Sir Henry Thornton endorsed the whole proposal as outlined in the order in council.

Hon. Dr. MANION: Apparently.

Mr. HANSON: That order in council was rescinded in September, the next month, before the election. I would like to know from Sir Henry Thornton if there was any authority for the rescission of that order in council, or did the old government do it off their own bat.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I had nothing whatever to do with it.

Mr. HANSON: I am glad to hear that.

Now, the old government cancelled the arrangement that the railways themselves had made with the Vancouver authorities, as you will note in that order in council, and the hotel was not to be built on railway property but on a site to be selected. I leave it to the public to conclude about the arrangement.

Hon. Dr. MANION: It is probably lucky I read that other order in council after all.

Hon. Mr. EULER: I was just wondering whether the two statements made in that order in council are reconcilable. The order in council calls for the construction of a hotel with no fewer than 500 rooms. It also says that it shall cost \$3,500,000 and that it shall be a first class hotel. I would like to know whether it is possible to complete a hotel, built on those requirements, a first class hotel with 500 rooms, for \$3,500,000.

Mr. CANTLEY: There is a wide variety of opinion on what is a first class hotel.