

*By Mr. Stewart:*

Q. Where would you be using the hard wood ties?—A. These particular ties were used on the Grand Trunk Western lines west of Detroit, between Detroit and Chicago, and through Michigan. I do not think any of these ties came into Canada.

Mr. BROWN: No, it was all used on the Grand Trunk Western.

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Q. Do you get any of the ties for our Canadian lines in the United States?—A. No.

Q. Do you get all the ties for our American lines in the United States?—A. I think we buy them all in the United States.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Is there a duty against ties, either way?—A. I do not know whether there is or not, but I think there is a duty on ties and lumber going into the United States. I am sure there is.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, it is nearly one o'clock; do you wish to proceed any further?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I think we would save time on these questions of expenses if the Controller of Accounts brings down his regular monthly statements. That is something I am much more familiar with than anything else.

The WITNESS: What statements do you refer to?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: The regular monthly statement of receipts and disbursements.

The WITNESS: You would want twelve of them?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Yes; we could get everything very quickly that way, and we could see the general trend at once.

The WITNESS: Then you would only get the amounts that would be charged to certain items month by month, and I want to point out that that may or may not be a fair criterion, because in some particular month you might charge an amount for some reason, a very much larger or a very much smaller amount than in another month. Ordinarily what we should do is to budget certain items of expenses; that is more or less of a practice on most railways, to charge one-twelfth of the amount each month, whether the work is done or not.

Mr. DRUMMOND: Mr. Chairman, I would like to get some information in regard to the losses sustained in regard to the hotels.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: We have that in the House now. I am afraid we are losing money on all of them.

The WITNESS: I have not the slightest desire to suggest the procedure which should be followed by this committee, but if you are going to go through each one of these items month by month, you are going to make your work twelve times as hard as you should.

The CHAIRMAN: Would it be satisfactory to take the statement here, and if you feel you want more additional information than you have, perhaps we could resort to the other.

The WITNESS: We can furnish you with the annual report, with the items of increase and decrease shown on the margin. Would that help you?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: If I had those things now I could go over them this afternoon and let you know.

[Sir Henry Thornton.]