

114. You say these sheets are filed?—Yes.

115. Are they numbered consecutively?—The car bears a consecutive number, and they are filed for each day, not for each car.

116. Supposing there is no sheet for a certain day, are we to assume the car is not out?—If there was no sheet for that particular car inquiries would be made whether the man put in the sheet, or whether the car remained in the shed.

117. Who files the sheet?—The Engineer.

118. Are they available for every motorman?—If they ask for them, yes.

119. Can a man see the previous report if he wants to?—Yes, if he asks for it.

120. If on searching it was found that the report of the previous day was missing, what evidence would there be to satisfy a man that it had not been suppressed?—I think it is a very serious suggestion to say that officers are going to suppress important documents like that.

121. I will say "mislaidd"?—The man would have the right to ask for the report of that particular matter for that particular day.

122. But it might not be forthcoming?—If it were mislaidd it would not be.

123. That would not be the case if there was a book?—If there was a book for each car that might be mislaidd just the same.

124. The Bill provides that it is an offence to remove the book?—Then we could not hand the book from one officer to another.

125. You could make extracts from it?—The Engineer, being able to see the car-reports, is able to check his car-shed men.

126. Some of these reports are a long time in getting filed?—No, they come in every day. If a man does not put in his report he is asked for it.

127. It has to go into a number of hands afterwards?—No, only one or two. Supposing a man reports that his brake is defective, that is handed to the car-shed foreman, and he reports. The same with the overhead foreman or the permanent-way superintendent. Each report does not go to all those officers.

128. I suppose the Engineer always reports?—He makes notes if he finds it necessary. The reports are to him, not to the Board. He does not report to anybody.

129. I suppose it frequently happens that there are no remarks by the Engineer?—If he is satisfied with what has been done, there is no need for him to make a report to any one.

130. *Mr. Hardy* ] With regard to the Orders in Council, have you made yourself acquainted with them?—We have about six or eight of them, and they are pretty lengthy. We are more or less acquainted with them.

131. Your Order in Council is supposed to guide you in your traffic, not only for the convenience but for the safety of the public?—That is so.

132. Does any officer representing the Government ever look in to see that you are carrying out your Orders in Council?—The Resident Engineer is frequently about our place in consultation with our own Engineer about matters, and I have no doubt he draws attention to anything that is incorrect.

133. Is he responsible to the Government for things that are not carried out according to your Order in Council?—I do not know whether he is responsible or not.

134. He looks after you to see that the Orders in Council are not a dead-letter?—That is left to the Tramway Board itself.

135. Is the Order in Council a dead-letter?—By no means.

136. Yet you are disobeying it pretty often?—No, except in the case referred to by Mr. Blow.

137. Who is it that is responsible for carrying out the Orders in Council?—The Tramway Board itself.

138. Who is responsible for seeing that you are carrying them out?—I presume the Public Works Department, if their attention is drawn to any matters. There is a penal clause in the Order that could be enforced at any time the Public Works Department likes.

139. Does a representative of the Public Works Office come down to see that you are enforcing the regulations under an Order in Council?—The Resident Engineer is down a good deal.

140. If, as you have already stated, the Order in Council is a dead-letter so far as some things are concerned?—On a few occasions in the year.

141. We will not say how often. If it is so, do you think the making of other Orders in Council, or the passing of Bills of Parliament making them law, will enforce the safety of the public?—I think the Tramway Board is in a better position to look after the safety of the public. They have no personal gain in the matter at all.

142. Is there any necessity for this Bill at all?—I honestly do not think there is.

143. That is borne out by the fact that the Public Works Department is not looking out that the Orders in Council are being carried out by the Tramways Board?—I would not say they are evading their duty.

144. Have they punished you for not carrying out the regulations?—No.

145. Do you think it right that they should not punish you?—There are some regulations that are not carried out—practically by the tacit understanding of the officers concerned.

146. "A book for every car": you use sheets?—Yes.

147. Are they numbered?—No.

148. Would it be of any importance that the sheets should be numbered and filed?—No, because the men lose them themselves. A man is given a sheet when he goes out, and might lose the form.

149. Is there any fine for that?—No. They are cheap enough, and he can get another one. Do you mean, after it is filled up?

150. Yes?—Then care is taken of it, of course.

151. Mr. Blow, in his cross-examination, inquired whether there was a danger of these sheets going astray: now, in order to make sure they will not go astray, why not number them and send