

about the first of September last, there was a change in the management of your road. Shortly thereafter its accredited representatives came here, sought an interview with me, expressed a sincere desire to comply with the law, and pointed out the evil consequences which they thought would fall upon all New England if suit were instituted.

EXPRESSED GOOD FAITH

They were especially anxious to obtain time, and led me to believe that they were acting in the utmost good faith. I withheld the suit, and much time and labor were expended in negotiating the details of an adjustment.

In working these out information and suggestions were received from many sources, and the utmost liberality was exercised in a sincere effort to solve the great problem, so that the law might be fairly complied with and substantial competition in transportation in New England be re-established—all with the smallest possible immediate damage to the industrial and financial situation.

The plan finally evolved was accepted with practical unanimity both by the directors and stockholders of your road. The disposition by the New Haven road of its interest in the stock of the Boston and Maine was an essential.

In the year 1909, in order to enable the New Haven railroad to control the Boston and Maine, the Massachusetts legislature created the Boston Railroad Holding Company, giving it authority to hold stock in the latter road, and at the same time authorized the former road to own the stock of the holding company.

The act also expressly provided that the holding company should not sell its Boston and Maine stock, nor should the New Haven road sell the stock of the holding company without the consent of the legislature; and, further, that the state should have the right to purchase the stock of the holding company at a price to be fixed in a prescribed way.

ACTION BY LEGISLATURE

The agreement which your company has with me provides that it will ask the governor of

Massachusetts to propose to the legislature "to amend the charter of the Boston Railroad Holding Company, removing the prohibition against the sale of the Boston and Maine stock now owned by the holding company.

In due time the governor did make this request, and, responding thereto, the legislature passed an act removing the prohibition and authorizing the disposition of the stock.

A further provision declares "this stock may at any time be taken or purchased by the commonwealth of Massachusetts at the fair value thereof in accordance with law," and requires this to be stamped upon the certificates themselves.

It must be remembered that, ever since 1909, the commonwealth has had the right to purchase the New Haven Holding Company stock at a valuation to be determined in substantially the same way as is now provided in respect of the Boston and Maine stock; and therefore the New Haven's interest in the Boston and Maine railroad is not subjected by the recent statute to any restrictions more burdensome than those imposed upon it when the New Haven was authorized to acquire it.

SAYS ROAD HAS POWER

Obviously it is now within the power of the New Haven railroad to carry out the agreement and understanding which its representatives made with me, and thereby to remove all question of good faith and prevent all of the calamitous results to the public interest which they so earnestly represented, would follow the institution of a suit by the government.

Your counsel, referring to the B. & M. stock, now in effect owned by the New Haven, says that the recent enactment "retains the control by Massachusetts over the stock to such an extent as to make it unmarketable," and upon this ground it is sought to justify the action which your directors proposed to take.

Manifestly, the only possible deleterious effect of the control retained by the commonwealth over the B. & M. stock would be upon its selling price. The New Haven, in effect, now owns \$22,000,000 of this stock, worth in the market about

thirty-five cents on the dollar, a total value of less than eight millions.

How seriously the retained control would affect the fair value can only be a matter of speculation—it certainly would not destroy it, if indeed the result would be deleterious at all. All the real property, for example, within the state of Massachusetts, is subject to be taken by the commonwealth, and yet its value is not impaired.

If your directors adhere to the position which they have taken, the plain result will be that, because they think it may be impossible to procure for the \$22,000,000 of Boston and Maine stock as much as might be obtained under different circumstances, they are willing to throw aside the agreement solemnly made with me and to subject the whole of New England to the consequences of the litigation which must necessarily follow.

If they bring this result about, then the public must know where the responsibility lies and draw its own conclusions concerning the motives which have impelled.

The president directs me to say that he is not yet ready to believe that those who control the New Haven railroad, in order to secure some possible increase in the selling price of \$22,000,000 of stock, now offered at about one-third of its face value, are willing to turn away from a solemn agreement with the government, made after long and careful consideration, and thereby subject the interests of both New England and the nation at large to the consequences of prolonged and unnecessary litigation.

And he thinks, accordingly, that your board of directors should give this matter serious reconsideration.

Faithfully yours, J. C. McREYNOLDS, Attorney-General.

Washing press dispatches of July 11th state that the New Haven road had agreed to the dissolution terms of Attorney-General McReynolds to avoid a civil suit. The news report stated that the action of the road will not affect criminal prosecution of the road's directors. A grand jury in New York probably will take up the cases early in September.

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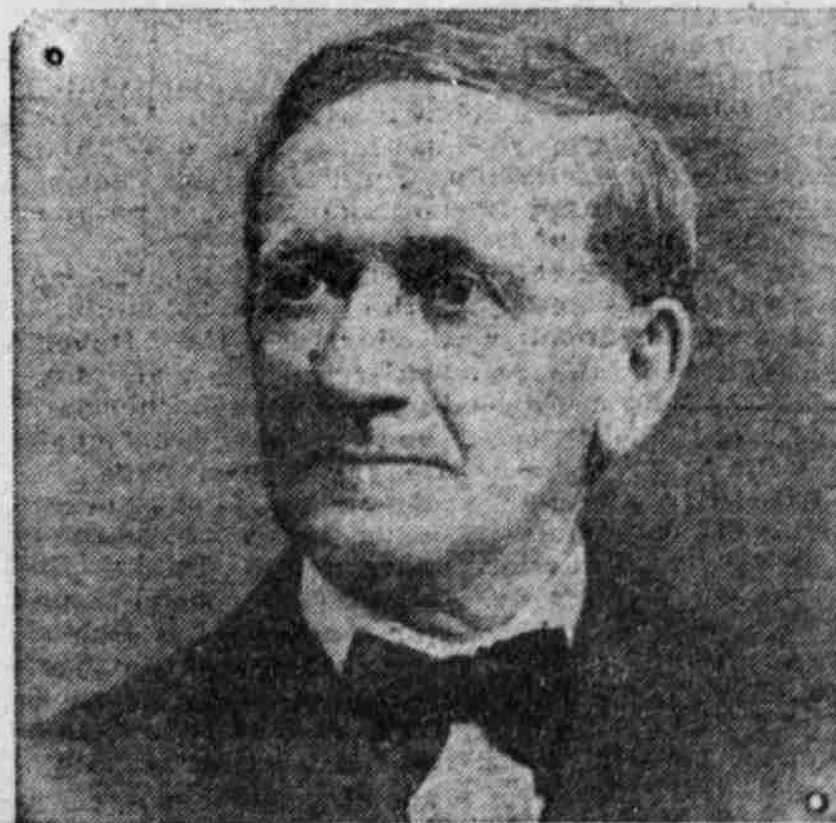
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