

Mr. GRAHAM. I think probably there is an arrangement between the company and the contractors.

Mr. FOSTER. What kind of a service is being given on it?

Mr. GRAHAM. I am informed there has been a time table issued for this 660 miles but I have not seen it.

Mr. J. HAGGART. How is it that you have paid the whole amount of the government guarantee if you have not taken over the road?

Mr. GRAHAM. We have not done that.

Mr. J. HAGGART. Your report placed on the table says so.

Mr. GRAHAM. I think my hon. friend will find that is an error.

Mr. SPROULE. Has not that portion of the road been carrying grain during the winter? I saw a report that they were prepared to handle grain and freight.

Mr. GRAHAM. They have been carrying grain as all these roads carry anything that is given them. They have also carried passengers. But they are not under our control or that of the Railway Commission. There is a little work, ballasting, etc., yet to be done before it is taken over. In the meantime they are accommodating the public by carrying freight and passengers.

Mr. SPROULE. Who authorized any tariff being put in operation?

Mr. GRAHAM. I am told the Board of Railway Commissioners have given them permissive authority to run as they are now doing, and has approved of a certain tariff they are charging the people.

Mr. SPROULE. Have they been carrying much grain?

Mr. GRAHAM. I am informed they have carried quite a large quantity, but I have only newspaper information, we have no report.

Mr. J. HAGGART. The minister says the full amount has not been paid out on the Grand Trunk Pacific from Winnipeg to Edmonton? Who pays them for what they do? There is an issue of a certified quantity of stock or securities to some one and the money received from that I think goes into the treasury, and is moneyed out in some way to the railway as they earn it. Is that done by the railway or the Finance Department?

Mr. GRAHAM. On a certificate from my department the Finance Department releases a certain amount of money on this guarantee. I believe that about \$10,000,000 has been released on the prairie section, the 660 miles.

Mr. J. HAGGART. How much more is there still to release?

Mr. GRAHAM. I cannot tell that off-hand. That is more a question for the Finance Department than for mine.

Mr. SPROULE. Do the inspectors have to pass upon that portion of the road to be built by the government or only that portion to be built by the Grand Trunk Pacific themselves?

Mr. GRAHAM. That applies only to the western division, the Grand Trunk Pacific, to see that they live up to their contract with us because we guarantee a certain amount of bonds.

Mr. SPROULE. On the result of that inspection and the reports I presume you pay out your money?

Mr. GRAHAM. Yes.

To provide for expenses, preparing plans for the reconstruction of the Quebec bridge, \$150,000.

Mr. GRAHAM. As the committee are aware we selected three of the most prominent engineers we could find in the world to take charge of this work. They were appointed by order in council and given authority not only to prepare adequate plans but to examine all former plans and to pronounce upon the possibility or advisability of using any material already prepared under former plans. After they make their own plans they are to be responsible for the construction of a bridge upon those plans that will stand up. Mr. H. E. Vautelet is chief engineer and chairman of the board. He receives \$1,000 a month. I asked Sir Thomas Shaughnessy as to his ability and Sir Thomas told me that he believed Mr. Vautelet had the ability and if he were building the bridge he would feel safe in giving to Mr. Vautelet the entire work that we are giving to these three engineers, he had such confidence in his ability.

Mr. J. HAGGART. Is he a Canadian?

Mr. GRAHAM. I think that he was originally from France, but he is now a naturalized citizen of Canada. He was educated in France, and is a very prominent engineer. With the Canadian Pacific Railway he has done splendidly.

Mr. FOSTER. Is all his time devoted to this work?

Mr. GRAHAM. Yes, since he was engaged. Mr. Maurice Fitzmaurice, C.M.G., is the chief engineer of the London County Council. He is the English representative on this board. We pay him \$1,000 a month.

Mr. FOSTER. Does he devote all his time to this?

Mr. GRAHAM. No, not all his time.