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province had to pay any part it would mean almost ruin to the province, 6381. The grades were not to be greater than those of the Intercolonial Railway. Some grades on the Intercolonial railway are $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, 6382. When Mr. Gould came before the provincial government he did not want to build even to the village of Andover, 6383. No wonder that they are a little suspicious that the declarations of the intention of the company will not be carried out, 6384. Supports the amendment. Hopes the minister will reconsider and allow it to pass, 6385. Does the minister not think they would build the road for \$31,400 per mile as far north as this road goes, 6386. Thought the minister said it was an official survey, 6388. Asks the minister to answer Mr. Pugsley's question, 6394.

Cochrane, Hon. F. (Minister of Railways)—6374.

We should not give any bonds for a bridge until the completion of that bridge, 6374. Has no objection to the amendment of Mr. Pugsley. Cannot accept that of Mr. Michaud, 6379. Never heard a protest against that, 6380. I do not think I am trying to get any, 6383. Have no fear. Have faith. It is the policy of the government to give running rights over the Intercolonial railway or branches to any company on a fair basis, 6390.

Hazen, Hon. J. D. (Minister of Marine)—6377.

No objection in accepting Mr. Pugsley's amendment. Is satisfied that the road will go on to Grand Falls, so that it is not necessary, 6377. Believes its successful construction and operation are secured and in a few years the road will not be a drain on either Dominion or provincial resources, 6378. The electors decided that the course taken by the government in regard to the St. John Valley was the right one, 6385. The people are satisfied that Mr. Gould has the financial backing to successfully construct the road, 6386. Speaks by way of explanation lest it might be said that the statement had been made in parliament and not been challenged, 6387. The resolution moved by Mr. Michaud is not one which should commend itself to the House, 6388. There is no doubt that the road will be constructed. The road of vast importance not only to New Brunswick but the Dominion, 6389. The wish from the start was that the road should be operated as part of the Intercolonial railway system. The Bill contained those conditions, 6392. We took what to my mind was the proper course, a course endorsed by the people of New Brunswick, 6393. The financial condition of New Brunswick was never better and healthier than to-day. Suggests the third reading, 6394.

Michaud, P. (Victoria, N. B.)—6378.

Fears there is something will prevent the construction of this road from St. John

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to Grand Falls. Thomas Malcolm's application, 6378. Moves an amendment to section 2 on the understanding that the road will be on the north shore, 6379. Asks if the survey from Andover to Grand Falls has been submitted to the minister, 6394.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City)—6374.

Should be a provision empowering the minister to hold back a certain proportion of bonds and apply them to each bridge, 6374. Notice should be given the provincial government and time allowed to finish a road before the minister declares a lease at an end, 6375. Particularly pleased the road is going to be built all the way from St. John to Grand Falls, 6376. Should have what is of immense importance the Intercolonial railway operation of the whole road permanently established, 6377. The minister has Mr. Maxwell's estimates of the cost of the three bridges, 6388. In the draft agreement, it was provided that there should be running rights over this road, 6389. It provided that these running rights and the charges for them should be settled by the Board of Railway Commissioners, 6390. All we wanted was a road of very high standard built from St. John to Grand Falls and operated by the Intercolonial railway, 6391. The requirements which we insisted upon have been in all substantial respects adopted by the government, 6392. Did not Mr. Chestnut as president officially write Mr. Hazen as premier of New Brunswick? 6393. An amendment to law. Let the Bill stand for third reading, 6394.

AID TO TIMISKAMING AND NORTHERN ONTARIO RAILWAY.

Subsidy in committee, 6415.

Bennett, W. N. (East Simcoe)—6415.

The majority she gave last time, 6415. Asks if the construction of this line will not benefit the Timiskaming district and the province of Quebec, 6421.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—6405.

If New Brunswick undertook to build the St. John Valley railway would Mr. Carvell oppose a subsidy to the province? 6405. The government has not refused anything of the kind. A railway now being built by the government in Nova Scotia, 6407. An application for a subsidy was made by the province of Ontario shortly after its construction had been determined, 6408. The two considerations which form a basis for the Bill, 6409. In respect of the railways there was great divergence of opinion as to what would be the best route, 6410. Corrects Mr. Carvell, 6411. Is glad Mr. Graham has dissipated some of the objections which have been raised on the other side. It is not a completed road, 6446. Sir Wilfrid Laurier seems to re-