

to whom they are let. I want to know the number of ties they bought in 1919 and what they paid for them.

Mr. J. D. REID: On July 21, 1919, tenders were advertised for our requirement of ties for the whole system. We advertised for 1,000,000 ties to be delivered on the Canadian National lines in British Columbia.

In answer to this advertisement we received tenders from twenty-eight firms, the lowest tenders being:—

K. Fessenden, 30,000 ties, at 65c for No. 1, and 55c for No. 2.

Aickin and Stevens,—100,000 ties, at 75c for No. 1, and 65c for No. 2.

Carter and Mear,—30,000 ties, at 66c for No. 1, and 56c for No. 2.

Galbraith and Earle,—8,000 ties, at 75c for No. 1, and 65c for No. 2. and 67,000 sawn ties, at \$19 per M.

George Fennell,—45,000 ties, at 80c for No. 1, and 60c for No. 2. Sawn Ties, 75c No. 1's, 65c No. 2's and 25c for No. 3's.

Northern Construction Company,—1,000,000 ties, 78c for No. 1, 70c for No. 2, and 40c for No. 3.

The balance of the tenders run from 80 cents to \$1.13 for No. 1 ties. We closed contracts with K. Fessenden for 30,000; Aickin and Stevens 100,000; Carter and Mear, 45,000; Galbraith and Earle, 75,000; George Fennell, 45,000; and the Northern Construction Company, 750,000, 150,000 of these to be delivered west of Kamloops, and the balance between Kamloops and the Alberta Summit.

In addition to the tie contract with the Northern Construction Company, we have made contracts with them for the following material. In all cases these contracts were let after competitive bids were asked:

January 24th Contract for 2,785 Cedar poles, 25 ft. long 6 inches tops at \$2.50 each;

2,232 Cedars poles 30ft. long 7 inches top at \$3.00 each;

1,450 Cedar poles 35 ft. long 7 inches top at \$5.25 each.

Also a contract on the same date for 103,000 standard cedar fence posts 8 feet long at 14 cents each. On January 15th, they received a contract for the delivery of 1,143 cedar piles 20 feet long; 730 cedar piles 25 feet long; 201 cedar piles 30 feet long; 252 cedar piles 35 feet long; 90 cedar piles 40 feet long; 12 cedar piles 45 feet long, for construction work. Also for maintenance—125 pieces 35 feet long; 265 pieces 40 feet long; 130 pieces 45 feet long; 60 pieces 50 feet long.

Mr. CAHILL: Could the minister give me any information about the coal contracts?

Mr. J. D. REID: Yes, I have the details here, but it would take a long time to read them.

Mr. CAHILL: I have no doubt the details could be placed on Hansard without their being read, if you would ask for the unanimous consent of the committee to that course being pursued.

Mr. J. D. REID: The information I have here occupies about five pages. Does the hon. member wish it placed on Hansard?

Mr. CAHILL: Yes, if you get the unanimous consent of the committee.

The CHAIRMAN: I am sure that if the putting of these documents on Hansard would enable us to dispose of the Railway Estimates to-night the committee will give its unanimous consent. I have therefore much pleasure in asking the committee for unanimous consent in order to place on Hansard the lists supplied by the minister.

The committee gave unanimous consent and the documents were presented, as follows: