

never able to enlist sufficient capital to build a hotel. From the care which is being taken in connection with the project, I am satisfied the hotel will be not only useful, but ornamental and that it will not interfere with the park. The small area fenced off for the purpose of the hotel will interfere very little with the park and if the building is to be in harmony with the public buildings there can be no objection to it. The government and the city have been very particular about the city of the building and the character of the material, and if the people of Ottawa, who are more interested than gentlemen who are here only for a few months, are anxious to have the hotel built, we should not object. The people of Ottawa have made concessions to the Grand Trunk Railway to have not only a station, but a hotel erected here. A settlement has been arrived at. I do not think the money consideration should enter into the question; but the government is getting \$100,000 for that little piece of land and altogether it is a good move on the part of the Grand Trunk Railway, the government and the city council of Ottawa, to do what they have done to accomplish what they have been trying to bring about for a number of years. What I rose particularly to say, was, that the statement of the hon. senator from Marshfield with regard to the Grand Trunk Railway was entirely uncalled for.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—Any hon. gentleman who will take up the statistics of the Railway Department and make the comparison for himself will find that the number of employees injured on the Grand Trunk Railway system as compared with the Canadian Pacific Railway is as four to one. That is the story that the statistics reveal. Some lines of the Grand Trunk Railway may be in excellent condition, but taking the whole system, there must be something at fault when there is this large percentage of accidents. A railway that is in that position would be very much better employed in perfecting their system and lowering the percentage of accidents with the working of their lines, than in building a hotel.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I have not looked over the statistics, but comparing the statistics of people injured in proportion to the number of employees and of passengers carried on the Grand Trunk Railway with similar statistics of other lines, I doubt if the hon. gentleman's remarks are justified by the facts. His reflection on the Grand Trunk Railway is of the same nature as his insinuation against the Board of Railway Commissioners when the orders of the day were called this morning. Such insinuations are unfair. I do not know that this House has been furnished with any information by the Railway Commission that is not correct. The hon. gentleman did make a statement to show that they were wrong, because his particular ideas were not borne out by the information they furnished; but that is no evidence that they were in the wrong.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—The hon. gentleman is altogether out of order. He is now dealing with a question that is not before us. When he makes a statement about the loss of life on the Grand Trunk Railway he should look up the returns and find out the facts.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—What has that to do with the hotel?

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN—I exceedingly regret that my esteemed friend from Marshfield should have so far wandered from the path of prudence as to attempt to cast a reflection, as he did by his remarks, on the Grand Trunk Railway. The Grand Trunk Railway was the pioneer line of this country, and has rendered admirable service to Canada. In undertaking to build a hotel at Ottawa, it is only following the example set by the Canadian Pacific Railway and by most of the leading railways of the country. The hon. gentleman is exceedingly indiscreet in venturing to lecture the general manager and the board of directors of the Grand Trunk Railway as to what they should do about building hotels. The company surely know what they are doing. They have had this matter a long time under consideration, and have come to the decision to construct a hotel at Ottawa and the tirade of the hon. gentleman is alto-