

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, February 16, 1910.

The Special Committee appointed to inquire into the charges and allegations made by Mr. Hugh D. Lumsden, late Chief Engineer of the National Transcontinental Railway, met in Room No. 30 at 11 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT:—MESSRS. Geoffrion, Macdonald, Clarke (Essex), Wilson (Laval), Lennox, Barker and Crothers.—7.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald Mr. Geoffrion was chosen as chairman.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald it was

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the National Transcontinental Railway be notified of the date of the next meeting of the committee, and that a summons be issued to Mr. Hugh D. Lumsden, late Chief Engineer of the said railway, to appear at the next meeting for the purpose of defining his position in regard to the matters which have been referred to the committee.

Mr. Barker moved that an order do issue for the production by the proper officer of the following papers, viz. :—

1. Contracts, correspondence and papers in regard to Mr. Lumsden's appointment; minutes, correspondence, directions and papers as to his authority and duties, and the performance of his duties, and his retirement.

2. Similar papers to above, and all recommendations as regards the several members of the engineering staff from time to time employed on Districts B and F.

3. All construction contracts upon Districts B and F, with the tenders for the works comprised therein; the data, plans and information upon which the tenders were figured out; the papers exhibiting such figuring out, and the specifications, original and amended.

NOTE.—Where contracts or other forms are common to several works, one only need be produced, with, as to the others, a memorandum giving necessary particulars.

4. All progress and other estimates as regards such works submitted to the Commission, and the chief engineer's reports and comments thereon.

5. A statement as regards Districts B and F, what matters in dispute have been referred to and are still pending before the arbitration, and what have been disposed of and in what manner.

6. A statement of the general nature of each such matter in dispute so referred or so pending of the estimated sums of money and quantities, by classes, involved, and the location by mile-posts, or other more convenient and particular manner, of such respective works.

7. All papers and correspondence relating to any matter which had been in dispute and which has been disposed of, whether referred to the arbitrators or not; and as to the disposition thereof so far as the parties to the arbitration are concerned; and also as regards the contractors for the work.

Resolved, That an order do issue for the production of the papers mentioned in the first four paragraphs of the foregoing motion.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald, it was

Resolved, That the committee do recommend that leave be granted to them to sit while the House is in Session.