

printed and as presumably signed by the three commissioners? I would like to see it.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I am sorry to say that my hon. friend is not up to date. It is not the report until it has been signed.

Mr. BRADBURY. I do not wish to discuss the matter, but I think the First Minister is labouring under a misapprehension. The report has been signed by three commissioners, there was a fourth commissioner, the present Mr. Justice Metcalfe, who investigated Lac du Bonnet, and he resigned. The report has been signed by the other man, Mr. Hugg, who was appointed in Mr. Metcalfe's place, and the report as printed is signed by the three commissioners: Mr. Hugg, Mr. Read and Professor Prince.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. The printed report is signed amongst others by Mr. Metcalfe supposing he would agree. It is understood he does not agree, and the report is held until it is ascertained whether he agrees or not.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Were there three commissioners or four?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. So far as I know there were three. If my hon. friend will come to my office to-morrow afternoon, I will be glad to show him the report.

#### ST. PETER'S INDIAN RESERVE.

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). Mr. Speaker, I desire to refer to a request made by the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Bradbury) last Thursday for information regarding a return that was laid on the table of the House. The reply is as follows:

An account was received on the 21st of October 1907, for \$321.70 from Mr. Ernest Raynor for expenditure made by him in connection with the St. Peter's surrender. This account was forwarded to the Indian agent, Mr. J. O. Lewis, who was informed that the department had no knowledge of the authority under which the expenditure was made and he was asked for a report thereon. The agent was further told that if he was unaware of the circumstances in connection with the expenditure, it would be well for him to submit the matter to His Honour Chief Justice Howells who had carried on certain preliminary negotiations with regard to the taking of the surrender and who might be able to inform him as to the authority, if any, under which the expenditure was made by Raynor. No report has, however, been received from Mr. Lewis in regard to this matter.

Mr. BRADBURY. I wish to call the attention of the Minister of the Interior to the fact that the return brought down regarding St. Peter's reserve does not contain the instructions to Chief Justice Howells, nor does it contain his report. I wish

Mr. CAMPBELL.

these documents to be laid on the table and also the advertisements in the newspapers regarding the sales of land, and which the minister, when in committee, promised he would have brought down.

#### SECOND READING.

Bill (No. 93) respecting the Vancouver and Coast-Kootenay Railway Company.—Mr. Smith (Nanaimo).

#### QUESTIONS.

##### LACHINE CANAL.

Mr. VERVILLE:

1. What is the amount of work in repairs or new work to be done by carpenters on the Lachine canal under the supervision of Denis O'Brien?
2. What is the amount for machinists?
3. Will any moneys be paid for new lumber out of the \$22,907.78 still left to Lachine canal work?
4. What is the total estimate for wages for carpenters, machinists, labourers and carters for the balance of the fiscal year, in detail?
5. Has the department any knowledge of the treatment of the carpenters on the Lachine canal under the supervision of Denis O'Brien, and have any complaints been received by the department? If so, of what nature?

Hon. GEO. P. GRAHAM:

1. It is impossible to give any definite figure. A few of the Lachine canal carpenters have been retained during the winter. They are engaged on one pair of lock gates and completing the gate lifter and will be kept on as long as the appropriation will allow, the work being performed by them, being less urgent, than some other work now being done.

2. There is considerable work to be done by machinists, blacksmiths and assistants towards preparing gears for the electric operation of the valves of the supply, regulating and waste weirs, &c. These appliances must be installed while the canal is unwatered next April. It is not possible to state the amount of work to be done by these men, as should it be found necessary, in order to have the weirs equipped in time, to lay off the carpenters, other machinists would have to be employed.

3. The balance of the appropriation for repairs on the 31st December, 1909, was \$10,535.41, not \$22,907.78, as stated in the question. No lumber or timber will be paid for out of this balance.

4. Approximately as follows:

Carpenters. . . . .	\$2,300 00
Machine shop . . . . .	2,000 00
Blacksmith's shop . . . . .	600 00
Carters. . . . .	800 00
Labourers. . . . .	3,100 00
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