

Mr. CASGRAIN: I should like the hon. member if possible to make a few remarks in French.

Mr. McISAAC (Translation): Mr. Chairman, the hon. member for Charlevoix-Montmorency (Mr. Casgrain) wishes me to say a few words in French, but, unfortunately for me, my colloquial knowledge of this language is extremely limited, and I fear, if I attempt to say a few words, that I will only cause laughter. However, the subject I have treated is so near to my heart, so important and so necessary to my province, that I shall risk making a short speech, though it may be full of mistakes. I think, Mr. President, that there are some hon. members, on the other side of the House, who have already visited my province, and I hope that others, all, if possible, will come on a visit, whether it be on an excursion or on a pilgrimage, as you please.

Mr. ROBB: Before the minister replies, so as to economize time, I rise just to remind him that at a previous session I asked him for some information as to mail contracts throughout Canada. If the minister has the information, which I imagine may be somewhat lengthy, perhaps by unanimous consent it might be arranged to place it upon Hansard so that we would be able to see it to-morrow. That would be quite satisfactory.

Mr. J. D. REID (Rising).

Mr. LEMIEUX: Is my hon. friend going to give a partial answer only?

Mr. J. D. REID: It will take me only a minute to answer the hon. member (Mr. Robb), and then I will answer other hon. members.

Mr. LEMIEUX: I have something to say about the railway situation, and if my hon. friend is agreeable, I shall not be long and he will thus have the whole case before the committee and can make a general answer.

Mr. J. D. REID: Yes. The only thing I wanted to say before I answered the other hon. members was this. My hon. friend (Mr. Robb) asked me two questions in a previous debate, first the amount paid to each transportation company for the carrying of mail from Halifax, St. John, N.B., Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, West, and in the case of all except Halifax, also to points East. I have the reply to that question, and as it covers two pages, I should like, with the unanimous consent of the com-

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mittee, to place it on Hansard. My hon. friend also asked me the mileage of branch lines in this year's Bill, that is the Bill that went through the House, and I promised to have that answer and also put it on Hansard. The mileage of the Branch Lines referred to is as follows:

	Miles.
Prince Albert northerly..	50
Maryfield extension (From Bengough)..	55
From point on main line between crossing of North Saskatchewan river and Radisson northerly to point near Meeting lake..	50
Total..	155

Preliminary surveys have been made and the approximate cost is \$35,000 per mile. Complete surveys are being gone on with and when completed final estimates of the cost will be prepared.

Each of these sections have been settled for a considerable time, and a great deal of the land is already under cultivation, and particularly so in the case of the Prince Albert north line, a lot of returned men have taken up land on the assurance that the line would be built. The country is splendid for mixed farming, and at present is absolutely without railway facilities. That is the information the hon. member wants.

The CHAIRMAN: It is very unusual, to allow any document to be printed in Hansard unless it has been read in the House; but under the circumstances, the committee may give its unanimous consent. I now ask: Is it the unanimous consent of the committee that this document be placed upon Hansard?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Mr. J. D. REID: This is the answer to my hon. friend's first question:

Expenditure—On account of Railway Mail Service, Year ended 31st March, 1920.

Alberta and Great Waterways..\$	1,062 84
Algoma Central..	2,619 12
Algoma Eastern..	1,228 56
Atlantic, Quebec and Western ..	7,113 08
Boston and Maine..	4,014 46
British Columbia Electric.. . . .	5,599 57
Canada and Gulf Terminal.. . . .	1,971 90
Canadian Government.. . . . (a)	473,525 56
Canadian National.. (b)	372,441 66
Canadian Pacific..	1,762,362 97
Cape Breton Electric..	2,369 68
Caraquet and Gulf Shore..	1,111 20
Central Canada..	391 88
Central Vermont..	6,998 64
Chatham, Wallaceburg and Lake Erie..	446 12
Dominion Atlantic..	31,236 37
Dominion Coal and Railway.. . . .	992 24
Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia..	3,333 44