

Mr. GRAHAM. The car of the Minister of Railways is taken on any system in America. As a matter of fact, I have the same right as the president of a railway company by virtue of being head of the Railway Department.

Mr. FOSTER. The country pays for it, because you have to provide the same courtesy to magnates who come from the other side.

Mr. GRAHAM. Yes, it is an exchange of courtesy between all the railways. Car 'No. 128,' \$534.29. These are the amounts paid for the upkeep of official cars during the past year.

Mr. WILSON (Lennox). Does the minister pretend to say that he does not know whether the ministers have to pay for hauling their private cars over the different railways?

Mr. GRAHAM. I never asked them that question, and I do not know. When they take the car from the Railway Department they have to make all their own arrangements and provide for the food supply, transportation and everything else.

Mr. WILSON (Lennox). We should have some more ministers here, so that we could get an answer to these questions.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. How many private cars are there on the Intercolonial railway?

Mr. GRAHAM. We do not call them private cars; we call them official. The cars which I have been talking of, belong to the Department of Railways and Canals, and not to the Intercolonial railway.

Mr. WILSON (Lennox). You have extra ones for the Intercolonial railway?

Mr. GRAHAM. The officials of the Intercolonial railway have their own the same as the officials of any other road.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. How many official and private cars have the government altogether?

Mr. GRAHAM. Four.

Mr. LENNOX. How many on the Intercolonial railway?

Mr. GRAHAM. Three.

Mr. LENNOX. How many have the Railway Commissioners here?

Mr. GRAHAM. One. They asked for another last year, but they did not get it. The Transcontinental Railway Commission I think has one, and the chief engineer of the Transcontinental railway has one.

Mr. WILSON (Lennox). I should think that the government would be very much crowded if they have only four cars and two of these are required to take care of the Governor General.

Mr. CROSBY.

Mr. GRAHAM. He carries a suite wherever he goes.

Mr. FOSTER. They must bunk together?

Mr. CROSBY. I understand that there are only four cars owned by the government and under the control of the Department of Railways and Canals?

Mr. GRAHAM. Yes, that does not include the three on the Intercolonial railway.

Mr. CROSBY. We want to know how many cars there are, including those for the use of the members of the government and also those used by officials of the government in order that we may make a comparison between the number of cars owned by the present government and the number that we had in 1896 when this government came into power. We used to hear a great deal about this private car business when we only had one car for the Governor General and all combined. I know that some of the officials of the Intercolonial railway have cars of their own with which they travel from one end of the road to the other.

Mr. GRAHAM. I have repeated it, but I will repeat it again, for fear that my hon. friend did not hear at this distance—

Mr. CROSBY. I heard it very well, but I want to get the facts.

Mr. GRAHAM. I have told the committee that there are four cars owned by the Department of Railways and Canals, and three owned by the Intercolonial railway.

Mr. CROSBY. That is seven?

Mr. GRAHAM. That would appear to be—yes.

Mr. CROSBY. I understood the minister to say that it would appear to be? Does he not know that it is seven?

Mr. GRAHAM. There are some self-evident facts.

Mr. CROSBY. The minister says that we have four here and three on the Intercolonial railway, which appear to be seven. He does not really know exactly what he has. I understand that we have seven cars.

Mr. LENNOX. I think we have twelve—two used by the Governor General, four for the government, three for the Intercolonial railway, one for the Railway Commissioners, one for the Transcontinental Railway Commissioners, and one for the engineer.

Mr. CROSBY. What appearance has that now?

Mr. LENNOX. Another may appear at any time.

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Mr. LENNOX. What is that?