

Marshfield says the discussion was well enough but the motion should be dropped, I go so far as to say that the discussion was a reflection on this House. The government has done all in its power to expedite the business of this country and has been blocked for reasons which I do not think we should go into in this chamber. The matter should be dropped once for all.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I agree with the hon. gentleman.

The motion was withdrawn.

QUEBEC BRIDGE COMPANY.

INQUIRIES POSTPONED.

The notices of motion being called:

No. 7.

By the Hon. Mr. Landry:—

May 6—That he will inquire of the government—

Over and above the \$45,000 paid to Mr. Hoare as chief engineer of the company by the Quebec Bridge Company, of which Mr. Parent is president, has he received any other sums of money from the Transcontinental Railway Commission, of which the same Mr. Parent is also president?

How much, in each year, for the years 1904-5, 1905-6, 1906-7 and 1907-8?

For what services?

No. 8.

By the Hon. Mr. Landry:—

May 13—That he will inquire of the government—

Does the government know whether Mr. Edmond Taschereau, of Quebec, notary, was employed as notary and in that capacity signed the deed of agreement entered into on October 19, 1903, between the federal authorities and the Quebec Bridge and Railway Company relating to the financial obligations contracted by the government with the said company?

How much was he paid for that transaction and by whom? by the government or by the company?

How much in addition, did he receive from the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway, for having as notary verified the titles of ownership of certain lands acquired by the aforesaid commission for the passage of its road?

Apart from what it has actually paid him, does the Transcontinental Railway Commission still owe anything to Mr. Edmond Taschereau?

What amount? And for what service?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I would ask the hon. leader of the House if he has any additional information with respect to the payments to Mr. Hoare?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No, I have not.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Can the hon. gentleman give a reply to any of these questions?

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No. For No. 7 I do not see that I can get any further information. I have given my hon. friend all the information I could get. It is stated there the money was paid for salary.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—What salary? If it is the salary attached to some position which he occupies, what is the position? What was the salary paid for? I will amend No. 7 and put the question so that it will be understood by the general public. I see it is not understood by the hon. leader of this House.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The hon. gentleman knows all those facts much better than any member of the government. All the little scandals about Quebec are ventilated in this chamber, and the hon. gentleman knows all about them himself. He wants to probe into matters that I have no control over and cannot get.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I know the party that I mention here is an engineer in Quebec. I know that he has been employed by Mr. Parent, Mr. Parent acting as president of the National Transcontinental Railway, and that he has given him the sum of money which my hon. friend showed me by his answer yesterday; but I want to know in what capacity Mr. Hoare was acting when he received such salary. Was it as an engineer or what?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Apparently as a salaried officer, because the details and expenses connected with the office were given for each year.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—But he is not the engineer of the National Transcontinental Railway. He is engineer of the Quebec Bridge Company, and I want to know if that salary is given him as engineer of the Quebec Bridge Company or of another company? I will put it in a way that will enable the hon. leader of the House to get an answer from the department. I therefore ask permission to drop No. 7 and to let No. 8 stand.

DELAYED RETURNS.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Before the orders of the day are called, I should like to know if any progress has been made in printing the report of the bridge disaster inquiry?