

at page W--41 of the Auditor General's Report.

Mr. FOSTER. The minister seems to have made out of the vote for miscellaneous works not provided for, payments for exactly the same kind of work as is provided for in other items. \$2,810 is charged for repairs to locks in the Lachine Canal, while the minister has a vote for repairs to the Lachine Canal.

Mr. GRAHAM. The regular vote for repairs having been exceeded, this was to pay for an unexpected breakage.

Mr. FOSTER. It is not the proper way of taking a vote. If there is an extraordinary breakage, you could have recourse to a Governor General's warrant if parliament is not in session.

Mr. GRAHAM. It seems to have been a custom followed for many years to take this vote. It just makes a certain amount available which would not otherwise be available for accidents of that kind. If it is needed, it is used; if it is not needed, it is not used.

Arbitrations and awards, Railways and Canals Department, \$4,000.

Mr. FOWLER. Does any portion of this go to Mr. Schreiber for having acted as arbitrator in the Hillsborough bridge matter?

Mr. GRAHAM. No. This is from the 31st March, 1907, to the 31st December, 1907. The expenses in connection with the Hillsborough bridge arbitration were paid by Mr. Haney.

Mr. FOWLER. Including Mr. Schreiber's fees, or did he receive any fees?

Mr. GRAHAM. I have never suggested to Mr. Schreiber that he should receive any, and he has never made any demand. Any expenses incurred went against Mr. Haney, who was the other party.

Mr. HAGGART. They could not be charged against Mr. Haney because he was arbitrator. They must be charged against the government in some manner or another.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Schreiber has made no demand for fees and we have not paid him any.

Mr. FOSTER. What is this \$4,000 expended on last year?

Mr. GRAHAM. We spent only \$779 last year. The Auditor General's Report is silent about it.

Mr. FOSTER. If we only spent \$700 last year, why do you ask \$4,000 this year?

Mr. GRAHAM. That is the amount that is asked every year, and I am following the usual practice. It cannot be used for anything else and the amount varies each year.

Mr. FOSTER. Does the minister say that in the case of the arbitration of the Hillsborough bridge, they are going to make the arbitrator the paid servant of the contractor?

Mr. GRAHAM. Not at all. Mr. Schreiber is the paid servant of the government and had asked for no special fee for that work and has not received any. If he asked for a fee, we would have to consider his demand, but so far he has made no application.

Mr. FOWLER. What is your intention?

Mr. GRAHAM. My present intention is not to pay.

Mr. FOWLER. Are you liable to change that?

Mr. GRAHAM. If Mr. Schreiber makes a claim, I would discuss it with the House and show it clearly in the estimates. I would not pay an amount of that kind without putting it in the estimates before it is paid.

Mr. BERGERON. In the lease passed between the department and the McIntyre & Robert Company, was any lawyer or notary employed outside the Department of Justice?

Mr. GRAHAM. I cannot say. We would place that legal matter in the hands of the Justice Department.

Mr. BERGERON. Would not my hon. friend sign the document as Minister of Railways and Canals?

Mr. GRAHAM. The lease would be signed by me but prepared by the Justice Department. The Railway Department would negotiate the terms but the legal work would be done by the Justice Department.

Mr. WARD. I would like to ask the Minister of Railways about a matter which came before the committee the day before yesterday in connection with official cars. My hon. friend said that there were six official cars in connection with the Railway Department. I find in the Auditor General's Report that there are five in addition to the three mentioned. On pages W-146 and 147, the Auditor General refers to the maintenance of cars 34, 35, 37, 84 and 89. The minister refers to cars 109, 28 and 139, which make eight altogether. I would further state that in the Auditor General's Report, there is no reference whatever to the three mentioned by my hon. friend the other day. I would like to know where the maintenance of those three cars appears in the Auditor General's Report and also whether there are eight cars instead of six, as stated by my hon. friend.

Mr. GRAHAM. There are four official cars here and two on the Intercolonial;