

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—*Con.*

Ottawa city—bridges over the Rideau river, the slides and the Rideau canal and approaches thereto—ordinary repairs, \$7,000—7585.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7585.

One would suppose so large an amount would not be necessary for yearly repairs—7585.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (For Minister of Public Works)—7585.

This vote is to provide for the usual necessary repairs to the bridges of the city of Ottawa—7585.

Telegraph lines—cable connection between Pelee Island and the mainland, \$6,000—7609.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7609.

This is to make repairs and to lay down a new cable between Pelee Island and the mainland—7609.

Henderson, David (Halton)—7609.

Has the old cable given out?—7609.

British Columbia \$20,000—7635.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7635.

This is to provide for the working expenses of the British Columbia line during next year—7635.

Collection of revenue—telegraph service generally, \$3,500—7636.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7636.

This covers expenses in connection with Dominion telegraph service—7636. I have here a copy of the order in council, which I will send to Ingram—7637.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—7636.

Does that include the Pelee Island service?—7636. All I wish to know is whether these reimbursements were for expenditures since 1867 or before that time—7637.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's P.E.I.)—7636.

Will Brodeur please give us some explanation of what is being done with respect to the Marconi system?—7636.

Kamloops—Lower Nicola line, \$5,500—7610.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7610.

Has the government under consideration the purchasing of the profitable telegraph lines in Canada?—7610.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7610.

Are these new lines? I did not know that there was any government ownership of telephones—7610.

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Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7610.

These are the only ones. They are built for telegraph service, and are operated in this way for the convenience of the service—7610.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—7610.

Is there a special night rate on any part of the government lines?—7610.

Maritime provinces—Mabou, Cheticamp, Meat Cove line—extension of Bay St. Lawrence, \$3,000—7606.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7608.

How many lines of telegraph are there owned by the government in each of the provinces?—7608.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7606.

What the policy of the government is in regard to the development of this very important system of telegraph lines—7606. Why would it not be a proper thing to have the reduced rates apply to the C. P. R.?—7608.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7606.

The policy of the department is to build lines where the ordinary telegraph companies would not—7606. There are in all 6,270 miles of telegraph lines—7608.

Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—7606.

They have a line to Cape Breton—7606. What the government did was to make an additional grant by way of inducing the company to give a more favourable rate—7607. They certainly will apply so far as the cable rates are concerned—7608.

Lefurgey, A. A. (East Prince, P.E.I.)—7606.

Why the C. P. R. was not a party to that agreement along with the G. N. W.—7606. They can give no reason why a similar arrangement should not be made with their line for a lessening of their rates—7607.

Northwest Territories, \$26,000—7633.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7633.

How many operators are there on the line between Qu'Appelle and Edmonton?—7633. Does Brodeur know anything about Mr. Macdonald having built a house for him?—7634.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7633.

Why is there an increase in this vote?—7633. But the principle might require you to cease operating yours—7634.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7633.

It is in consequence of the line being extended and the greater expense for its operation—7633. I am sorry that I cannot