

SUPPLY—NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY—*Con.*

Graham, Hon. G. P.—Con.

The first part of my hon. friend's (Mr. Lennox) remarks were ancient history, 8265. Quotes Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 8266. The Intercolonial has cost for construction, \$63,000 per mile, 8267. There is a mistake of \$16,000,000 in this one item, 8268. I am dealing with figures given me by the present chief engineer, 8269. The chief engineer who is a greater authority than any of us upon that point, has given certain figures, 8270. Takes up the Quebec bridge item, 8271. By making the principal large it is easy enough to make the interest large, 8272. Mr. Lennox went on to argue that the Grand Trunk Pacific would not pay it, 8273. Reads Mr. Grant's statement, 8274-5-6-7. All these pyrotechnics about errors, and about the cost being more than the estimate vanish into thin air, 8278. Who would be the best people to investigate, 8279. The engineers were named by Act of parliament, 8280. It is a business proposition, 8281. There will probably be two terminals for this road, 8282. The Dominion of Canada will only be on the eve of her great development and will not have solved the question of her transportation, 8283. It has been pointed out that the Grand Trunk Pacific will never run this road, 8284. The people of Canada should be deeply indebted to Mr. Lennox, 8285. I did not deal with that point because it was not covered by the resolution, 8286. Mr. Borden is now asking for something he knows no hon. gentleman would give, 8330. The statement I made a few minutes ago, so far as I remember, I made in the city of Guelph, 8331. Did not parliament ratify that contract? 8333. My estimate was absolutely made on the estimate and calculation of the chief engineer, 8337.

Haggart, Hon. J. (South Lanark)—5249.

The minister must know that there is a proper way to construct a railway, 5249. The prism quantities are nearly correct, the only fault is in the classification, 5250. What is the difference between giving the quantities and giving the profile? 5254. If they marked it specifically they would be bound by the quantity, 5255. They should have taken action to find out the reason and of that action we should have been informed, 5256. Wants to know the amount paid out to contractors and what the amount would be on the original estimate, 5261. Could you not add the estimated cost to finish, 5265. If he does not know the amounts to be done how could he get the percentage? 5268. Couldn't you give an approximation of the amount required to finish? 5269.

Lennox, H. (South Simcoe)—5249.

The work has to be more than a yard in size, 5249. Sorry the Minister has not ascertained just what was done to better conditions before the contracts

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were let, 5256. The loose and solid rock have grown enormously while common excavation has slipped out of sight, 5257. There is no use paltering about this question, there is no use delaying, 5258. It is essentially his duty not to allow this matter to run on any longer, but to take active definite action, 5259. A good man to judge of your commission, 5260. Cannot understand, he could get information before the discussion began, but afterwards could get none, 5269. I ask for estimates regarding the other contracts, and they say there has never been any subsequent estimate made, 5270. The minister said he could not give the estimate of the amounts under the various headings, 5271. He means he could give the information as to reductions by the chief engineer of the commission, 5272. Wants all the items of expenditure not included in these contracts, 5275. Give us as much as you can and tell us what you are leaving out, 5276.

A large portion of the traffic of the Transcontinental railway may be diverted to a new American port, 8242. Quotes Governor Pothier, 8243. The total expenditure for supervising and overseeing the construction of the work, \$3,699,796.01, 8244. Quotes Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 8275-6-7-8. Quotes Mr. Sifton on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, 8249-50. Quotes Hon. W. S. Fielding (Minister of Finance), 8250-1. This is the entire cost of construction of the road from Moncton to Winnipeg as announced by the Minister of Finance, 8252. Reads figures, 8253. We are increasing our cash contributions from \$5,285,700 to \$13,690,000, 8254. The government neglected their duty to the people, 8255. Reads estimates on thirteen contracts, 8256-7. The people were committed to a wholly unwarranted expenditure of enormous sums of money, 8258. I charge that on various occasions the commission has sought to narrow the scope of investigation, 8259. I have no fear of criticism either at the hands of hon. gentlemen opposite or at any other hands, 8260. Moves an amendment, 8261-2-3. I am dealing with actual results already attained, 8219. \$60,000,000 in round figures was expended on these thirteen contracts, 8270. Made the calculation to show what the cost would be at the end of the seven year period, 8272. I did not ask my friends any question after making that statement, 8273. Has there been any decrease in the estimated expense, 8277. I did not laugh, 8279. That arrangement never was made by parliament, 8280. I did not know that, 8281. I distinguished between the total cost of the work and the amount Canada will have to pay, 8284. Why did the Finance Minister quote Mr. Schrieber, 8305. The Finance Minister said they could not alter one line of the contract,

Macdonald E. M. (Pictou, N.S.)—8302.

Every condition which surrounds the moving of this resolution, and the debate