

Ordered, That an Order of the Senate do issue for the following information:—

1. Were tenders asked for, in 1908 and 1909, for the purchase of railway sleepers for the use of the Intercolonial Railway, and were contracts awarded to the lowest tenderer?
2. Who had these contracts, and what is the name of each tenderer, and also the amount of each tender?
3. Did the Department of Railways and Canals, in 1908 and 1909, award any contracts whatsoever for the purchase of the said sleepers and what price was paid to each contractor, and who had these contracts?
4. In 1908 and 1909, did the Department of Railways and Canals ask for tenders for the purchase of sleepers made of spruce, white, gray and yellow, as well as of birch, ash, poplar, &c.?
5. What quantity of these sleepers, for each kind of wood, was accepted and paid for in 1908 and 1909, and does the Department propose to continue the system of purchasing these kinds of wood?
6. Who bought these sleepers of spruce, birch, ash, poplar, &c., and who gave the orders to receive these kinds of sleepers, and who received them and stamped them for the Intercolonial Railway?
7. In 1909 did the Department ask for tenders for sleepers of cedar, cyprus and hemlock? If so, who had these contracts and were these contracts granted to the lowest bidders, and what quantities were actually furnished by each contractor?
8. What quantity of sleepers has been furnished up to this date—
  - (a) by the contractors for New Brunswick; and
  - (b) by the contractors for Nova Scotia and for the Province of Quebec, respectively?
9. Did the Government by Order in Council authorize Messrs. Pottinger, Burpee or Taylor of Moncton, to purchase sleepers of spruce of all kinds and dimensions, and to cause these kinds of sleepers to be distributed in the district of Quebec, and notably in the district of River du Loup and Isle Verte?
10. What price did the Department pay for the sleepers of spruce, hemlock, cedar, birch and poplar, &c.? Who is the contractor therefor? Who received and inspected the said sleepers?
11. Does the Department know that these sleepers are absolutely unfit to be used in a railway, and that these sleepers are at the present time distributed along the Intercolonial Railway to be used upon the main track?
12. How much a carload does the freight of sleepers sent from New Brunswick cost in the district of Quebec?

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill (232) intituled: "An Act to amend the Railway Act," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (B) intituled: "An Act to amend the Act respecting the protection of Navigable Waters," and the motion in amendment of the Honourable Mr. Power, "That the said Bill be not now read a second time, but that it be read this day six months."

On motion of the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Dandurand, it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged from the Orders of the Day.