

with the Hon. Mr. Blair and the contract was signed by the Hon. Mr. Sutherland. I think the offer for the work was 50 cents a yard, and the late minister gave a schedule price at 30 cents a yard. Some of this work was done in a greater depth of water than any work he had ever known to be constructed.

Mr. CROCKET. When was the bridge completed and accepted by the department?

Mr. GRAHAM. Nearly two years ago.

Mr. FOWLER. I fail to understand why, if this work was done under schedule prices, there should be a dispute. Why would this man claim \$390,000 more than the department was willing to give him?

Mr. GRAHAM. The quickest way to answer that perhaps would be to give the claims made by the contractor, but it would take a long time to read them.

Mr. FOWLER. State their general character.

Mr. GRAHAM. For instance, he claims for additional work, materials on hand, interest account. Then he gives a list of claims for extra work, such as pneumatic caissons. His claim for interest was \$82,907.

Mr. A. A. McLEAN. Why did he make a charge for interest?

Mr. GRAHAM. The account has never been settled up, and he made a claim for interest. If I had time to read the award the hon. gentleman would see that the claim was not allowed.

Mr. A. A. McLEAN. I would ask the minister to read the award.

Mr. GRAHAM. I will give a copy of the award to my hon. friend any time he wants it.

Mr. A. A. McLEAN. I think a copy of the award ought to be put on the 'Hansard.'

Mr. GRAHAM. The award was made by Mr. Collingwood Schreiber and is in the following terms:

Now know ye that I, the said Collingwood Schreiber having taken upon myself the burthen of the said reference, and having heard, examined and considered the witnesses and evidence on behalf of both the said parties concerning the said claims so referred to me as aforesaid, do make and publish this my award, of and concerning the same, that is to say, I award and determine that the said Michael J. Haney pursuant to the said contract and lease and the said agreement, has a just and valid claim and demand against His Majesty the King to the amount or sum of \$164,633.33.

And I award that the said sum of \$164,633.33 shall be paid by His Majesty to the said Michael J. Haney and shall be accepted and

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taken by the said Michael J. Haney as and for full satisfaction and discharge, and as a final end and determination in respect of the said claims so referred and the matters in dispute as aforesaid, and all demands upon and in respect of the same.

And as an accompaniment to this my award I do pursuant to the said agreement hereto annex my certificate, in duplicate, in the form of a chief engineer's certificate for payment covering the said amount or sum total to be paid to the said Michael J. Haney by virtue of the said agreement.

And I further award that each party shall bear and pay his own costs of and attending the said arbitration and the said Michael J. Haney shall pay the costs of this my award, that is to say, the sum of \$223.75 being the amount due for stenographer's fees.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of February, 1908.

COLLINGWOOD SCHREIBER,
Sole Arbitrator.

Surveys of branch lines, \$10,000.

Mr. FOWLER. Is there any intention to take over branch lines in the province of New Brunswick?

Mr. GRAHAM. That is a very large question. If I were the manager or president of a company owning the Intercolonial, I would at once proceed to see what branch lines would be of benefit to my main line, and try to get hold of them. Another announcement will be made before the close of the session on the question of branch lines.

To provide for survey and location of a line of railway from the Saskatchewan river to Hudson bay, \$100,000.

Mr. LAKE. I see it is stated that the line is to be from the Saskatchewan river to Fort Churchill. I presume the railway has been completed to The Pas, on the Saskatchewan river, so the Minister of the Interior said the other day. I asked him for some information as to the condition of that line and he told me he would have to ask the Minister of Railways for that information. Would the minister give me some information in that respect.

Mr. GRAHAM. I have no positive information. I have been greatly rushed with business. I intended to-day to ask Mr. Mann about it. I am going to tell the proprietors of the road what condition it is in, and if it is not improved it ought to be referred to the Railway Commission.

Mr. LAKE. I understood that the Department of Railways sent out an engineer last fall to go over that line. He would have a report. I think he returned in the fall.

Mr. GRAHAM. I will look into it to see if there is a report.

Mr. LAKE. And would the minister bring it down the next time he goes into the estimates? The Minister of the Inte-