

SUPPLY—I.C.R.—*Con.*

Crosby, A. B. (Halifax)—2945.

Intend to repair cars at St. John, just what he wanted at Halifax, 2945-6.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—2945.

That is about one half the amount spent at Halifax, 2945-6.

Graham, Hon. Geo. P. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—2945.

Freight car repair shops, addition to freight sheds, &c., 2945. It is only a rough building for light repairs, 2946.

To increase accommodation and facilities along the line, \$38,700, 2946.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—2948.

Valuators have declined to ask what a man has paid for properties, 2948.

Beauparlant, Aimé M. (St. Hyacinthe)—2946.

Suggestion for the avoidance of useless costs in actions for damages, 2946. As claims are numerous the government ought to provide some remedy to the present system, 2947.

Crocket, O. S. (York, N.B.)—2947.

Asks concerning the route through the town of Chatham, 2947. Understands there have been changes of property anticipating the government's needs, 2948. Supposes they can see the plan in the department, 2949.

Graham, Hon. Geo. P. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—2946.

Gives details of the vote, 2946. The difficulty is one for which he is endeavouring to find a solution, 2947. If the owners do not consent to a fair value we will have to expropriate, 2948. The safest way is for the government to expropriate the properties, 2949.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2949.

Surely if a property has changed hands recently, the actual price is the best evidence of value, 2949.

To strengthen bridges, \$61,000—2872.

Blain, R. (Peel)—2873.

This amount appears every year; asks what proportion of bridges have been strengthened, 2873.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—2872.

Asks if the whole cost is being charged to capital, 2872. Asks the general principal upon which the strengthening is proceeded with, 2873.

Graham, Hon. Geo. P. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—2872.

For strengthening bridges to accommodate heavier rolling stock, 2872. All charged to capital; the present amount will nearly complete the work this year, 2873.

SUPPLY—RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Maintenance and operation of the Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada, \$121,400, 3127.

SUPPLY—RAILWAY COMMISSION—*Con.*

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—3129.

Asks if the Minister of Agriculture has urged the appointment of a farmer, 3129.

Blain, R. (Peel)—3128.

A resolution was moved in the House calling on the government to appoint a farmer, 3128. The minister differed from that and had an amendment moved from his side of the House 3129. The Minister of Agriculture said we must not bind ourselves to a farmer 3130.

Currie, J. A. (North Simcoe)—3130.

Surprised that the minister should adhere to the position that the new commissioner must not be a farmer, 3130. The minister should promise that other things being equal a farmer will be appointed, 3131.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney. (Minister of Agriculture)—3129.

Voted for the resolution that passed the House, 3129. Was always enthusiastic for the farmers, 3130.

Graham, Hon. Geo. P. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—3127.

The reasons for the increase; larger staff, larger expenses; the vacancy on the board, 3127. While there are many qualifications required, the chief one is a good horse sense, 3128. Did not want to confine the appointment to the particular class, it will be a western man, 3129. Did not take that position, 3130.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—3127.

The public suffering a good deal of inconvenience for lack of more members on the Board, 3127. The country is losing money by not making up the full complement of the Board, 3128.

Herron, J. (Macleod)—3130.

It is due to the farmers that they should have a representative on that Board, 3130.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—3128.

A farmer would be the right man; understands the grain growers have petitioned for a certain gentleman, 3128. The minister may be waiting for the photograph of the Calgary applicant, 3129.

Sexsmith, J. A. (East Peterborough)—3130.

The minister would find many farmers in the west who could fill the vacancy very successfully, 3130.

Quebec Bridge construction, \$1,000,000—3070.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—3071.

Not including what was paid to the Quebec Bridge Company, 3071. The minister ought to have gone a little further in his history of the contract, 3077. The government had evidence that the shareholders did not pay cash, but directors fees, 3080. They paid interest on the director fees, and a bonus, 3081. He gets \$45,000 and the stuff taken out, 3082. Asks if there is difference of opinion amongst the three members of the board.