

QUESTIONS.

RAILWAY LAND GRANTS.

Mr. SCOTT asked :

1. With respect to so much of the railway land grants as has been reserved for, earned by, and selected by each company to which such grants have been voted, what is the area remaining unpatented in each case, (a) in Manitoba, (b) in North-west Territories ?

2. What is the date on which it is intended in each case that these lands shall be patented ?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Hon. Sir William Mulock). The answer is as follows :

In Manitoba.

Name of Railway.	Area earned and selected and not patented. Acres.
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Canadian Northern Railway.	253,698·53
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The company is proceeding with the selection of its lands and has advised the department from time to time of parcels of land it is willing to accept if found to be available. Patents are being issued for the lands selected.

Manitoba South-western Colonization Railway, 313,402·82 acres.

Patents for the lands earned by this company up to 900,000 acres can only be issued on the order of the Manitoba government, under the provisions of an order of His Excellency in Council, dated April 5, 1886, that province having aided the construction of the railway by the issue of debentures to the extent of \$900,000.

In the North-west Territories.

Name of Railway.	Area earned and selected and not patented. Acres.
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Alberta Railway and Coal Company.	22,048·42
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The issue of patents for these lands is stayed at the request of the company for a short time pending readjustment as to a few hundred acres.

Calgary and Edmonton Railway, 304,288·90 acres.

The above area of selected lands, which is now in course of being patented, closes out the land grant of this company except an area of 407,402 acres held as security by the government under the transport contract between the government and the company, dated June 21, 1890.

Canadian Pacific Railway, main line, 3,044,635·53 acres.

These lands are in the Edmonton district and are unsurveyed. Contracts for the surveys are let. The lands will be patented as soon as surveyed.

Canadian Pacific Railway, Pipestone extension of Souris branch, 200,320·00 acres.

These lands are in a block of townships about thirty miles north of Battleford and are unsurveyed.

Mr. SPEAKER.

Manitoba South-western Colonization Railway, 680,189·28 acres.

Patents for the lands earned by this company up to 900,000 acres can only be issued as already stated.

Manitoba and North-western Railway, 354,000·00 acres.

A large proportion of the lands are unsurveyed. Survey is to be made this year. There remains only a small area to be selected by the company to complete the area earned, and patents to close out the grant, so far as surveyed, are in course of preparation.

Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Company, 169,434·00 acres.

These lands are partly unsurveyed but the contracts for the surveys are let. Patents are being issued for selected lands where surveyed.

SOUTHPORT AND MURRAY HARBOUR RAILWAY.

Mr. LEFURGEY asked :

1. Were tenders invited for building the railway between Southport and Murray Harbour, in the province of Prince Edward Island ?

2. If so, how many tenders were received ; what were the names of the tenderers ; and amounts of their respective offers ?

3. If tenders were not invited for building the whole line, what part of the work was let by public tender ; and what part by private contract ?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Hon. A. G. Blair) :

These questions were answered last session, but I repeat the information.

1. and 2. No, tenders were not invited for the whole section from Southport to Murray harbour.

3. Tenders were invited for the first section—Mutch's Point to Village Green, 11½ miles. The second section extending from the 11½ miles to the terminus was given to the contractor, who had the work of the first section, by extending his contract to cover the said section.

HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Mr. LEFURGEY asked :

1. What is the name of the contractor building the Hillsborough bridge, Prince Edward Island ?

2. Were tenders invited for said work, and was the contract awarded to the lowest tenderer ?

3. What were the terms and conditions for carrying out said contract ?

4. When is the contract to be completed ; and is the work being satisfactorily prosecuted ?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Hon. A. G. Blair) :

1. M. J. Haney.

2. Yes, tenders were invited for this work, and the contract awarded to the lowest tenderer.