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Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—*Con.*

toba is concerned—7600. I would not be in favour of voting money to be spent by a local government—7601. That makes all the stronger the argument in favour of our keeping control of our own expenditure—7602. I think the money was voted last year—so it would appear from the estimates—7603.

Burrows, T. A. (Dauphin)—7603.

I think it is necessary to expend a certain amount of money in opening up such a country—7603. I do not see by what argument Henderson can support a contrary theory—7604. I would not vote for an appropriation to be handed over to the local government for that purpose—7605. I would rather see it expended by the officers of the Department of the Interior than by the officials of the local government—7606.

Henderson, David (Halton)—7595.

It is the duty of the local government to provide roads and bridges within the province—7595. Surely we can trust them with the expenditure of this small sum of money to improve their own roads—7596. Then we shall not have one set of men constructing one portion of the road and another set another portion—7597. It seemed that this vote to construct roads was an unnecessary vote—7602. The motion made was that the item be reduced from \$25,000 to \$20,000—7603. Not at all, it is coming out of the item for roads and bridges—7604. The consequences were ridiculous, the money was simply frittered away to the neglect of public works—7605.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—7594.

That applies also to the bridge at Lethbridge, which, I suppose, comes under the same heading—7594. We have in the Northwest what is known as a bridge gang, consisting of an engineer and a gang of men—7598.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—7594.

Is not the usual practice carried out of handing the money over to the territorial government?—7594. This is an entirely new departure in the spending of money. Never until last year was this idea carried out—7598. Then we are to assume that the local government of the Territories have refused to spend money on their roads—7600. The government is reserving the right to expend the money itself on colonization roads—7601. He would hand it over to an organized government and let them expend it—7605.

Schaffner, F. L. (Souris)—7597.

The proportion of the grant for Manitoba is about \$5,000—7597. This road in Manitoba from the boundary line connects, I suppose, with the Canadian Northern or the C. P. R.—7598.

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Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—7596.

On their own roads?—7596. That shows the folly of continuing to hold the lands instead of handing them over to the province—7597.

Bryson bridge—reconstruction of bridge and approaches, \$15,000—7585.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7586.

Is the government responsible for the repairs of all these bridges should any accident occur?—7586.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7586.

Is that agreement expressed in some document, or is it a mere understanding?—7586.

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This is toward the work of reconstruction and repairs of bridge over the north channel of Ottawa—7585. The work will not be let unless the municipalities and the provincial government undertake to maintain it—7586. This is a matter which does not pertain to the government at all—7587.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—7586.

It was decided three years ago in the case of McHugh and the Queen—7586.

Henderson, David (Halton)—7587.

The bridge I refer to is the bridge from Nepean Point, which was constructed by a private corporation—7587.

Roads and bridges—Ottawa city bridges over the River Ottawa, the slides and the Rideau canal and approaches thereto—ordinary repairs and maintenance, \$2,500—6889.

Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—6889.

If we cut a canal or build a railway, or do anything that interferes with the highway, we have to build a bridge across it—6889. And over slides and booms these are Dominion works—6890.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—6889.

Why does not the province of Ontario look after these bridges?—6889. I understand this vote to be divided between slides and booms, the Rideau canal and bridges over the Ottawa—6890.

Ottawa city—Dufferin and Sappers' bridges over the Rideau canal, Hull slides and Union bridge and roadway approaches, repairs, additions, &c., \$11,000—7585.

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This vote is asked to make provision for continuing the works of alteration and addition to Dufferin and Sappers' bridges—7585.