

Mr. GRAHAM. I suppose the government will be represented by some person on that board until the Grand Trunk Pacific is completed. I do not know whether his functions extend to the operation or not.

Mr. JOHN HAGGART. This gentleman was on that board as director or commissioner. Is this the commissioner who resigned?

Mr. GRAHAM. That is the same gentleman that resigned from the Transcontinental Commission. Section 43 of the National Transcontinental Act provides that during the term of said lease, and so long as the government remains liable for any portion of the bonds issued, the government shall have the right to appoint one director, and shall pay him a salary not to exceed \$2,000 per annum. That is the clause of the Act by which he was appointed.

Mr. FOSTER. The Act is plain enough. It would seem as though the government felt that when it was guaranteeing the bonds it ought to have a man on the spot. I do not know why that should have been done because I think in the final analysis the whole thing comes before the Finance Minister, who has got to be satisfied that there is sufficient ground for issuing bonds, and afterwards for payment over of the proceeds of those bonds. Has Mr. Brunet anything to do with that? Is he the government director who keeps the Finance Minister informed?

Mr. GRAHAM. I think not. His report is made to the Department of Railways and Canals. The Auditing Department audits the entire expenditure of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Mr. JOHN HAGGART. We had a return brought down showing that the whole amount of the government guarantee for the construction of the work from Winnipeg to Edmonton had been paid out to the Grand Trunk Pacific although the road has not been accepted and passed by the government. I suppose Mr. Brunet is looking after that.

Mr. GRAHAM. That matter will come up a little later in the discussion upon the Transcontinental Railway. I am not prepared to go into it just now. Our department audits all these accounts and I think that on our certificate the money is paid.

Mr. FOSTER. As I understand it, Mr. Brunet has no instructions from the government or the Minister of Railways and Canals as to what particular stand he is to take or what particular function he is to perform on the board of directors. None such have been issued to him?

Mr. GRAHAM. I understand not.
Mr. J. G. HAGGART.

Mr. FOSTER. It would seem, as he had been appointed by the government and for prudential reasons, that there should be an understanding as to what line he is to take on the board of directors. He would not seem to be of any use there at all, unless he were assigned to some particular oversight or duty. How often do these directors meet?

Mr. GRAHAM. I think they meet on the second Tuesday in the month.

Mr. FOSTER. Is Mr. Brunet's time all devoted to that?

Mr. GRAHAM. I think not.

Mr. JOHN HAGGART. You have laid his report on the table, have you?

Mr. GRAHAM. No, I will lay it on the table the first of the week.

Maintenance and operation of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, \$107,000.

Mr. FOSTER. How is that distributed?

Mr. GRAHAM. Here are the items which are not covered by statute, the items covered by statute being the salaries:

Chief engineer, 2 assistants, electrician and clerk..	\$ 15,000
Traffic officer and staff..	16,000
Law clerk..	2,500
Registrar and accountant..	2,500
Inspectors and staff..	12,000
Assistant to secretary and staff..	7,000
Private secretary to chief commissioner..	1,600
Stenographers..	3,400
Messengers..	2,500
Official reporting..	9,000
Official car..	3,000
Printing..	2,000
Stationery..	5,000
Board's and staff's travelling expenses	12,000
Telephone company, telegrams, postage..	1,500
Outside service..	1,800
Contingencies..	10,200
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	\$107,000

Then there are authorized by statute salaries as follows:

Chief commissioner, Hon. J. P. Mabee.	\$10,000
Assistant chief commissioner, D'Arcy Scott..	9,000
Commissioner, Hon. M. E. Bernier..	8,000
Commissioner, James Mills..	8,000
Commissioner, S. McLean..	8,000
Commissioner (vacant)..	8,000
Secretary, A. D. Cartwright..	3,500
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	\$54,500

That makes \$54,500, and the total vote is \$55,000.

Mr. FOSTER. How many commissioners are there now?

Mr. GRAHAM. Five and one vacancy.