

situation, or of any similar situation, and that is to apply the law and existing regulations having the force of law.

CARSLAKE PROPERTY EXPROPRIATION.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I would like to ask if the Government have determined to purchase the property at Montreal known as the Carslake property.

Mr. ROGERS: This property is being expropriated.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: For what purpose is the Carslake property to be used?

Mr. ROGERS: In 1907, on the recommendation of the officers in the Post Office Department, the Government of that day purchased a site immediately opposite the Grand Trunk station for the purpose of erecting thereon a building to provide for the distribution of the heavy mails to the different railway stations. That property was exchanged for a property on St. James street. The property on St. James street is not of sufficient area to meet the requirements. The Post Office Department have been pressing for this for some time, and expropriation proceedings have been taken in connection with the Carslake hotel property, which has been selected as the proper location for such a post office as that which is to be erected.

RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS.

Hon. J. D. REID (acting Minister of Railways and Canals) moved the third reading of Bill No. 204, to amend the Railway Act. He said:

The right hon. leader of the Opposition asked me for some information with reference to this Bill. I stated yesterday that the amount paid out up to January 1 had been about \$60,000. The secretary of the commission has furnished me with a statement up to April 1, 1914. That statement is as follows:

Amount paid out from Railway Grade Crossing Fund by orders of the board to April 1, 1914.

Fiscal Year.	
1909-10..	\$ 70 00
1910-11	6,909 18
1911-12..	12,630 68
1912-13..	26,152 24
1913-14..	41,877 93
Total..	\$87,640 03

The difference between the \$60,000 and the \$87,000, I presume, has been paid out between the 1st of January and the 1st of 254½

April. The secretary informs me that they have given orders for ninety-four more payments to be made. He has not the list made up, but tells me that they are all small amounts, and that he will furnish me with a list, which I will send to the right hon. leader of the Opposition, if he will allow the Bill to go through.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Hear, hear.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the third time and passed.

ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RAILWAY.

The House again in Committee on Bill No. 201, to amend the St. John and Quebec Railway Act.—Mr. Reid, Mr. Blondin in the Chair.

Mr. REID: All the clauses of this Bill were passed with the exception of the last clause. The hon. member for Carleton (Mr. Carvell) objected to that clause and asked that it be struck out. I am quite willing that it should be struck out and that, I think, will make the Bill satisfactory to the member for Carleton, who appears to take a great interest in it.

Mr. MICHAUD: We are very anxious for the construction of these bridges as soon as possible. I do not know under what authority the construction will take place if this clause is struck out. Will it be under the authority of the provincial Government or of the Dominion Government?

Mr. REID: It is the Dominion Government. The Dominion Government, according to this Bill, are to build the bridges; and, as I said the other day, the construction of these bridges will be proceeded with by the Department of Railways and Canals. That department will call for tenders, award the contracts and carry out the completion of the bridges. The Bill gives the Department of Railways and Canals authority to proceed with the work. As I explained the other day the hon. member for Carleton objects only to the last clause, No. 5. I would move that that clause be struck out.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Before the Bill passes, I would ask my hon. friend and the Government whether or not the provisions of section 2 could not be altered. That section, in effect, provides that after fifteen years the province of New Brunswick shall be called upon to pay the interest upon the cost of the construction of these bridges. I would like to see placed in this section, after the words 'fifteen years' the words 'or for