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*Pelletier, Hon. L. P.* (Postmaster General)—6241.

Think by Marconi, 6241.

Amount largely for repairing Tyrian cable boat at Halifax, 6241.

Public Works—engineering branch—miscellaneous, \$40,000, 6241.

*Oliver, Hon. F.* (Edmonton)—6241.

This to pay salaries for increased number of engineers, etc., or increases of salary to staff employed, 6241.

*Rogers, Hon. R.* (Minister of Public Works)—6241.

For increased staff on account of additional work, 6241.

British Columbia telegraph lines, \$15,000, 6242.

*McKenzie, D. D.* (Cape Breton North and Victoria)—6242.

Telegraph connection to Quarries would be great convenience, 6242.

*Rogers, Hon. R.* (Minister of Public Works)—6242.

French river waterway improvement, \$500,000, 11149.

*Bennett, W. H.* (Simcoe East)—11149.

The government should have hesitated before engaging on either of these enterprises, 11150. The Welland canal enlargement involves \$50,000,000 and the Georgian Bay canal \$100,000,000, 11151.

*Carvell, F. B.* (Carleton, N.B.)—11164.

If we had water transportation we could get our coal into the province of Ontario, 11165. The more American traffic we get into our canals and ports the better for the people of this country, 11166. Outside of transportation there is nothing so valuable to any nation as cheap power, 11167.

*Currie, J. A.* (Simcoe North)—11162.

I commend the minister's idea of a transportation commission which will take into consideration the commercial aspect of this whole matter, 11162. Before any great undertaking of that kind is started the government and the people of the country should be satisfied that it is going to be a commercial possibility and success, 11163. The problem is too large for any one to take a small local view of it, 11164.

*Graham, Hon. G. P.* (Renfrew South)—11149.

This is the beginning of the western section of the Georgian Bay canal. I am still in favour of the Georgian Bay project, 11149.

*Murphy, Hon. Charles* (Russell)—11172.

We have a natural curiosity to know how this \$500,000 is to be expended. I now ask the minister to enlighten the committee, 11172. We should not be asked

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to vote money under such circumstances, 11173.

*Nesbitt, E. W.* (Oxford North)—11167.

If there is to be a canal I am very strongly in favour of the Welland canal route, 11168. The undertaking is possible but not probable, 11169.

*Oliver, Hon. Frank* (Edmonton)—11151.

I want the best there is and I suppose the country is willing to pay for it, 11152.

*Pardee, F. F.* (Lambton West)—11175.

It does not require \$500,000 more to get further reports in order that the work may be gone on with, 11175.

*Rogers, Hon. Robert* (Minister of Public Works)—11157.

With the object of undertaking this great national work a vast amount of money has been expended by former governments, 11158. The finding of Commission *re* Great Britain Canal quoted, 11159. I think it proper that the government should make full inquiry as to the commercial value of this undertaking to the people of Canada, 11161. The money will be expended in the public interest, 11173.

*White, G. V.* (Renfrew North)—11169.

Extract from Washington read, 11169-70.

*Wilson, C. A.* (Laval)—11153.

Transportation is cheaper by water than by rail. Railway freights are quite high. Were we wrong in not doing; are you right in not doing it now, 11154. What post are you going to reach in the French river, 11156.

Montreal—eastern postal station 'C', \$50,000, 11193.

*Lapointe, L. A.* (St. James)—11194.

An available mail service is necessary for the division, 11194. P.O. Inspector quoted, 11195.

*Lemieux, Hon. R.* (Rouville)—11193.

It is only fair that the largest and wealthiest division in the eastern part of the city of Montreal should be provided with a postal station, 11194.

*Rogers, Hon. R.* (Minister of Public Works)—11196.

The matter will receive very careful consideration.

Prince-Albert—protection works, \$16,000, 11501.

*Douglas, J. M.* (Strathcona)—11502.

On the south side the same conditions prevail as on the north side of the river, 11502.