

SUPPLY—NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY—*Con.**Borden, R. L.*—*Con.*

Superior line, 5272. Also the cost of completing that line, 5273. In this case the government made His Excellency say something absolutely untrue, 5274. It would be idle to ask for an estimate on something that is not yet decided on, 5276. Did the government know the cost of these other roads, 8267. Does the Minister (Mr. Graham) think that they ought to have investigated the question to that extent, 8268. Does the hon. gentleman pledge his word that the percentage of increase on the other eight contracts will be less, 8269. The Minister is aware the he has not answered my question at all, 8270. Why did the Finance Minister take four-ninths of it into consideration, 8271. This is to prevent the divorce of Canadian traffic from Canadian ports, 8281. They declared over and over again that our estimates were wildly and absurdly extravagant, 8307. I have never said that I was deceived 8308. I am not aware he said it, 8309. The Minister of Finance should not have risen, 8310. I have the right to rise to a point of order, 8311. I would be inclined to think that he would have been a little more accurate if he (E. M. Macdonald) had said we had given judgement last year, 8326. We do not need engineers to tell us that it is impossible, 8327. I have the statement here of Mr. H. Woods, 8328. Quoted Mr. H. A. Woods, 8329. I would suppose that what is a fair question from one side would be fair from the other, 8330. Road campaign literature, 8331. The Minister of railways said he was not a member of the government at the time, 8332. He said that the contract of 1903 was the opposition, 8333. Quotes contract, 8334-5. According to the official terms brought down by this government there were thirteen contracts that we know about, 8337. Quotes a resolution of 1903, 8338. Quotes Finance Minister (Hon. W. S. Fielding), 8339. Does not every circumstance emphasize the absolute necessity that existed when this contract went through the House, 8340. I say if the government are in a position to deal with this question they should take the matter into immediate consideration, 8341.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—5251.

The contractors were not given any information whatever as to what proportion was loose or solid rock, or common earth excavation, 5251. The commission never gave such information to any contractors, that is not among the papers, 5254.

Crocket, O. S. (York, N.B.)—5260.

The classification has been objected to by the Transcontinental engineers and by the chief engineer of the commission, 5260-1.

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Where is the eastern terminus of this road to be, 8282.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Westmoreland)—5255.

It is not even the probable quantity. It only appears 'probably loose rock,' 'probably earth,' and so on, 5255.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—8305.

Will Mr. Barker state where anybody ever demanded Mr. Schreiber's report, or questioned the accuracy of the information which the Finance Minister gave, 8305-6. I will furnish the hon. gentleman (Mr. R. L. Borden) with the words if he desires, 8309. I have no right to participate in the debate at this time, 8310. I rose to ask a question of the leader of the opposition, 8311.

Graham, Hon. G. P. (Minister of Railways and Canal)—5246.

The estimates were based on surface indications found by the engineers and some sounding or borings, 5246. The usual practice prevailing in Canada was adopted by the engineering staff, 5247. Cannot tell about the entire classification until the board of arbitration give their report, 5248. Has full faith the country will only pay for what it got, and the classification will be properly laid down, 5249. He has made it clear that the contractors do not base their estimates on information given them by the government, 5253. The contractors have to get the information and take the risk, 5254. I said that on the profile the word 'probably' is the word used. That is done intentionally, 5255. Lennox spoke with heat some weeks ago, and I answered at some length, 5259. Parliament, without one dissenting voice, named a board to settle all these differences, 5260. Progress estimates are paid to contractors on the certificates of engineers, 5261. Mr. Dunn is now with the Grand Trunk Pacific, 5262. The number of contracts, starting at Moncton and going west, 5264. Statement of quantities, 5265. Was going to give the amount paid on each of these contracts, 5266. Reads the statement, 5267. It is taken approximately on a mileage basis, 5268. Can give the exact amount required to complete each contract, 5269. Does not know what the explanation is but no doubt there will be one, 5270. Gives table of amounts to complete contracts, 5271. They have made no report, they have just commenced their work, 5272. The amount required to complete McArthur's contract, 5273. It is open for traffic and running through to Wolf Creek, 5274. Expenditure from September, 1904, to 31st December, 1909, 5275. The prairie section is practically finished, 5276. Congratulates Mr. Lennox on his industry which is only exceeded by his imagination, 8263. I have never listened to a more unfair presentation of a case, 8264.