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The Commissioner of Lands and Works, replying to questions in the Legislature Dec. 3, said the engineer's estimate of the cost of the bridge was \$936,314. There had been expended to Dec. 1, \$678,279.28, leaving a further sum of \$258,034.72, as the estimated further cost. He also stated that the Government had not entered into a contract, or negotiations looking to a contract with any railway company for the use of the bridge.

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the current session of the B.C. Legislature for an act amending the Company's charter of incorporation for the purpose of empowering it to construct a tunnel or tunnels through the mountain to its mines at Phænix, B.C. At present the ore from the Company's mines is handled at the mouth of the shaft and placed in railway cars which have to make a long detour and descend a considerable declivity before reaching the smelter. In order to reduce the cost of handling the ore the company proposes to drive a tunnel from near the smelter, on the level into the mountain and under its mines. Tracks will be laid in this tunnel and cars run in under the mine, where they will be loaded from the shaft, which will be continued downwards. D. Whiteside, Grand Forks, B.C., is solicitor for the Company, the President of which is S. H.C. Miner, Granby, Que.

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