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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, July 6, 1908.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Eleven o'clock.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I promised the House the other day that I would state to-day the remaining programme for the session. I expected at that time that we should have an opportunity for conference on Saturday evening, when I should be able to arrange with my colleagues as to the programme. But the House was in the humour to work on Saturday evening, so there was not the opportunity for that conference. I will make a statement on the subject this afternoon.

COST OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY.

Hon. GEO. P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals). I desire to submit certain information respecting the Transcontinental and Grand Trunk Pacific Railways.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN (Carleton). As this information is in response to no motion made in the House, I would suggest to the Minister of Railways and Canals, that he might move for leave to lay it on the table so that it can be formally before us and be made part of the records of this House.

Mr. GRAHAM. I move for leave accordingly, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. GEO. E. FOSTER (North Toronto). May I ask if there is any probability of our getting a later report of the commission. The minister has laid on the table the printed report of the commission which covers down to March 31, 1907. It seems to me the commission has not harmed itself by over-exertion in getting out its reports, considering that it is one year and several months behind time. Cannot it make up by getting out last year's report before par-

liament rises? Is it nearly ready now, or wholly ready?

Mr. GRAHAM. I have not heard anything about the report being made. Of course, conditions this year are peculiar. The House is in session away beyond the ordinary time of closing, and the report we were supposed to discuss this session is the one already before the House. I am trying to get information down to date as nearly as possible. I have not heard as to the position in relation to the report, but I will make inquiries.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. When the report does come down, it might be so framed as to give a good deal more information than does the report which has been laid on the table. There is a remarkable lack of information on many points in the commission's report; and I should think the leisure at their command would enable them to make a report much more satisfactory.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS.

YUKON—PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR.

Mr. FOSTER asked:

1. What, if any, steps have been taken to have an investigation into an audit of the account involved in the estates and trusts that came into the hands of F. T. Congdon, as public administrator in the Yukon?

2. Will the government lay on the table of the House a list of these estates and trusts with the disposition made of the same?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior):

1. The matter of the audit of the account involved in the settlement of estates and trusts by the Public Administrator is one which under the law comes within the jurisdiction of the Yukon Territorial Court. There is no information here as to any steps having been taken by the commissioner to have such an audit made.

2. Yes. To the courts of the Yukon territory, where they are of record, will furnish them.