

**RAILWAY MILEAGE AND GRADES.
INQUIRY.**

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN inquired of the Government:

1. What is the mileage by the Canadian Pacific Railway between Winnipeg and Quebec?
2. What is the mileage by the Canadian Northern Railway between Winnipeg and Quebec?
3. What is the mileage by the National Transcontinental Railway between Winnipeg and Quebec?
4. What is the total adverse grade on the Canadian Pacific going east, from Winnipeg to Quebec?
5. What is the total adverse grade going west on the same road?
6. What is the total adverse grade going east on the Canadian Northern Railway between Winnipeg and Quebec—the same going west?
7. What is the total adverse grade going east on the National Transcontinental Railway between Winnipeg and Quebec? The same going west?

Hon Sir JAMES LOUGHEED:

1. 1,587 miles.
2. 1,640 miles.
3. 1,351 miles.

4 and 5. Information has been received from the railways concerned, as follows:—Canadian Pacific Railway—ruling grades vary from 0.3 per cent to 1.1 per cent, on different subdivisions eastbound and from 0.4 to 1.25 per cent on different subdivisions westbound.

6. Canadian Northern Railway—Main line from Quebec to Winnipeg is built to 5-10 of 1 per cent, westbound and 4-10 of 1 per cent eastbound grades with the exception of 53 miles of westbound and 84 miles of eastbound short momentum grades which can be reduced later when necessary. Of these latter temporary grades, there are less than 6 miles of 1 per cent and less than one mile of 1.15 per cent grade. All other temporary grades are less than 1 per cent.

7. National Transcontinental Railway—The total adverse grade on the National Transcontinental eastbound from Winnipeg to Quebec amounts to 608.0 miles in length and 8,946.7 feet of a raise. The total adverse grade westbound over the same distance and between the same points amounts to 536.8 miles in length and 9,730.3 feet of a raise.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: With the leave of the House I ask that this be not printed, as it does not answer all the questions that I put. Is it understood that it will not appear in Hansard?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I should very much prefer my honourable friend to state wherein it is not an answer.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: The answer to the first three questions are all right. The other question asked what is the total adverse grade. That means the sum of the adverse grades on each of the three roads. A long rigmarole is given in this answer which does not answer the question at all. I suppose honourable gentlemen know what the total adverse grade means. It is the grade up which a locomotive must haul a train. The total on the National Transcontinental railway and on the Grand Trunk Pacific is 6,900 feet, whilst on the Canadian Pacific railway it is 23,000 feet. On the Canadian Pacific railway, for instance, between the Pacific and the Atlantic, every ton of freight has to be raised a height of 23,000 feet, or nearly 5 miles, whilst on the National Transcontinental and the Grand Trunk Pacific railways the freight has to be raised only 6,000 feet. I think the Canadian Northern railway would make a very good showing in this respect. The answer has nothing to do with that at all.

**TUBERCULOSIS IN EXPEDITIONARY
FORCE.
INQUIRY.**

Hon. Mr. DANIEL inquired of the Government:

1. How many cases of tuberculosis have been discovered in the Canadian Expeditionary Force?
 - (a) In Canada?
 - (b) Returned from England?
 - (c) Returned from France?
2. How many cases of tuberculosis are there at present in the Canadian Expeditionary Force?
3. How many of these are now in Canada?
4. What provision has been made, and is intended to be made for the treatment of these cases, either by the Department of Militia or the Military Hospitals Commission?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED:

1. It is impossible to give absolute details as to the number of cases of tuberculosis discovered in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, as many of these men may be in the hospitals in France and England for other causes and not in sanatoria. The records of the Military Hospitals Commission show as follows:

(a) Invalided in Canada before going overseas.	1,271
(b & c) Invalided in France & England	1,359
Not known where invalided.	27
In England awaiting return to Canada	600
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The records of the Commission do not show whether men returned from overseas have been to France. This information