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RAILWAY SUBSIDY—*Con.*

spectively stated) a subsidy not exceeding \$6,400 per mile:

- (i) For the line of railway from North Bay on the Canadian Pacific railway to Cochrane on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway; not exceeding 252.8 miles.
- (ii) For the following branch lines of railway:
 - (a) From Englehart to Charlton; not exceeding 7.8 miles.
 - (b) From Cobalt to Kerr lake; not exceeding 3.9 miles.
 - (c) From Iroquois Falls to Timmins; not exceeding 32.2 miles.
 - (d) From Earleton to Elk Lake City; not exceeding 28.5 miles.
 - (e) From Iroquois Falls Station to Iroquois Falls; not exceeding 7.25 miles.

2. That the subsidies hereby authorized shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada at the option of the Governor in Council, and may be paid upon the certificate of the chief engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals as to the mileage constructed in such manner and in such amounts and subject to such conditions, if any, as the Governor in Council deems expedient.—*Mr. Cochrane, 11873.*

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House in committee on Bill 247.—*Mr. Cochrane, 11873.*

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—11899.

At no time in the history of this country has more generous treatment been given in respect of development of I.C.R. than by the present minister, 11899. It is of importance that through rates should be under the control of one body, 11901.

Chisholm, W. (Antigonish)—11897.

Invites minister's attention to I.C.R. in certain counties in Nova Scotia, 11898.

Cochrane, Hon. Frank (Minister of Railways and Canals)—11877.

We are not coming here under any false pretences. This road was started as a colonization road. A good policy on the part of any government to subsidize any province that will have sufficient stamina to develop its own resources, 11878. We are not here for the purpose of making any misrepresentations, 11878.

Graham, Hon. G. P. (Renfrew South)—11895.

I am not going to oppose the granting of a subsidy for this railway, 11896. The government should at least agree, before the subsidy is granted, that the through rates on its line should be under the Board of Railway Commissioners, 11897.

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Lawrie, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)—11882.

There are provinces not so well situated as the province of Ontario, and which cannot undertake the construction of railways, 11883. The provinces should be content with the subsidies we pay them every year, 11884. The only argument which has been urged in favour of this subsidy is that if it were asked for by a company we would give it, 11885.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—11873.

The proposition contained in this Bill is one that ought not to be voted in this committee or ratified by parliament, 11874. Why does he want to bring in a Bill under false pretences? 11874. What encouragement do we need to give to the construction of a project that has already been brought to fruition, 11875. This is not a subsidy but a gift without reason or justification, 11876. The proposition is an unheard of one, 11877.

Maclean, W. F. (York South)—11894.

Because it is a publicly-owned road it is proposed to be discriminated, against, 11894.

McKenzie, D. D. (Cape Breton North and Victoria)—11903.

The Prime Minister will find it difficult to get any precedent for the line of action that is taken by his government now, 11904.

Proulx, E. (Prescott)—11889.

I approve of the granting of this subsidy but on condition that the rates shall be put under the control of the Dominion Railway Board, 11890.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—11890.

Reference made to certain branch lines of the I.C.R., 11890-2. What has happened in the province of Ontario? 11892. I would like to have some statement by the minister as to his future policy in relation to branches in Nova Scotia, 11893.

Sutherland, D. (Oxford South)—11886.

The province of Ontario is not asking for favours from the other provinces or from the federal government, 11887. There will have to be somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$2,000,000 expended in rebuilding the road, 11888. It is to remedy an injustice that has been done to the province for a great many years, 11889.

White, Hon. W. T. (Minister of Finance)—11880.

If ever a subsidy was deserved in respect of the building of a line it is in the case of T.N.O.Ry., 11880. This road has opened up one of the richest mineral areas in the world, 11881. We all know that the road is built and that this subsidy should have been granted years ago, 11882.