

with the desire, should it prove satisfactory, that they should supply some more of these appliances.

Mr. INGRAM. When may we expect that they will be able to get that report?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. One of the gentlemen concerned in the patent, I am informed, has spent most of his time at Moncton up to a comparatively recent date and is perfectly familiar with the operation of the appliance. He was there observing it himself and therefore did not need any report.

Mr. INGRAM. I am bound to say that if I read the letter that I have in my possession, it would ensure the hon. Minister of Finance that this gentleman has become very tired waiting around Moncton to get a report. I think if I read the letter it would raise the hair of the hon. gentleman's head, but I do not feel like doing so because I do not think it would be a good thing to put on record. He complains very bitterly that he cannot obtain any report from the Intercolonial in reference to this test, that he can get no satisfaction at all and that the officials of the Intercolonial Railway simply ignore him. There are three gentlemen interested in this patent, one of them is in San Francisco and another is in Toronto. One of these gentlemen was here endeavouring to get some information, but he could get no satisfaction from the department and he was forced to leave Ottawa. He is a poor man without the means to enable him to remain around and I think he has hardly been treated fairly. If his patent is no good he should be told so at once.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. Does the hon. gentleman mean that the gentleman who was recently here was the one who has been at Moncton?

Mr. INGRAM. Yes.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. I understand that there are several parties connected with this patent and I am not sure that they all take the same view.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. Who are the other gentlemen connected with it? There are three of them, are there not?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. There are Peterson and Cleveland and there are several members of the concern. There are two Petersons and two Cleverlands.

Mr. INGRAM. I am informed that the patent office only recognized two—Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Peterson. The trouble, Mr. Cleveland tells me, is that there are some parties associated with the concern in Moncton, some gentlemen who have become interested in it in a way, Mr. Cleveland thinks, that is causing it to be a case of freeze-out, and Mr. Cleveland objects to being frozen out. Yet, he and the other two control the patent as far as the patent office is concerned.

\*The MINISTER OF FINANCE. They will have to settle the patent question among themselves.

Mr. INGRAM. I think the Intercolonial Railway should give them some satisfaction.

Mr. BENNETT. Is it the intention of the department to go on and instal this Chapman double ball bearing apparatus on certain locomotives and cars on the report of Mr. Muhlfeld?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. The privilege has been accorded to these parties to make a trial of this apparatus, but they have not so far availed themselves of it.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. At their own expense?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. Yes, there is no present understanding as to any further action.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. Have you much of a supply of these air-brakes on hand?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. There are some on hand.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. Not a large quantity?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. I think not.

Mr. INGRAM. Can the hon. minister say definitely whether the estimate he is making for the air-brake and draw-bar includes the labour or not?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. This \$50 I have quoted as the cost of the air-brakes does include the labour of putting them in.

Mr. INGRAM. And the \$40 for draw-bars also includes the labour?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. Yes.

Mr. BENNETT. I find by a circular issued by this company that the arrangement is not as the hon. minister has stated it to the committee. The hon. member for West York (Mr. Campbell) is president of this company and with the view of selling stock they have issued a prospectus purporting to give a copy of a report by Mr. Muhlfeld. It says:

The railway to pay the cost for the expense for the application of the equipment only to such an amount as may be occasioned by the removal of the present equipment. If, after one year's continuous service, the equipment has demonstrated that it can fulfil all of the requirements, in accordance with the claims made for it by the inventor, and the company who may control the invention, the railway to pay the additional amount to defray the cost for the initial application.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. Is my hon. friend reading from a prospectus?

Mr. BENNETT. From the prospectus which is purporting to give a copy of the report of Mr. Muhlfeld, superintendent of machinery and rolling stock.