

colonial Railway and its equipment, down to and including the financial year ending 30th June, 1897?

2. Within the above dates, and for similar purposes, what sums were expended on capital account for branches, extensions, connections, and other subsidiary parts of the Intercolonial system?

3. What sums have been expended on capital account for the Intercolonial Railway and the Intercolonial system, and its connections and branches, yearly, since 30th June, 1897?

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals).

1. \$65,750,099.87.

2. \$14,316,561.16. This amount is included in the answer to number one.

3. 1898, \$252,756.80; 1899, \$1,081,929.94; 1900, \$3,255,348.29; 1901, \$3,633,836.57; 1902, \$4,622,841.05; 1903, \$2,254,266.68; 1904, \$1,880,856.60.

#### INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—FREE TRANSPORTATION OF COAL.

Mr. KEMP—by Mr. Lancaster—asked:

1. Was coal transported free over the Intercolonial Railway to points in Ontario in the year 1902-3?

2. If so, what quantity was transported free, and to what points in Ontario?

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals).

1. Yes.

2. 495 tons. City of Ottawa.

#### PAYMENT OF HALIFAX FISHERY AWARD TO PROVINCES.

Mr. CARVELL asked:

1. Has a proposed case for reference to the Supreme Court of Canada, to determine the right of the provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island to be paid the amount of the Halifax fishery award, received by the Dominion, been submitted to the government on behalf of said provinces, or any, or which of them?

2. If so, have the terms of such proposed reference been approved by the Minister of Justice?

3. When is the case to be submitted to the Supreme Court for decision?

Right Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister).

1. Yes.

2. The terms of such proposed reference have not yet been approved by the Minister of Justice, but are still under consideration.

#### RAILWAY SURVEYS IN JOLIETTE.

Mr. MONK—by Mr. Barker—moved for:

A return showing:—1. The names of the civil engineers and others, who were employed by the government, to make a survey for a line of railway in the county of Joliette in Quebec province, during the months of October and November, 1904.

2. The salary paid to each of said engineers and assistants for the work already performed in the said county of Joliette.

3. The number of days during which each of said engineers and assistants was employed.

4. A copy of instructions given to said engineers; also a copy of report with plan or other detailed information which said engineers have made.

5. A statement showing the expenses (other than salary or salaries) entailed for the completion of said work and survey thus made in the said county of Joliette.

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals). There is no objection to the motion, but it will be necessary to amend it by striking out the words 'employed by the government' and substitute therefore 'employed by the commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway.'

Mr. BARKER. You might put it in the alternative.

Mr. EMMERSON. I have already stated that there was no survey by the government, but that there was a survey, as I understand it, by the Transcontinental Railway Commission.

Motion as amended, agreed to.

#### GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—LAYING OF RAILS.

Mr. FOSTER moved for:

A return showing for each of the fiscal years from 1st July, 1897, to 30th June, 1904: (a) of the number of tons (2,240 lbs.) of old rails taken up from each of the government railways; the location and number of track miles which had been therewith laid, and the tons to the mile.

(b) Of the number of tons (2,240 lbs.) of new rails and fastenings substituted in each instance; the tons to the mile, and the cost.

(c) The gross quantity taken up in the above period, and the gross quantity substituted; and the cost, if any, charged to capital, of taking up and substituting track; and of carriage of rails and materials to and from the place of laying.

(d) The disposition made of the rails and fastenings so taken up. If re-used on the government railways, when, where, and to what extent; at what price charged out on relaying, and to what account?

(e) If not re-used, to what extent; where, if any, they are stored; and at what value they are carried, and in what account; if credited to capital or to working account; when, how and to what amount?

(f) If sold, to what extent, for what price, when, and to whom; and where delivered at the price; and to what account the proceeds were credited?

Mr. EMMERSON. In order to get the full information on this matter, I would suggest to my hon. friend that the date of the motion should be changed and that we should go further back.

Mr. FOSTER. Put it back as far as you like; I did not want to overburden you.