

SUPPLY—RAILWAYS AND CANALS—*Con.*

*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7496.

It was laid on the table three weeks ago and ordered to be printed immediately and ought to be here now—7496. Do I understand that objection is taken to item 87?—7497.

*Haggart, Hon. John G.* (South Lanark)—7496.

Is there any information in it in reference to gradients and curvatures?—7496.

Terminals—right of way, \$1,000,000—9498.

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—9500.

Understands the government will own terminal and arrange for facilities to other lines—9500.

*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Minister of Railways and Canals)—9498.

The principal terminals here referred to are those at Winnipeg and Quebec—9498. The government would own and control its own terminal in regard to the eastern section—9499. The terminal would be sufficiently complete to enable the proper connections to be made—9500. An advantage to the people for the Dominion to control them and give facilities—9501.

*Ingram, A. B.* (East Elgin)—9499.

Rumour that the Canadian Northern are trying to arrange for a union depot—9499. If it were an advantage to have a union depot, the Railway Commission would decide the government's share—9500. What objection would there be to a union depot?—9501.

*Osler, E. B.* (East Toronto)—9499.

This is an enormous bonus to the Grand Trunk Pacific. The minister's conclusion comes too late—9499.

To pay Grand Trunk Pacific for surveys, plans, field notes, &c., taken over by the commission, with interest at four per cent to August 1, 1905, \$32,379.52—9490.

*Broder, Andrew* (Dundas)—9490.

Does that survey locate the road?—9490. There is only what is called a preliminary report printed—9492.

*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Minister of Railways and Canals)—9490.

These were surveys made before the Bill was passed—9490. It would be a great saving to the Transcontinental Railway Commission to accept these surveys—9491. A full and accurate report of the proceedings of the commission laid on the table—9492. That has to be tested, and is being tested—9493. The Trans-Canada Railway made surveys for the eastern section of the line—9494. Through the province of New Brunswick a splendid line, no better in Canada can be secured—9495. They will make their location surveys on the data of these preliminary lines—9496. It was done by the commission under the advice of the engineers—9497-8.

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*Ingram, A. B.* (East Elgin)—9495.

Asks the number of miles covered by these surveys—9495. Does it mean that no survey is necessary between Winnipeg and 400 miles east?—9496. A large quantity of provisions have been bought, and will never be used, that these gentlemen may derive a profit—9497. Glad of the minister's answer, if it is correct; if it is not correct, he will suffer in consequence—9498.

*Maclean, W. F.* (East York)—9493.

Emmerson should have the report in his portfolio—9493. Is it still the intention to build the road from Winnipeg to Quebec?—9495.

*Osler, E. B.* (East Toronto)—9490.

Asks date of first expenditure by the Grand Trunk Pacific—9490. The principle of reimbursing the company for surveys that are useful is quite right—9491. No use criticising—9492. The cost of survey formed a very considerable portion of the estimated cost of the road—9493. Supposes they had estimated the cost of the surveys per mile—9494. What surveys have the government?—9495. What steps did the government take to verify the value?—9497.

*Talbot, O. E.* (Bellechasse)—9494.

Would like information regarding the Trans-Canada Company's claim—9494.

*Wilson, Uriah* (Lennox)—9490.

Why did not the government do the work themselves?—9490. How long ago?—9492. What commission did they allow?—9497.

*Zimmerman, Adam* (Hamilton, West)—9496.

A wise thing of the government to take the carefully prepared plans of the G.T.R. and their provisions—9496.

P.E.I.R.—branch line from Cardigan to Montague bridge, \$75,000—2171.

*Blain, R.* (Peel)—2175.

Emmerson said as there was only one tender he would not accept it, but the work was to be done by schedule—2175. How long has the work been going on?—2176.

*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Minister of Railways and Canals)—2171.

This line was let. Mr. Kitchen was the contractor for this work. The total estimated cost of the line is \$195,128—2171. \$195,128 is the estimate made by the engineers—2172. That is based on the surveys made by those engineers. The contract is made at the schedule prices—2173. We have a vote for it. I had expected that the survey would have been made before this—2174. These branches are up to the standard of the I.C.R., but of course with a narrow gauge—2175. Tenders were asked for November, and the contract was entered into in December—2175.