

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—*Con.*

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—815.

What is the nature of the improvement?—815.

*Hyman, Hon. Chas. S.* (Minister of Public Works)—814.

This is simply to complete the payment under the contract that has been made. Another vote will be required, but not a large amount—814. The original contract was \$631,000. The total extra expenditure, with contingencies, will be about \$250,000—815.

## SUPPLY—NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

Battle river bridge at Battleford—new concrete substructure and protection of approaches with close piling, \$13,000—7587.

*Armstrong, J. E.* (East Lambton)—7590.

Has the Board of Works not an architect in the department who is capable of undertaking this work?—7590.

*Bergeron, J. G. H.* (Beauharnois)—7588.

A certain work is under contract for a certain amount, and 10 per cent is added apparently for a supervision—7588. Then, do you have some one else to supervise the local officer and see whether he does his work well?—7591.

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—7587.

Is this an old bridge that you are remodelling or are you erecting a new concrete substructure?—7587. Is it intended that this bridge shall be maintained by the Dominion or will it pass into the control of one of the new provinces?—7588. I was under the impression that the fee for supervision, including the preparation of plans, was not more than 5 per cent—7589. I understand that the architect's fees on the public library being erected in Ottawa are 5 per cent—7590.

*Brodeur, Hon. L. P.* (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7587.

This is to provide for the reconstruction of the new southern abutment—7587. The demolition of the existing substructure and replacing it with a concrete substructure—7588. I will call his attention to the fact that the fees ordinarily charged by architects in the supervision of works is  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent—7589. There is a resident engineer who is supposed to look after the execution of a work—7590. According to my information, the department finds it necessary to have a resident engineer—7591.

*Wilson, Uriah* (Lennox)—7588.

Do contingencies and superintendence really cost 10 per cent?—7588. I should think that large public works should cost a smaller percentage for superintendence and contingencies than smaller works—7589. In this case I presume it is the local official of the department, who has a certain district to look after—7590. I

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*Wilson, Uriah* (Lennox and Addington)—*Con.*

am afraid that the government take advantage of these occasions to give local friends a job—7591.

Shellmouth bridge over Assiniboine river, \$10,000—7591.

*Brodeur, Hon. L. P.* (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7591.

This is to provide for the erection of a new bridge at Shellmouth, in the province of Manitoba—7591.

*Wilson, Uriah* (Lennox)—7592.

This is an ordinary bridge over the river?—7592.

Colonization roads—Manitoba and Northwest Territories, \$25,000—7594.

*Armstrong, J. E.* (East Lambton)—7594.

Is it the intention of the government to continue building colonization roads in the Territories after they become provinces?—7594. Whose constituencies are on both sides of the roads which are being built?—7598. As the government has expended \$25,000 in the last year or two in the province of Manitoba—7599. Does Burrows say that he would oppose this government granting an appropriation toward building roads in the provinces?—7605.

*Barker, Sam.* (Hamilton, East)—7601.

The difficulty in Ontario was that votes such as this were often spent for political purposes—7601-2.

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—7595.

I do not think there is any question of responsible government about it—7595. What amount has been expended in Manitoba up to date for colonization roads by this government?—7598. You are constructing these roads as public works, and by that very fact you are imposing upon yourselves maintenance—7599. That hardly seems consistent with what Brodeur has just said—7600.

*Brodeur, Hon. L. P.* (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7594.

This vote is proposed to be used toward opening or improving colonization roads—7594. The chief engineer does not remember such a promise being made. Take the case of Athabaska—7594. It would seem that this expenditure was on account of promoting immigration—7595. My own personal opinion is that it would not be advisable to give to a province the control of this expenditure—7590. One of these roads is to facilitate the travelling of settlers from Minnesota into Canada—7597. The deputy thinks we have spent about \$25,000—7598. I understand that the policy of the department will be not to build any more colonization roads—7599. It might happen in some cases that we would have to do it. This is a very small item, so far as Mani-