

fact, in every suburb of Montreal, in order to get rid of the intolerable nuisance of toll-gates in a very much frequented locality, an arrangement of a similar kind has been made; and I think it would be the duty of the government, by an audit of the accounts of the trustees or by the appointment of a commissioner or in some other way to get at an absolute knowledge of the real value of these bonds, and accede to the request of these different municipalities.

I repeat, what I have frequently said on other occasions, that I think the Dominion government, which controls entirely the corporation of the trustees—because, although the corporation is incorporated by provincial authority, the government appoints the majority of the trustees—should inquire into the administration of the road system and use the power it possesses by the fact that it is the holder of all the bonds and thus controls the operation of the board, to have legislation adopted by the provincial parliament which would abolish once and for all the system of toll-gates, and give us the same system on the Island of Montreal as has been established around every important city of the continent of America.

Motion agreed to.

#### QUEBEC CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Mr. J. B. MORIN (Dorchester). Some time ago I put a question on the paper asking how much the government received annually from the Quebec Central Railway Company for the passage of its trains over the Intercolonial from Harlaka to Lévis and any other services. I was asked to move for a return and therefore I beg to move for—

A copy of all statements, documents and papers showing how much the government has received annually from the Quebec Central Railway Company from 1896 to 31st December, 1903: (a) for the passage of its trains over the Intercolonial from Harlaka to Lévis; (b) for the storage of its freight; (c) for water supplies; (d) for any other services.

Motion agreed to.

#### RESIGNATION OF HENRY GOODRICK.

Mr. F. D. MONK (Jacques Cartier) moved for:

Copy of all correspondence between the post office authorities and Henry Goodrick, of Mount Royal Vale, in reference to his resignation as a post office employee?

He said: This is a motion for papers in connection with the resignation of a postal employee in the city of Montreal, who seems to have been compelled to tender his resignation under circumstances of very great hardship. The correspondence seems to cover only four or five pages and can be very easily brought down. I would like

it to be brought down as soon as possible so that when the estimates of the Post Office Department are taken up, I will be in a position to expose the grievance in this matter.

Motion agreed to.

#### GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY— PAPERS *RE* CONSTRUCTION.

Mr. SAMUEL BARKER (Hamilton) moved for:

Copies of all papers and documents in the possession of the government, not already brought down, and of whatever character or description, relating to the proposed National Transcontinental Railway; to any proposals to construct the whole or any part of such railway; to any application for aid in the construction of all or any part and parts of such railway to the submission of any such proposals to parliament; and all correspondence relating to the matters aforesaid.

He said: This motion is almost identical with others made on previous occasions by members of this House, but I have inserted a few words in it, which are not to be found in the others. I have inserted them for a special purpose, and I desire to draw attention to them and also explain why I have thought it necessary to insert them. I ask for all the papers and documents in the possession of the government, not already brought down, relating to the Transcontinental Railway, 'of whatever character or description.' Those words were not in the previous motion, and as perhaps there may be documents and papers in the possession of the government which have not been brought down, because of the absence of these words, I make the present motion.

An excuse was given for the non-production of a certain document to which I shall presently refer, but in the meantime I wish to point out that I insert these words so that in the event of this motion being carried and the order made as asked for, there shall be no doubt whatever that the House will be entitled to every paper relating to this matter, of whatever character or description it may be. I think it must have been a matter of extreme surprise to members of both sides, after the answers we have had from time to time by the right hon. the First Minister to questions put him in this House and after the statement made by him regarding the production of papers—the very emphatic and most unusual statement made by him in that regard—that the Finance Minister a few days ago should have brought to this House a most important document which had been in the possession of the government some eighteen months, which came expressly within the terms of the order of the House, but which had been held back and concealed from the House. I do not think, having regard to the statement made, that I am going too far when I say that the existence