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

tution?—2234. Would Emmerson give the name of the president and manager of the Galena Oil Company?—2254. Will Emmerson be good enough to state the total number of employees on the whole system?—2259.

*Blain, R.* (Peel)—2237.

Will Emmerson give us some information on the question of freight rates?—2237.

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—2219.

White's observations were very much in point—2219. Quotes the return re the arbitration between G.T.R. and I.C.R.—2220. To what extent the expectations of the government in that regard have been disappointed—2221.

*Campbell, A.* (York Centre)—2243.

The rates to Halifax and St. John and other points down there are not in competition with the railways—2243. That is the reason that shippers in Ontario regard the rates to these points in the maritime provinces as being exceedingly low—2244.

*Clare, G. A.* (South Waterloo)—2254.

Who has the contract this year?—2254.

*Cochrane, E.* (East Northumberland)—2216.

Why are you dragging in the canals? It is because you cannot get yourself out of the hole you are in—2216. That's parish politics. You had better stick to your subject—2217. I do not want Emmerson to introduce low parish politics, as he has done—2218. We are not criticising the expenditure of the I.C.R. from a sectional point of view—2219.

*Crocket, O. S.* (York, N.B.)—2205.

I want to call attention to a most unwarranted and unjust dismissal by this department—2205. It will be observed that this letter assigned no cause whatever for the dismissal of Mr. White—2206. It is a most remarkable thing that these complaints, if they were complaints, should originate with the head officials of the road—2207. Reads correspondence—2208. The treatment meted out to Mr. White does the Railway Department great discredit—2209. Mr. Gibson did not seem to consider him such—2210. Would not this assistant superintendent be responsible for that diversion rather than the station agent?—2211. Am I to understand that Mr. White's dismissal was in consequence of the diversion of traffic to the C.P.R.?—2212. I know that Mr. Alexander Gibson, junior, the Liberal candidate in that election, suspected Mr. White—2213. I would like, in this connection, to draw attention to a declaration which Emmerson made in the city of Fredericton—2214.

*Daniel, J. W.* (St. John City)—2225.

If that is the reason of the deficit on the I.C.R., why do not the other railways of Canada show a deficit?—2225. What we

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do object to is reckless and unnecessary expenditure—2226. Quotes a Moncton paper on the I.C.R. traffic situation—2227. The report shows that the traffic business of the I.C.R. is decreasing, and here is one of the reasons—2228. He is going to cease operating with the I.C.R.—2229. I have no statement to make in regard to the rates of freight as charged on the I.C.R. or the C.P.R.—2230. I do not care in what sense Emmerson says it, it is not a true statement—2231. I am quite aware there was a slight increase of gross earnings last year over the year before, but my reference was to the traffic—2232. Then, the rates being the same, there must be a difference in the accommodation afforded—2233. It has been intimated to me that that department is rather over-manned—2236. Does Emmerson intend to bring down such a scheme this year or at any time?—2241.

*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Minister of Railways and Canals)—2204.

This is the usual amount asked for in connection with the revenue and expenditure of the I.C.R.—2204. I will have it for the supplementary estimates, and Kemp can discuss the matter then—2205. I called his attention to the fact that traffic was being diverted to the C.P.R.—2209. Mr. White was charged with the duty of looking after freight matters there, and that he was entirely inefficient—2210. Even with selecting the man to take White's place I had nothing to do—2211. The communications between the minister and the department and the railway are through the general manager—2212. I want to say to Crocket that I did not make that statement—2214. I endeavoured on that occasion to show the reasons why there was such a deficit, and I think I gave the true reasons—2215-6. I am sure he will not say that he does not want the Trent Valley canal go down through his constituency—2217. I may state that the I.C.R. does complain, and has complained, to the G.T.R.—2221. That they have not carried out an agreement which, if carried out, would be very greatly to the interest of the I.C.R.—2222. I spoke to the general traffic manager, and he admitted that some freight was being diverted—2222. The C.P.R. had been too active and had got ahead of the I.C.R.—2223. When I ask the cause, and he assigns a certain cause, I must be guided by his conclusion. I left the matter in his hands—2224. Those who were satisfactory were continued, and those who prove satisfactory no doubt will be continued—2225. No one ever claimed that any paper printed in Moncton is my organ—2227. Does Daniel say that the matter of shunting was brought to the notice of Mr. Pottinger?—2228. This complaint against the management of the I.C.R. has nothing to do with politics—2229. These things are under the control of the manager, the general traffic manager and their officials—2230. He has brought to the at-