

ciala nor fair to the country. If this minister did not have the information this afternoon, he had plenty of time during the recess to secure it, and he should have brought it down to-night. But seeing that a member of the Opposition had asked for that information, the minister did not think fit to bring the information down. Now that his supporters are asking for exactly the same particulars as I was asking for this afternoon, the minister says: "You are perfectly entitled to that information, and as long as you do not get it, the item will not pass." I hope the minister will adopt one standard of fairness and justice to both sides of the House and, in future, when I ask for information, I shall be given the same answer as if that information were requested from his side.

Hon. Mr. REID: I might say that my officials during the recess went over to the department and endeavoured to get all the information they could. They could not get all the information that I wanted during that time. We tried to get the information, but we could not secure it.

Mr. CANNON: Then why did the minister not allow the item to stand at the beginning of the sitting?

Mr. LALOR: When the minister is getting information as to the roads, will he give us some information as to the Hon. Mr. Biggs, Minister of Public Works in the Ontario Government? I cannot vouch for the truth of the statement, but it is said that he has built a road from the highway through his farm right to his own gate. Are we paying for that part of the road?

Mr. STEWART (Hamilton): Yes, we are. It is a Government road.

Item stands.

Governor General's cars: attendance, repairs and alterations, \$10,000.

Hon. Mr. REID: This is an annual vote city over repairs to these cars, alterations and attendance.

Mr. DENIS: How many cars are there?

Hon. Mr. REID: There were three, but one was destroyed by fire last year.

Mr. CANNON: Last year the vote was \$17,000. This year it is \$10,000. What is the reason for the reduction?

Hon. Mr. REID: There are only two cars this year, as compared with three last year. Last year we had also to make some extraordinary repairs.

Mr. CANNON: Then if we burn another car this year, we could reduce next year's vote by \$7,000 more. Let us try and burn one. Would the minister be good enough to tell the committee where those cars were bought, and at what cost?

Hon. Mr. REID: Two of them were purchased from the Canadian Pacific Railway about ten years ago. They were the cars used at the time the present King was out here.

Mr. JACOBS: We will have spent in the last two years \$27,000 on these cars. I fancy they are railway cars, not motor cars, although there is nothing here to indicate which is meant.

Item agreed to.

Loan not exceeding \$50,000,000 repayable on demand with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable half-yearly, to be used (where amounts available from net operating earnings may be insufficient) to meet expenditures made or indebtedness incurred at any time by or on behalf of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, the Canadian National Railway Company, or any Company comprised in the Canadian Northern Railway System, or any of them, on any of the following accounts:—(a) operating deficits (b) acquisition of property, materials and supplies, (c) interest on notes, securities or obligations, (d) the principal and interest of maturing or matured loans, secured or unsecured, and (e) construction and betterments; such loan to be secured by mortgage or mortgages upon the undertaking of the Canadian Northern Railway Company or the Canadian National Railway Company on such terms and conditions as the Governor in Council may approve. The loan or assistance herein authorized may be made in cash or by way of guarantee, or partly in cash and partly by guarantee, in the discretion of the Governor in Council. Any guarantee from time to time given under the authority herein may be of the principal and interest of the notes, obligations or securities of the Canadian Northern Railway Company or the Canadian National Railway Company, and may be signed by the Minister of Finance, on behalf of His Majesty, in such form and on such terms and conditions as the Governor in Council may approve. \$50,000,000.

Hon. Mr. REID: The details of this expenditure are as follows:

Construction—		
Western Lines	}	\$ 2,000,000
Eastern Lines		
Betterments—		
Western Lines		\$4,234,403
Eastern Lines		4,123,334
H. & S. W. Ry.		250,000
Telegraph		500,454
Co-ordination, C. N. R.,		
G. T. R.		270,480
		9,378,671
Canadian National Express Company		
		112,569
Financial—		
Operating Account		\$ 5,000,000
Fixed Charges		18,074,847
		23,074,847