

# House of Commons Debates

## SECOND SESSION—ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, March 30, 1910.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

#### FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 189) to incorporate the Protectorate Life Insurance Company of Canada.—Mr. Turriff.

Bill (No. 190) to incorporate the Quebec and Ungava Railway Company.—Mr. Devlin.

#### MEAT AND CANNED FOODS ACT AMENDMENT.

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 193) to amend the Meat and Canned Foods Act. He said: In the working of this law we find some slight modifications of the wording and form to be necessary. There is no change in the principle of the Act. When we come to discuss the details I will give full information concerning each.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

#### QUESTIONS.

#### SUBSIDIES TO RAILWAYS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mr. BARNARD:

1. What are the particulars of the sum of \$18,109,841, shown as having been expended in British Columbia for railway subsidies on page 2, of a return to an Order of the House of Commons, dated the 19th of February, 1908, and being sessional paper No. 219 of the session of 1908?

Hon. GEO. P. GRAHAM. The following are the amounts expended by the Dominion government on railway subsidies in British Columbia, up to 1905-6:

Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway, 73 miles, \$750,000; Nakusp and Slocan railway, 36½ miles, \$117,760; Columbia and

Kootenay railway, 27½ miles, \$88,800; Shuswap and Okanagan railway, 51 miles, \$163,200; Kootenay and Arrowhead railway, 46½ miles, \$153,866; Canadian Pacific railway, (Revelstoke to Arrowhead) 25 miles, \$80,000; Canadian Pacific railway, (Savonas to Port Moody) 213 miles, \$13,326,100; Nicola, Kamloops and Similkameen railway, 35 miles, \$110,592; Canadian Pacific railway, (Crowsnest) 182 miles, \$2,301,936; Canadian Pacific railway, (Laggan to Savonas) 301 miles, \$4,031,233; total \$21,105,487.

#### SALES OF SCHOOL LANDS.

Mr. LAKE:

1. Have any sales of school lands been made by the government to private individuals or to companies in any other way than by public auction?

2. If so, under what circumstances and on what terms have such sales been made; and were the lands so sold advertised for sale before being disposed of?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER:

1. Yes, in accordance with the statutes in that behalf.

2. School lands required for the right of way of railways, for station grounds, ballast pits, and right of way for water pipes, have been sold otherwise than by public auction to railway companies under the provisions of the Railway Act, and school lands have also been sold by private sale to Boards of Trustees, under the provisions of subsection 2, of section 39, of the Dominion Lands Act, for school sites, the area not exceeding in any case four acres. In no other case have school lands been sold to private individuals, or to companies, otherwise than at public auction.

The lands required for right of way, station grounds, &c., of railways, are sold to the railway companies at a valuation determined by inspection of the land, and approved by the Governor in Council.

The lands required for school sites are only sold to Boards of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Deputy Minister of Education for the province in which the land is situated.