

SUPPLY—HUDSON BAY RAILWAY—Con.

Crosby, A. B. (Halifax)—3091.

Would like an explanation of how the minister has made this reduction, 3091. Asks how many passenger cars and locomotives are idle needing repairs, 3099. Last session a different answer was given me by the minister to that given tonight, 3100. Asks a comparative statement of the number of working men employed, and the number of officials, 3101. Understands that there are about 400 freight cars of every description now idle, 3102.

Graham, Hon. Geo. P. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—3091.

A general reduction all round; figures based on the experience of the past year, 3091. Easiest to speak from his (Mr. Barker's) standpoint that from the minister's, 3094. Wants to give a good service, and maintain the standard of the road, 3095. The reports will be exactly as the accounts of a company would stand doing the same business, 3096. He won't feel so badly when he knows that it is a Liberal newspaper that is under discussion, 3097. Advertising, dismissals; the board said that there were too many, 3098. In our higher offices we pay the men less than the railway companies do, 3099. The report was that we should reduce the staff of clerks, 3100. Only the first families can have a butler, 3101. In our change from the old shop to the new there was more delay of work, 3102.

Haggart, A. (Winnipeg)—3099.

There is a certain amount of politics of course in connection with the road, might be more economy, 3099.

Diversion of the line at Chatham, \$150,000—2874.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—2874.

They are really building this one railway into the city, 2874. The minister is incurring a very large expenditure on very airy grounds, 2875. Ask the cervice given Chatham, 2876. Rather too important an item to pass with the information we have, 2876. House misled, were told we were getting a road well worth the money, 2877. It is not a country calculated to throw much traffic into the town of Chatham, 2879. Will the sawn lumber go by rail from Chatham over this road towards Fredericton? 2880. No plan of this extension; re entirely in the dark in reference to it, 2881.

Graham, Hon. Geo. P. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—2874.

The diversion gets over a heavy grade between Nelson and Loggieville, 2874. Will necessitate the removal of the station to a location in town, 2875. We make a great reduction in the grade which has been a handicap to business, 2876. Anything new that has to be done must

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be charged to capital account, 2877. Criticized for taking over a road that requires improvements; branch lines Act will protect them in future, 2878. They felt that a great deal of traffic would be developed by the road going into the harbour, 2879. The I.C.R. will get all the haulage when it strikes that line, 2880. Will bring a plan and lay it on the table to-morrow, 2881.

Lennox, H. (South Simcoe)—2874.

This is for a recently acquired line. when this is done will be right down to the harbour, 2874. Asks an account of what has been spent on capital account on this line, 2875. There was a great deal of criticism about buying this line when it was acquired, 2876. We ought to have pretty full information as to what is contemplated, 2877. Asks the past revenue from this road, 2880. And the general assets, 2881.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Public Works)—2881.

Impossible to project any extension more likely to add to the business of the main line, 2881.

Rhodes, E. N. (Cumberland)—2877.

Asks how this is reconciled with the policy laid down in the Branch Lines Bill, 2877. The principle is there, you are expending money on a road that has been acquired, 2878.

Stanfield, John (Colchester)—2874.

Why not take the original route? 2874. They have a pulp mill there now, 2875. Asks the freight earnings for Chatham; it seems a large expenditure for the exports of Chatham, 2876.

I. C. R.

General protection of highways, \$10,000, 2882.

Graham, Hon. Geo. P. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—2882.

This is to place either gates or bells for the protection of highways at level crossings, 2882. An over head bridge would be built, but would be so high people would still cross on the level, 2883.

Lennox, H. (South Simcoe)—2882.

Minister would be justified in making the I.C.R. to some extent an object lesson, 2882.

Rhodes, E. N. (Cumberland)—2882.

Calls attention to the bad condition of the roadway and stable yards at Amherst, 2882. There is very great need of an over hear bridge or a subway, 2883.

Loggieville—improvements, \$12,000—2885.

Crocket, O. S. (York, N.B.)—2885.

The absolute necessity of a new station at Fredericton. An initial appropriation made a year ago, 2885. Men figuring largely in the Liberal organization are