

but had made an arrangement for a connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS. Quite so; but the hon. gentleman said, that I stated it was a very much better agreement than the other. I never said that.

Mr. HAGGART. Then, it is not?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS. Whether it is or not, is another question; but you said, that I said so.

Mr. HAGGART. The hon. gentleman was drawing the attention of the committee to the more advantageous arrangements he had made in a new agreement than in the old one, and that was one of them, and it is a much more advantageous arrangement than the old one, especially with regard to the terminals and the amount we had to pay for them, and thereby constitutes a sufficient justification for the action of the Senate in throwing out the old agreement.

The hon. Minister, just before recess, stated to this House that he was not responsible for the statement made by a Minister of the Crown in the Senate, in the introduction of the resolutions last session—

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS. I said it in this sense. It was stated that I had instructed, or authorized, the statement to be made by some gentleman in the Senate, which I entirely deny. But, of course, every member of the Government is responsible for what his colleagues may say on the matter.

Mr. HAGGART. I was not arguing in that direction, but I was stating that a Minister of the Crown had declared in the Senate, on his responsibility as a Minister, that we would be furnished with an account of the earnings of that branch of the Drummond Railway and the Grand Trunk Railway combined from Lévis to Montreal. Now, the hon. Minister said that it was impossible for him to furnish that statement. I here state boldly that he could do it on every section of the road with a little trouble. There is not a leased line along any railway in Canada or the United States on which the receipts and earnings are not kept separate; and the proposition for the leasing of this line from the Grand Trunk Railway was, that they were to pay a percentage of the total receipts of the road. How would it be possible for them to pay a percentage of the total receipts, unless an account were kept of the gross receipts? I was emphasizing this, when I said that the promise was made by the responsible leader of the Government in the Senate that such an account would be furnished to the country. Then the hon. gentleman replied: I am not responsible for any statement that was made in another House. That is a new idea of the duties of a Minister of the Crown, given expression to by a Minister of the

Crown, that, when a Minister who represents the Government in the Senate, makes a statement in that body in order to induce them to confirm the bargain, the Minister in this House is not responsible for that statement. Let me say, that in the manner in which the accounts are kept at present on the Intercolonial, it is quite easy for the Government to give us the gross earnings and the gross expenditure and the net receipts upon that section. We were promised that, and what I complain of is, that the Government come down here with a set of resolutions, and give us no information.

The hon. gentleman did not say a single word about the Grand Trunk Railway arrangement. I would like to know, whether the Government intend to carry it out or not. I would like to know, whether it is their intention to complete the arrangement which they exhibited to this House last session and the session before, for the purpose of carrying the Intercolonial traffic over the Grand Trunk Railway into Montreal. Where am I to get that information? I look at the public accounts, I look at the Auditor General's Report, and I do not see the payment of one cent to the Grand Trunk Railway. I would like to know from the hon. Minister, as he was using that road, and paid a subsidy to the Drummond Railway Company for four months of the financial year ending July last, whether he has paid to the Grand Trunk Railway any portion of the subsidy.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Hear, hear.

Mr. HAGGART. Would the Minister be kind enough to answer me that?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. He is engaged in private conversation on another subject altogether.

Mr. HAGGART. Have you paid to the Grand Trunk Railway any portion of the subsidy promised them under the resolutions introduced last year?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). You mean the subsidy on the bridge.

Mr. HAGGART. On the connection between Ste. Rosalie and the city of Montreal.

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS. You mean the rent? We paid all the rent.

Mr. HAGGART. Why does it not appear on the public accounts?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS. It does.

Mr. HAGGART. I cannot find it.

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS. The hon. gentleman has not looked.

Mr. HAGGART. There is no entry in the Auditor General's Report of any payment,