

The Cost of the Transcontinental.

The minister of railways, assisted by the minister of finance, made the best defence he could in attempting to relate the statement of the cost of the Transcontinental Pacific given to the country by the leader of the opposition.

According to the statement of Mr. B. B. Eder, the cost of the eastern section would be about \$250,000,000. This estimate included interest on the bonds of the mountain section because that item is part of the agreement under which the Transcontinental is being built.

In his effort to refute Mr. Eder's figures the minister of railways assumed the devious manner of a high financier and explained at considerable length that great speciality of getting something for nothing.

Coming down to hard pan, however, the minister admitted the items as cited by Mr. Eder to the amount of \$166,423,000, but he rejected \$783,000 in respect of the Winnipeg terminals, \$14,400,000 for the Quebec bridge, and the interest for three years additional on the eastern section, during which no rental is collectible unless the earnings are sufficient, a total of \$26,500,000.

The item on the Quebec terminals is another mere bagatelle of a transaction, which runs into the hundreds of millions, that it is of no account one way or the other; the Quebec bridge was calmly put to one side on the ground that it is not part of the railway; the interest charged was similarly put aside with the statement that the eastern section will pay for the drop of the hat, coupled with a lecture on patriotism and confidence in the future of our country.

As for the Quebec bridge, it has fallen down, and will have to be built over again, the average Canadian taxpayer knows that the money has to be spent anyway, and whether it goes on Transcontinental account or Quebec bridge account is merely a nominal matter of book-keeping, the expenditure has to be made just the same.

The gist of the whole matter is that before the last general election it was heralded abroad in Liberal campaign pamphlets that the road would only cost the country \$13,000,000. Now the minister of railways agrees that the cost of the Moncton-Winnipeg section will be \$114,000,000 and that the interest during the period of construction will be \$10,000,000 more, making a total of \$124,000,000. As to the item of \$26,500,000 additional for the interest during seven years on which the Grand Trunk will pay no rental he also takes little exception, while the estimated share of the terminals will be \$4,500,000 and the interest on the bonds of the mountain section \$11,000,000, making a total of \$166,000,000.

Even accepting the government's own case it involves a deduction on the rough estimate of about \$3,000,000. This is the item to dipate over a road that was originally cost \$13,000,000—Ottawa Citizen.

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It is good. The country will need a big crop if it is to be able to pay its bills. But, while a good crop is commonly thought to be a landmark for a government appealing to the country, no crop now can be big enough to obscure the scandal which has become public since the present session of Parliament opened.

In the face of these facts, the government, after asking for \$119,237,994 for the services of the current year, and after incurring a debt of \$2,850,000 in the purchase of seed grain for the West, comes down with supplementary estimates calling for \$13,665,000 more. This makes the expenditure proposition for the current year no less than \$132,752,000.

If we want to know what this means, let us contrast the figures of today with those of a few years ago. Here they are:

1896 \$ 41,729,383
1906 103,778,000
1907 132,752,000

In 1896 our outlays stood at \$8.14 per head. For the present year, the estimate, which stood at \$20 per head a few days ago, has now been lifted to \$22 per head.

For the fiscal year ending last March we had a deficit of \$12,688,000, so far as acknowledged by the government. This was when we spent \$18,778,000, and had a large income. This year we are to spend \$132,000,000, and we have a reduced income. That the deficiency will be large goes without saying. We shall be fifty or sixty millions behind. Where is that money to come from? We must borrow it from the money-lenders who today refuse to lend us money at 3 1/2 per cent, and who tomorrow will be asking 4 per cent, and perhaps more.

We are now getting a taste of the effects of graft. The policy of graft works in many ways. We meet with it in the "take-off," under which the partizan of Sir Wilfrid charges the country for supplies or for land twice the proper price. We meet with it again in such operations as the North Atlantic Trading Company, in which the country pays hundreds of thousands of dollars for nothing.

Keen on attention in those enormous and useless schemes that are entered upon, not because of their national value, but because of the work they give to the contractors, who, in turn, are bled for the election funds.

"For the carnival of graft we are already paying dearly. During the past twelve years there has been taken from the channels of business no less than \$228,000,000 more in the shape of taxes that would have been taken had the Conservative scale of taxes been adhered to. This drain upon the people is one of the causes of the depression which business has experienced. We have suffered for the extravagance and the dishonesty of our Ottawa rulers. The new scale of expenditure—\$139,000,000 in one year—means either that we must have a bigger deficit, or that there must be heavier taxes. In either case the situation is disastrous. More taxes will reduce the purchasing power of the people. More debt will impair the credit of every man doing business abroad. We have to do something with the question which the Ottawa politicians have brought about, and the only solution of the difficulty at present in sight is an absolute change of men and methods."

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