

I had such facts as satisfied me, until the hon. gentleman made the statement now, that he was interested in the road. The St. Louis and Richibucto Road was bonused to the extent of \$22,400, and I find that the hon. member for Kent (Mr. Landry) is a stockholder in that road. It is a little road six miles long running through the county of Kent in the village of St. Louis, and is bonused as well by the Local Government. The hon. gentleman's name appears upon the stock list as a stockholder to the extent of \$2,000. There is also the Hopewell and Alma Railway, which had a bonus of \$51,200. That is a short local road, and it was secured I believe by the member for Albert (Mr. Wallace.) I am unable to say whether he is a stockholder in that road or a corporator.

Mr. WALLACE. I am not a corporator or a stockholder.

Mr. LISTER. The Caraquet Railway—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Take that back.

Mr. LISTER. I said I did not know whether he had any interest in it or not.

Mr. FARROW. What is the question before the House?

Mr. SPEAKER. It is quite in order. It is about the resources dealt with by Parliament or by the Executive.

Mr. LISTER. I find the Caraquet Railway in New Brunswick was bonused to the extent of \$176,000. From all the information that I have been able to get, it is a purely local road, and it was a road built by the hon. member for Gloucester, (Mr. Burns). The member for Gloucester, a member of this House, is the whole company with the exception of giving stock sufficient to other directors to qualify them upon the board. That hon. member for Gloucester pocketed \$176,000 of the money of the people of this country. Of course that gentleman is an independent man, of course that gentleman is free of the Government. And he is conductor of the road as well.

Mr. BOWELL. Is he the fireman too?

Mr. LISTER. It cannot be charged that he can be influenced in the support he gives to this Government. I find the road from Metapedia was also bonused to the extent of \$300,000 and that this road runs through the county of Bonaventure and benefits Mr. Riopel and Mr. McGreevy, the member for Quebec. I find that another road, the Erie and Huron Road, was bonused to the extent of \$96,000. I am informed that a member of this House received and charged for getting the bonus from the Government 10 per cent upon the amount so received.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Name.

Mr. LISTER. Perhaps it would not be as well.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Name.

Mr. LISTER. The Ontario and Pacific—

Mr. HAGGART. I ask that the words of the hon. member be taken down.

Mr. LISTER. The Ontario and Pacific Railway—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. SPEAKER. What is the question?

Mr. HAGGART. The hon. member stated that a member of this House had received 10 per cent.—

Mr. LISTER. No.

Mr. HAGGART—of the amount of money given to that road.

Mr. LISTER. I said nothing of the kind. What I said was this. I said I was informed that an hon. member of this House had agreed he should receive 10 per cent. upon the bonds received.

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Mr. SPEAKER. It is a very serious charge to make against any member.

Mr. BOWELL. Let the official reporter state the words.

Mr. SPEAKER. It is a very serious charge made against any member of the House, and, if the name is asked for, I think some definite charge should be made, because it is a statement against every member until the member is named. I hope the hon. gentleman will withdraw the statement.

Mr. LISTER. Very well, Mr. Speaker, I will withdraw the statement in the meantime.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh.

Mr. LISTER. Hon. gentlemen will probably have an opportunity to laugh another way. Very well, I withdraw the statement in the meantime, in deference to the Speaker I find, Sir, that the Ontario and Pacific Railway, running through Cornwall to Perth, has been bonused to the extent of \$262,400, and that the hon. member for Cornwall (Mr. Bergin) and the hon. member for Renfrew (Mr. White) are stockholders in that company. Yet these hon. gentlemen think that it is quite consistent with their position as members of Parliament.

Mr. BERGIN. Allow me to correct the hon. gentleman. As far as I am myself concerned, it is all right; but so far as the hon. member for North Renfrew is concerned, it is a pity that a Grit should be charged with anything so abominable as being director of a railway company.

Mr. LISTER. I mean Mr. White, as the member for Renfrew. I find, Sir, that in 1885, this Parliament granted to the Ottawa, Waddington and Northern Transportation Railway \$166,000, and that the hon. member for North Renfrew (Mr. White), the hon. members for Ottawa (Mr. Tassé and Mr. Mackintosh), are stockholders in the company. I find that the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Railway Company, which runs through the county of Westmoreland, represented in this House by the hon. member for Westmoreland (Mr. Wood), was bonused to the extent of \$118,400. I find that the Montreal and Champlain Railway was bonused to the extent of \$300,000, and that the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Montplaisir) is a stockholder, I believe, in that road. I find the Long Sault Railway was bonused to the extent of \$25,600, and the hon. member for Pontiac (Mr. Bryson) is a stockholder in that road. I find that the Gatineau Railway Company has been incorporated by this House, and that the hon. member for Ottawa County (Mr. Wright), and the two hon. members for Ottawa city, and the hon. member for Pontiac, are stockholders.

Mr. MACKINTOSH. Did I understand the hon. member to state that the Ottawa and Gatineau Railway Company was incorporated by charter from this Parliament?

Mr. LISTER. I did not say it was incorporated by a charter from this Parliament; I said it was bonused by this Parliament, and I think to the extent of \$300,000.

Mr. MACKINTOSH. I misunderstood the hon. gentleman.

Mr. LISTER. Well, is that right?

Mr. MACKINTOSH. It is your business to find out.

Mr. LISTER. I find that the Rivière du Loup and Edmundston Railway is bonused to the extent of \$498,000, and I am informed that the hon. member for Témiscouata (Mr. Grandbois) and the hon. Minister of Inland Revenue, are stockholders. The Stellarton Railway to Pictou has been bonused by this Parliament to a very considerable extent, and the hon. member for Pictou (Mr. Tupper) is, I am informed, one of the stockholders of this road or, at all events, a promoter of it. We also find that the railway we were speaking about yesterday, has for one of its