

SUPPLY—RAILWAYS AND CANALS—*Con.*

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—1923.

Are the operating expenses of that particular road now being kept entirely separate—1923. There is no reason why the same superintendent at Moncton should not operate this particular branch—1924. I would like to hear Fielding on this question—1928.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1925.

Emmerson cannot ascertain whether this branch of the I.C.R. is paying or not?—1925. We can only reach the conclusion that the government were very unwise in buying the Drummond County road—1926. But it was practically to be an extension of the line with boats connecting—1927. Now he has to admit that the road is running still further behind than before he purchased the Canada Eastern—1928.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—1929.

The bill of lading was to Montreal and then by the I.C.R. to Halifax. I saw the bill of lading myself—1929.

Working expenses, \$2,000,000—6907.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6908.

Under that state of circumstances I do not think we will trouble Laurier to give a partial explanation—6908.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—6907.

If the House would agree to facilitate matters we could have a Supply Bill passed in order to provide for current expenditure—6907. If he will take my word I will give him positive assurance that we will take the item in ample time to have full discussion—6908.

Working expenses, \$1,250,000—9384.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—9384.

This is exactly \$2,000,000 more than last year—9384.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—9384.

Owing to increased wages. Hopes to have no supplementary vote next year—9384.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—9384.

What has this to do with supplementaries. It is for ordinary running expenses—9384.

National Transcontinental Railway—construction, \$1,000,000—9498.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—9498.

Can we expect another report of the commission before July 1906?—9498.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—9498.

The commission ask the amount and hope to be in a position to let contracts this fall—9498

Sproule, T. S. (South Grey)—9498.

Have you let a contract?—9498.

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Surveys, construction and other expenses, \$1,328,500—2277-2298.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—2287.

Will the reports coming from the commissioners be laid before the House?—2287. Is Mr. Cowan solicitor for the commission?—2289. As far as the Quebec district is concerned, the men who had charge of that district were overseeing the Quebec bridge—2300.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2282.

Parliament should be put in possession of the facts as early as the press—2282. Nothing in the statute to prevent the commission reporting under a year—2283. The terms of the statute I think require the commission to make an annual report—2284. The reports in the press may not have emanated from the commission—2286. There were three commissioners at first, but the number was increased—2287. In the return before me there are four purchasing agents mentioned—2292. Mr. Olgivie is the general purchasing agent, Mr. F. W. White is the assistant and then there are two local purchasing agents—2293. I do not know anything about the necessity of all this clerical assistance—2294. I do not understand this item. What are we doing in connection with the Quebec bridge which makes a staff necessary?—2295. We understood this afternoon that it was going to stand and perhaps it would be better to take the matter up a little later on—2301.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—2299.

Does the report contain all the information that the commission have in regard to surveys?—2299.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—2277.

Asking this money to meet the necessary expenses of the N.P.R. commission—2277. Until it has accomplished certain work, until the work is completed, there can be no report—2278. The results of the survey could not be given because they have not yet been completed—2279. Not another man in Canada will stand up and make the same statements, as those made by Foster—2280. My statement did not involve that we should wait until the whole line is surveyed—2281. Osler must know how the reports come in—2282. The chief cause of complaint seems to be that I have not obtained a report with reference to plans and surveys—2284. The matter is one of negotiation between the commission and the G.T.P.R.—2285-6. The press are not likely to get anything until report reaches this government. Salaries of commissioners—2287. The country to be congratulated that Mr. Wade accepted the chairmanship—2288. He fills the position with credit to himself and advantage to the country—2289. Fears the scandal-monger and gossip have too much Foster's ear—2290. This is not a question for the government, it is a question for the commission—2291. The total salaries of the commission amount