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*Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—
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putting up a station for \$24—7485. That is a doctrine that the I.C.R. capital account should have been closed many years ago and is a fad of Haggart's—7486. Some people have to be taught it all the same—7487. In consequence of big locomotives we have to take down light bridges and build heavier bridges—7488. I say they have been kept properly too—7489. I think we had better have an exact statement of the facts about that bucket before we leave any charges upon it—7490. I want to take exception to the statement of these who make a profession of knowing so much more than I do about railways—7491. Certainly it is our extension—7492.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—7455.

Did Emmerson state the deficit on this yer's operations?—7455.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—7447.

Has Emmerson the receipts and expenditures for the couple of months in which he says that the loss occurred?—7447. Emmerson says that the freight rates are not as high as those of other railways—7448. Oh, nonsense; you have it in your own reports—7449. What is the expenditure on capital account too?—7452. Emmerson promised to give us a statement of the expenditure on capital account—7457. A more lugubrious state of affairs than that made by Emmerson was never before made in this House—7458. This is the most extraordinary presentation of the management of the road that ever was made in this House—7459. Last year for the purpose of balancing the affairs of the I.C.R. there was an expenditure on capital account of \$8,195,000—7460. Emmerson should have placed before the House a statement as to the freight rates charged—7461. We do know that there is an immense expenditure for repairs on the road—7462. What justification has Emmerson or his colleagues for the enormous deficit on the I.C.R.?—7463. The position of affairs in this country is alarming. The expenditure is increasing by leaps and bounds—7464. The people are asked to build for the G.T.P. another line for the purpose of competing with it—7465. What excuse can there possibly be for any such state of affairs?—7466. I have presented the facts to the people, and if the people will submit to a continuance of the mismanagement I have nothing more to say—7467. Mr. Chairman I want to correct a few figures I gave in reference to the expenditures on capital account—7474. I stated that the total deficit for the current year was \$8,100,000; I find that it is \$8,001,240—7475. Alexander Mackenzie said that the I.C.R. was a completed undertaking—7476. As a matter of fact we have—7477. Yes he made that statement in the House here—7486. Fielding made same comment as to the way the accounts were kept—7491. It is true that the \$1,100,000 capital expenditure on the P.E.I.R. includes the Hills-

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boro's bridge, but was that a new line?—7492. The railway report shows that there was a decrease in gross earnings last year as compared with the year before—7493.

Henderson, David (Halton)—7452.

Is the \$2,000,000 deficit calculated to the 1st of July or to the present time?—7452. Does Emmerson mean that statement for sarcasm, that the explanations he has made are satisfactory to the House?—7457.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—7447.

Would Emmerson be good enough to say why it was not constructed over a commercial route?—7447. Then Emmerson is not going to let it be sold to the G.T.R.—7456.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—7456.

I think Emmerson said \$1,849,000—7455. I can tell Fielding that there are a number of stations that have not cost more than \$24—7485.

Lefurgey, A. A. (East Prince, P.E.I.)—7494.

On this item of the Murray Harbour branch and the Hillsboro' bridge, Emmerson promised to bring down the contract and some other things—7494. I would suggest that as the information promised is now down, we should let this item stand until the supplementaries are down—7495. When will the supplementaries be brought down?—7496.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—7450.

If other railways are reducing wages does Emmerson say that the government also should not reduce wages?—7450. And be extended—7456. I cannot agree with the statement made by Emmerson—7469. I say we ought to make an effort to have a similar administration of our national railway—7470. We would like to see the I.C.R. brought into Toronto, brought to the Niagara frontier, brought to the Detroit river—7471. The railway is not something that ought to be milked and depleted and run in an extravagant way—7472. I only wish to enter my protest against any such statement as that made here to-night—7473. The everlasting love of office seems to be the inspiration that actuates almost all our public men—7474. I know a \$16 station on the C.P.R.—7485. We are also promised the contract between the government and the contractor and we have not yet got it—7495-6.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—7494.

Emmerson is in error—7494. Before the item passes we would like to know what Emmerson is doing with regard to railway extension in the province?—7495.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—7457.

Emmerson has extended the deficit most successfully—7457. I do not propose to criticise the statement of Emmerson; I do not think it worth criticism—7475. The