

over the Canadian Pacific railway, is that the line is not completed, but that it will be 236 miles shorter.

The answer to the fifth question is that the line is not completed, but that it will be 289 miles shorter.

As to the sixth question, the total adverse grade between Winnipeg and Quebec on the Canadian Pacific railway, the information is not available.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—That is strange.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It is not a government railway. The hon. gentleman will not contend that the government should be in possession of information of that kind. The answer to the seventh question is that the information is not available. As to the eighth question, by the form in which the question is asked it is impossible to understand what information is desired. I may say as to questions nine, ten and eleven, the information is not available. The answer to question 12 is 32.402 degrees.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—I do not want to press this question unduly, but any employee in the Railway Department where the plans are filed could simply add up the adverse grades and he would have the answer. It would take very little time to do that. The profiles are on deposit. The same thing applies to curvature, because that is regulated when you have your plans approved. The curvature must not be more than so many degrees.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—My hon. friend is aware that the Canadian Pacific railway has been engaged almost since its inception in improving its curves and grades, and that accurate information would not be available from the plans which have been filed in the department.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—I would be quite satisfied to get the information in the hands of the department, if they want to give it, and it is there available.

#### INFORMATION BUREAU.

##### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN inquired:

Whether it is the intention of the government to establish an information bureau at

some convenient place near the entrance of the main building?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I think I filed an answer to this question when my hon. friend was absent. I might say the government has not given any consideration to it.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—The Committee on Public Buildings and Park Grounds made a report to the Senate recommending the establishment of a bureau. That report was adopted by the Senate unanimously.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The subject has not yet been taken up.

#### CIVIL SERVICE REORGANIZATION.

##### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I should like to ask the hon. leader of the government when he proposes to lay on the Table the report of Sir Geo. Murray with respect to the Civil Service matter. It has been distributed generally.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I shall make inquiry about it.

#### SOUNDINGS ON THE COAST OF HUDSON BAY.

##### MOTION.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN moved:

That an order of the Senate do issue for a copy of the plans, reports, soundings and all other germane information respecting the ports of Churchill and Fort Nelson.

He said: This is a very live question, and if we had this information a committee could be appointed to look into the matter in regard to Churchill and Nelson. I have often addressed the Senate on this question, and my information is that Churchill is the only port on the west coast of Hudson bay where there is deep water. There is no deep water at Nelson. It is just possible that either east or west of Nelson there may be places where ports could be established, and if we had those plans and made inquiries we might obtain some useful information. Naturally the estuary of the Nelson river, carrying for centuries and centuries alluvial soil from the interior, has filled up the bay. The same thing has occurred in the case of the