

the lease place an estimated value upon the whole system of \$7,000,000. There is a provision in the lease that at any time during the existence of that lease the government of the province of Manitoba may purchase these roads for \$7,000,000, and can assign it to any company or corporation. These are the principal provisions in the lease, which section 1, the only section in the Bill seeks to ratify and confirm.

Hon. JOHN HAGGART (South Lanark). As the hon. gentleman states, there is only one section in the Bill, which provides that this contract 'shall be binding according to the tenor thereof as to such of the parties thereto as are subject to the legislative authority of parliament.' Does the hon. gentleman mean that the legislature of the province of Manitoba will come under this provision, as being subject to the legislative authority of parliament?

Mr. McISAAC. I cannot quite understand the hon. gentleman.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. This Bill is to confirm an indenture, the other parties which are subject to the jurisdiction of this parliament, being railway companies which received their entity from this parliament. I want the hon. gentleman to explain whether he intends under this clause to make the legislation binding upon the government of Manitoba. Does that government come under the jurisdiction of this parliament, according to this first clause?

Mr. McISAAC. That is a constitutional question which I am not prepared at this moment to answer. There is a question about the jurisdiction of this parliament and that of the legislature of Manitoba.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. That is the whole question.

Mr. McISAAC. That is not a question which we need discuss at this stage.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time.

#### SECOND READING.

Bill (No. 103) relating to an agreement between the government of Manitoba and the Canadian Northern Railway Company, respecting certain railways.—Mr. McISAAC.

Mr. McISAAC.

#### QUESTIONS.

##### BEACONS ON THE RIVER RICHELIEU.

Mr. BRUNEAU asked :

Which of the departments is invested with the control, maintenance, &c., of the beacons on the River Richelieu, between Sorel and Chambly?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Hon. Sir Louis Davies). The control of beacons generally is under the Department of Marine and Fisheries, but the department has no beacons on the Richelieu river, between Sorel and Chambly.

##### CARILLON CANAL—REBUILDING GUIDE PIER.

Mr. MONK asked :

1. To whom was the contract for rebuilding the guide pier, Carillon canal, awarded?
2. Who tendered for said contract?
3. Who was the highest tenderer?
4. Who was the lowest?
5. How many tenders were received?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Hon. W. S. Fielding). In the absence of the Minister of Railways and Canals, I beg to answer:

1. To Martineau & Lemoine.
2. Dussault & Pageau, Martineau & Lemoine, Borthwick & McNaughton, John Quinlan, W. J. Poupore, J. F. Keating.
3. J. F. Keating.
4. Dussault & Pageau's tender was for \$21,743.80, and Martineau & Lemoine for \$21,784.17, a difference of \$40.37. The department preferred that the latter should be entrusted with the work, and awarded the contract to them at the lowest tender price.
5. Six tenders were received.

##### I.C.R.—SALE OF NEWSPAPERS.

Mr. GAUVREAU—by Mr. Demers (St. John and Iberville)—asked :

Whether it is the intention of the Department of Railways to permit the selling of newspapers, reviews and other articles required by travellers in the central station at Rivière du Loup, when it shall have been thrown open to the public?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Hon. W. S. Fielding). It is the intention to arrange for the sale of newspapers, reviews, &c., in the station at Rivière du Loup.