

## ORDER OF REFERENCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

THURSDAY, January 27, 1910.

Whereas it appears by a return made to this House during the present Session, being Sessional Paper 42*a*, that Mr. Hugh D. Lumsden, late Chief Engineer of the National Transcontinental Railway, in a letter dated 25th June, 1909, addressed to the Commissioners, resigning his position as such Chief Engineer, uses the following language: "In view of the general disregard of my instructions, and having lost confidence in the engineering staff, I have concluded to resign my position as Chief Engineer"; and in a second letter, dated 26th June, 1909, addressed to the Commissioners, the said Hugh D. Lumsden writes as follows: "Referring to my letter of yesterday, wherein I stated that I have lost confidence in the engineering staff, I beg to state that this does not apply to the whole staff, but applies only to a portion of the staff, who were responsible for the measurement, classification, supervision and inspection of considerable portions in District 'B' and east of Rennie Crossing, in District 'F,' lately gone over by me";

And whereas, while this House deems it not desirable to take any action which might prejudice the position of either of the parties to the arbitration proceedings now in progress between the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the said Commissioners, yet the said recited allegations of said Hugh D. Lumsden, stated by him as the reasons for his resignation of the said position of Chief Engineer, are, in the opinion of this House, of such great public interest and involve such grave charges against a portion of the engineering staff of the Transcontinental Railway as to make it desirable that the same should be investigated by a Committee of this House;

Therefore, it is resolved, That a Special Committee of five members of the House, to be named hereafter, be appointed to investigate the said charges and allegations of the said Hugh D. Lumsden against a portion of the said engineering staff of the said railway; that such Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to examine persons on oath or affirmation, and to report from time to time.

Attest.

THOS. B. FLINT,  
*Clerk of the House.*

THURSDAY, February 3, 1910.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee be composed of seven instead of five members, viz.:-

Messrs. Geoffrion,  
Macdonald,  
Clarke (Essex),  
Wilson (Laval),  
Lennox,  
Barker, and  
Crothers.

Attest.

THOS. B. FLINT,  
*Clerk of the House.*