

2. Answered by number one.
3. There are no such payments, and moreover answer to this has already been given under a previous question, order No. 19, of 6th May.
4. Answered by above.
5. Answered by above.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I want to call the attention of the hon. leader of the House to the fact that if we consult the Auditor's report, Part W of 1907, we find that Mr. Barthe has received \$79.30 for attendance on that committee. That does not show that the answer that I have received is correct. Or perhaps the Auditor General's report is false.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I do not know whether that covers the Auditor's report or not. It is quite impossible to say. I think the hon. gentleman knows more about the answers to these questions than I do.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—It is simply to test the good faith or the accuracy of the answers given.

QUEBEC BRIDGE AND RAILWAY COMPANY.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY inquired :

When the government, in 1903, concluded a financial arrangement with the Quebec Bridge and Railway Company, did it then require and has it made it one of the obligations of the contract that the company should forthwith subscribe additional shares to the amount of \$200,000?

Has the company caused this additional sum to be subscribed?

By whom, giving the names?

Did the company afterwards devote the amount which it so obtained to pay for works chargeable to capital, or has it not rather employed almost the whole of that sum, to wit: \$188,721, in payment of the discount at which securities of the company had been issued, the builder of the piers of the bridge having consented to extinguish a claim of \$283,279 which he had against the company by taking debentures of the said company to the amount of \$472,000, that is to say, at a discount of 40 cent?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I obtained from the Department of Finance the following certificate, which they say is correct :

Copy.
THE QUEBEC BRIDGE AND RAILWAY COMPANY.

Quebec, February 26, 1904.

I hereby certify that additional stock to the extent of \$200,000, has been duly subscribed

to the capital stock of the Quebec Bridge and Railway Company, and paid up in full, in compliance with clause 4 of the agreement made on the 19th October, 1903, between the Quebec Bridge and Railway Company and the Dominion Government.

(Sgd.) ULRIC BARTHE,
Treasurer.

Seal of the Company.
(Sgd.) S. N. PARENT,
President.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—My question was as to the names.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—That was all the information I could get on the subject.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—My question is not yet answered. The additional subscribers are very few in number. There are the Allan line, Hon. M. Sharples, Rodolphe Audette, and a few others. I have not the complete list, but I know there are very few names. It is for that reason I wanted to know the names of the new subscribers, and then there is another question: did the government devote the amount which it so obtained to pay for works chargeable to capital, or has it not rather employed almost the whole of that sum, to wit, \$118,721, in payment of the discount at which securities of the company had been issued and so on. I think this last question is only partially answered. I might allow it to stand till Tuesday.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I spent a good many hours trying to get the answer, and I failed to obtain it. It is very much involved, and it is reported in the Finance Department that the requirements of the Act of 1903 have been complied with as far as the \$200,000 is concerned.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—That is an assertion of the Finance Department. That assertion must be based on facts. And it is precisely those facts that I am asking for. If they are sure that the provisions of the Act of 1903 have been complied with, they must have that assurance from the facts they have gathered. I want to know what the facts are.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I am quite unable to obtain any more facts about it. I have made several fruitless inquiries, and have looked over a variety of papers, and I was told that this should answer the question.