

erably less than the amount which manifestly was expended upon it.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—But that does not cover the bonded indebtedness of the other two roads.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—In the basis of valuation the \$2,500,000 will cover the entire bonded indebtedness to be paid—stipulated in the Bill—and the \$4,349,000 will cover the entire cost of the three sections, or less than that if the court may accordingly make a finding.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—There has been no statement to show how far the net earnings of those other two roads have gone to pay the interest on the bonds of those railways.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No, I have nothing to show except the fact that there are certain arrears to contractors and for right-of-way. I cannot tell my hon. friend how the bonds stand. I presume the bonds may be bought up at a very reduced sum on the dollar, but for our present consideration of the Bill it seems to be immaterial what that default may be. Suffice it to say that the Government of Canada will not be called upon to pay more than a bonded indebtedness of \$2,500,000.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—My hon. friend has not, of course, brought down the papers with regard to this, but I understand there were estimates and engineers' reports brought down to the other House. We have not had a chance of looking at those.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The estimate of the engineers for the completion of the Quebec and Saguenay is from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000. I cannot tell you anything more than that. I am unaware that there are any reports like those that were laid on the table in the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Could my hon. friend give us that information before we go on with this?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I am unaware if there is any information of that kind on the table of the Commons.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—I understand it was brought down in the other House. Of course it is rather material in discussing a question of this kind that we should have full information on the whole matter.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I do not see that it will assist it any. There is the com-

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putation of the engineers, from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 to complete the work.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—33 per cent of a difference; they do not know much.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I just rise to state that voluminous correspondence and engineers' reports have been deposited on the table of the Commons giving a detailed explanation of the cost of those roads.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Do you mean as to the cost?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—As to the value of those three roads.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I have given you the value.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—But I state that official documents have been laid on the table of the House of Commons; perhaps my hon. friend could allow us to see them a couple of hours before we discuss this.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Certainly, I shall have them put on the Table.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Then we can resume the debate at 8 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—All right.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—I move that the debate be adjourned until 8 o'clock to-night.

The motion was agreed to, and the debate adjourned accordingly.

#### RIGOROUS PUNISHMENTS IN ST. JOHN.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—Before the Orders of the day are called, I should like to make a reference to what took place here some few days ago. Hon. gentlemen will remember that in the debate on the Bill to Aid Provincial Prohibition, I stated that under the old medieval penalties attached to crimes, a boy was hanged in St. John for stealing a loaf of bread. I was very sharply brought to task by the hon. member for Rothesay, who contradicted my statement and said that no such thing had occurred. To-day I received a letter from a gentleman who is very well known in St. John, a portion of which, with your permission, I should like to read. He said he had read this statement in the Debates, and gave some little attention to looking up the matter. He says:

I find you were correct and Domville wrong. The following item is taken from Lawrence's Foot Prints, published in 1883.