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Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—7613.

This is a new departure?—7613. I would draw Brodeur's attention to the importance of testing the cement imported from the United States—7614. This inferior quality of cement can be sold at cheap prices and so it is the means of unfair competition with our manufacturers—7616. Some manufacturers, both Canadian and American with all barrels to be graded and stamped—7618.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—7617.

Our Canadian cement manufacturers have not only to compete with foreign competition but with an excess of home production—7617.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—7614.

Why should we not fix a standard and grades?—7614.

Zimmerman, A. (Hamilton, West)—7615.

I can affirm that we are manufacturing the best cement in the world to-day both in fineness and in strength—7615. In the United States every barrel or package of cement is tested and the result is marked on the barrel—7618.

Chief architects office—Salaries of architects, draughtsmen and clerks, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, \$73,200—7618.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7618.

This is to defray the salaries of architects and others whose services have to be retained from year to year—7618. There are some officers there who can only receive \$400 if we do not insert these words—7619.

Henderson, David (Halton)—7618.

This is a very large item, I notice the same item was voted last year—7618. It is a boon to these young men to be able to get an appointment in some way in the civil service—7619.

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I think all that work should be done by the department at headquarters—7618. There are other instances where architects draw up plans, and as they get so much per day they stretch out the work for months—7619.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—7619.

It seems to me it would be possible to get men to do that who would come under the Civil Service Act—7619.

Chief engineers office—salaries of engineers, draughtsmen, clerks and messengers, \$11,000—6895.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6895.

There is no doubt that we are voting very large amounts of money that should have been thought of—6895. Is that the line

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made by Mr. Charleson?—6896. Is not that the line that a company offered to build for nothing and to carry besides government messages free?—6897.

Blain, R. (Peel)—6896.

What are the rates on the lines in the Northwest Territories?—6896.

Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—6895.

In proportion to the total expenditure the excess is not very large—6895. Over the C.P.R. to points in the Territories 50 cents for 10 words—6896. It would not follow that the company which made the proposal would have been able to do the good things they promised—6897.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—6896.

This looks a very large item for a newly constructed line—6896.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—6896.

How comes it that he asked for \$183,000 last year and now wants \$41,000 more?—6896.

Chief engineer, salary, \$3,400—94.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—94.

Has Mr. Lafleur been appointed chief engineer of the department?—94.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Minister of Public Works)—94.

Mr. Lafleur has been appointed chief engineer by order in council at a salary of \$3,500—94.

Collection of slide and boom dues, including salaries of clerks, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, \$5,000—7629.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7629.

How much do we get from these slides and booms?—7629.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7629.

Among the clerks whose salaries are included is Mr. Gagné, whose salary is \$1,095—7629.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—7692.

What was the total cost of the slides and booms, the cost of construction, and so forth?—7692.

Dominion traffic bridges throughout Canada, including approaches, \$5,000—7592.

Barker, Sam. (Hamilton, East)—7592.

What bridge have you on the Grand river?—7592.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7592.

I would like to know what these bridges are referred to in these items—7592. There will be a modification of that no doubt now that the new provinces are established—7593.