

entered into in 1879 in connection with the purchase of the line of railway from Rivière du Loup to Point Lévis, and another has arisen out of the purchase of the extension of the line from Lévis to St. Hyacinthe. The contracts themselves provided for a reference to arbitrators of any disputes that might arise under the contracts. There has been no action entered by the Crown, but the Crown has had claims against the Grand Trunk Railway arising out of what they claim to be the non-fulfilment by the company of these contracts. I am speaking from memory but I think it would be better that I should bring down the references.

Mr. FOSTER. Yes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. That would be more satisfactory because this occurred two years ago and I cannot recollect the particular terms of the references.

Mr. BARKER. I think that last session the hon. Minister of Justice did bring down several papers relating to these arbitrations.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I do not remember.

Mr. BARKER. Or perhaps the right hon. First Minister did, and in these papers I think there was a very considerable claim made by the government in respect to the diversion by the Grand Trunk Railway Company of traffic that ought to have been given by the Grand Trunk Railway Company to the Intercolonial Railway.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. They arose out of the agreements in connection with the purchase of the Drummond County Railway.

#### PURCHASE OF THE CANADA ATLANTIC RAILWAY.

Hon. JOHN HAGGART. I notice by the papers the alleged purchase by the Grand Trunk Railway Company of the Canada Atlantic Railway. I wish to know whether the government are parties to that contract, or if they have entered into any arrangement with the Grand Trunk Railway Company for running Intercolonial Railway trains over that part of the Canada Atlantic Railway which has been purchased by the Grand Trunk Railway, or whether this is a transaction entirely between the Grand Trunk Railway Company and the Canada Atlantic Railway Company?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). As far as we know it is entirely between the Grand Trunk Railway Company and the Canada Atlantic Railway. The government has nothing to do with it.

Motion agreed to and House went into Committee of Supply.

Charges of management, \$241,400.

Mr. FOSTER. If the hon. minister would be kind enough to leave item No. 1 as I should like to have the hon. the Minister of

Finance (Mr. Fielding) here when it is taken up, and allow us to go on with No. 2, we may get through with that.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. Item No. 1 stands.

Civil government—Governor General's Secretary's office, salaries, \$11,450.

Mr. FOSTER. What changes are there?

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Customs). There is an increase of \$200.

Mr. FOSTER. Where is that?

Mr. PATERSON. Page eleven, I think.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. Page eight.

Mr. FOSTER. I have the page, but I have not the names of the parties who are receiving the increases or the reasons why the increases are granted.

Mr. HAGGART. I would suggest that instead of passing them en bloc we follow the course we always pursue and pass every item separately.

Mr. PATERSON. There are four statutory increases. Does the hon. gentleman want to know the names?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, we are very anxious to have all the information.

Mr. PATERSON. The names have not been asked for before and the officer has not therefore asked for them but he can do so. These are four of the clerks who are employed there and who are getting statutory increases.

Mr. FOSTER. \$50 each?

Mr. PATERSON. Yes.

Mr. FOSTER. To which they are entitled?

Mr. PATERSON. To which they are entitled.

Mr. FOSTER. Has there been a report from the chief of the branch on the matter?

Mr. PATERSON. The Governor General's secretary applied for the increases.

Clerical and other assistance, \$2,000.

Mr. FOSTER. There is an increase of \$100 in this and we should like to have some explanation of it.

Mr. PATERSON. My opinion is that some of the officers who are paid out of contingencies are getting an increase.

Mr. FOSTER. I do not want to be at all unreasonable but every department in asking for supplies should at least give a schedule of the changes in the votes so that the minister who has the estimates in charge will be able to give information.

Mr. PATERSON. I have no doubt that where a minister is at the head of the department that will be done.