

AID TO TIMISKAMING AND NORTHERN ONTARIO RAILWAY—*Con.*

*Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L.*—*Con.*

gard this as a great departure from constitutional principles. He has discovered several shocking departures this session, 6447. The ideas of Mr. Graham are very much those of himself and Mr. Cochrane so they intend to amend this Bill. The amendment, 6448. A new clause to allow of negotiations to bring this line under the Railway Act, 6449.

*Carvell, F. B.* (Carleton, N. B.)—6403.

Asks if the road has paid running expenses, and interest for the last two or three years, 6403. The minister states that the province has entered into an agreement with the Grand Trunk railway to lease part of the line to them, 6404. Asks the minister to state why he should make a present of this sum to his native province, 6405. Thinks the Subsidy Act states that it is in order to assist in the building of roads that we grant subsidies. This road is built, 6406. The Prime Minister is laying down a new doctrine. No subsidy so far granted, but has been in the form of a subsidy under the Subsidy Act, 6411. Better say we owe Sir James Whitney \$2,000,000, and therefore we are going to make him a present of this money, 6412. Was under the impression that the National Transcontinental railway went through the clay belt, 6413.

*Clark, H.* (North Bruce)—6406.

This is a subsidy that should have been granted a good many years ago. A tardy acknowledgment of what we owe the province, 6406.

*Clark, M.* (Red Deer)—6415.

The government find themselves fortunately in the possession of a very large surplus. If that surplus is divided, 6415. One third of this entire House, consists of Conservatives from Ontario,—to the victors belong the spoils, 6416. We have a road already constructed. We have it a paying road. No one would defend the proposition to give subsidies to roads that are paying, 6417. Protests against there being any justification for granting a subsidy to a paying concern, 6418.

*Cochrane, Hon. F.* (Minister of Railways)—6402.

No objection to giving his views concerning this line. History of the railway. It has opened up that part of northern Ontario, 6402. The line from North Bay to Nipissing Junction enables the National Transcontinental railway to connect with the line to Toronto. Unable to give its earnings, 6403. Only to grant it running rights. For what reason should we grant a subsidy to any railway, 6404. If the province of New Brunswick will build a railway we will give a subsidy, 6405. Does not Mr. Carvell think the Canadian Northern railway is going to make money out of this road, yet we have given them a

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subsidy, 6406. We have a plan and report showing the cost and everything else, 6410. We have the engineer's report showing everything, 6411. Never heard of a clause that it should be built up to the standard of some roads that have been subsidized, 6412. They were stuffing you if they told you that, 6418. Asks if in 1884 Sir Wilfrid did not vote for a subsidy to the province of Quebec for a line from Quebec to Montreal, 6429. That is not true, 6441. Sir James Whitney has denied it on several occasions, 6430. Some of the information was taken out of the department, 6443. It was well known that the land up there was the best in the country, 6444. Will send an engineer to inspect the road. Moves to add a clause 4, 6449.

*Currie, J. A.* (North Simcoe)—6422.

There was not a dollar in the estimates for the building of that canal, 6422.

*Deputy Speaker, Mr.*—6423.

Cannot allow Mr. Devlin to indulge in a discussion on the Georgian Bay canal, 6423.

*Devlin, E. B.* (Wright)—6420.

We have been amazed at the amount and character of the subsidies given Ontario during the present session, 6420. The government has not been able to grant the smallest possible sum to the Georgian Bay canal. They have no money, 6421. The government prior to 21st of September was prepared to go on and build that canal, 6422. Protest against this expenditure, as unjust to the other provinces of the Dominion, 6423.

*Graham, Hon. Geo. P.* (Renfrew)—6402.

Asks what portions of the line are not built, and a statement of earnings and expenses, 6402. We got nothing but the cold shoulder from the start; I was there; I know, 6442. The minister hardly fair in refusing information. He has that information, or ought to get it as a Minister of the Crown, 6443. There is no claim that we owe the money. Was Sir George Ross's desk-mate when Mr. Latchford introduced the Bill. It was an experiment, entirely a colonization road, 6444. The giving of this subsidy does not open up one acre of land or give transportation facilities to one single individual, 6445. If passed should have some provision that through rates at any rate come under the control of the railway commissioners, 6446.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Quebec)—6428.

This Bill constitutes a very wide and important departure from the principle which has governed from confederation up to the present time, 6428. Ontario being the largest province is entitled to receive the largest share. The grant to Quebec in 1884. His posi-