

the Grand Trunk Pacific east of Winnipeg?  
2. What was the original width of said zone?

3. Has this width been reduced at any points along the line of construction? If so, where?

4. On whose demand was such reduction agreed to or made, and what reasons have induced the government to so act?

Hon. GEO. P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals):

1. The Governor in Council, under authority of Rev. Stat. Can., 1886, c. 151, now part of the Criminal Code.

2. Twenty miles on each side of the located line, including the line itself, but excepting within the limits of incorporated cities and towns in the said area.

3. Yes, to five miles through the province of Manitoba and to ten miles through the provisional judicial district of Rainy River, in the province of Ontario.

4. Upon representations contained in resolutions of the municipal council of the township of Keewatin, Ontario, and the Board of Trade of the District of Rainy River, a petition from ratepayers of the said municipality, a resolution from the council of the rural municipality of Brokenhead, Manitoba, and in statements made by residents of the locality, confirmed (as to the territory within the province of Manitoba) by report of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway that no necessity existed for continuing the prohibition throughout so wide an area.

#### RAILWAY STATION AT CHARLOTTE-TOWN.

Mr. A. A. McLEAN asked:

1. What was the contract price for the construction of the new railway station at Charlottetown?

2. Who was the contractor?

3. What amount of money has been paid to the contractor on account of the said work to date?

4. How much is yet payable to said contractor on said contract?

5. What amount has been paid for extras to date?

Hon. GEO. P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals):

1. \$58,900 with schedule prices for such other items as are not capable of being determined accurately in advance.

2. Emile A. Wallberg.

3. \$66,784.99.

4. The department is unable to give the amount, that is yet payable to the contractor as the final estimate has not been made.

5. \$7,884.98, up to date. There are no extras under the schedule. This is for additional work in foundations, drains and sewers, flooring and water-proofing basements with concrete, grading for and laying reinforced concrete platforms all at schedule prices as stipulated in contract.

#### EXPRESS CHARGES IN MARITIME PROVINCES.

Mr. A. MARTIN asked:

1. Has the government received any complaints from the maritime provinces, and if so, of what nature, respecting express service to those provinces?

2. Has the government received a copy of resolutions passed at the meeting of the maritime board in August last, asking for relief from burdensome charges imposed by those companies?

3. Does the government propose to take steps in order to improve the service?

Hon. GEO. P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals):

1. Yes. Following complaints on file with board.

(a) Horace Hazard, Charlottetown, P.E.I., against Canadian Express Company's rates.

(b) H. E. Baker, Company, Limited, Sydney, C.B., express rates on lobsters.

(c) Thomas Potts, St. John, N.B., express rates on fruit.

(d) Sackville Board of Trade, express rates.

(e) North Queens Board of Trade, Caledonia Board of Trade, Maritime Express Company's rates.

2. Yes.

3. The question of tolls comes under the province of the Railway Commission.

#### ENTRANCE TO TORONTO HARBOUR.

Mr. MACDONELL asked:

1. Has the government definitely decided to construct the proposed new western entrance to Toronto harbour?

2. If so, when is it proposed that the work shall be commenced, and how long will it take in construction?

3. What is the estimated cost of the work?

4. When will tenders be asked for to do the work?

5. Has the government engineer at Toronto completed his report on the said work?

6. Has the government conferred with the municipal authorities of Toronto or the Toronto Board of Trade regarding the location, character or other details of the said work?

Hon. WM. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works):

1. Yes, subject to parliament granting the necessary appropriation.

2 and 4. The time of construction is estimated at three years.

3. Upwards of \$400,000.

5. Yes.

6. Representations have been made to the Minister of Public Works by the Mayor of the City of Toronto, the President of the Board of Trade and representatives of the Harbour Board and Board of Control, regarding the location and character of an improved western entrance to the harbour.