

would like at least some approximation, because it is now four years since the conclusion of the final agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific and nearly five years since the conclusion of the first agreement and we had a good many estimates of these matters even before the road was commenced. We ought to be in a better position now to get something substantially accurate and correct. While I do not for a moment desire to cause any unnecessary labour, still I think we should have some approximation of the information I have asked for, which seems necessary for any intelligent discussion of the situation.

Mr. GRAHAM. I am glad the leader of the opposition feels the conviction that he has given me quite a large order.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Because I knew the minister was able to fill it.

Mr. GRAHAM. So far as the financial part of the question is concerned, I shall ask the Finance Minister to furnish me with that information which I know he will be glad to do as far as possible. I am endeavouring to get all the information that is essential to the discussion of the question from the different sources where I think that information is available. I shall take up the question in the morning in 'Hansard' as outlined by my hon. friend and as it will take some little time to obtain that information it may be some time before I make the statement; but I assure my hon. friend that I want to place before the House and the country every piece of information we have concerning this line, not only the government section but the company section as well, because it is a great national undertaking and we are interested in it from Moncton to Prince Rupert. I will endeavour to do my best to fill the order and I think I will be able at least to approximate the information asked.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Will the minister give the House information concerning the Winnipeg terminals, that is what terminals the National Transcontinental will have there, what terminals the Grand Trunk Pacific will have there, and what terminals will be jointly theirs with the Canadian Northern?

Mr. GRAHAM. I will get that information.

Mr. TAYLOR. The minister did not answer my question as to whether the contract contained a provision that the company should employ only Canadian engineers. I think that if it is not in the contract there was a distinct understanding with the government that that rule would

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be put in force. Now the minister admits that he is going to have a heart-to-heart talk with the president of the Grand Trunk Pacific to see if he will not oblige him and employ some Canadian engineers. I am satisfied the House and the country believed when they entered this contract that only Canadians would be employed on this work.

Mr. GRAHAM. I imagine that is not in the contract. I think the contract will show that materials, so far as possible, were to be Canadian materials. I am in entire sympathy with my hon. friend in the desire that Canadians should be employed to the fullest possible extent.

Mr. TAYLOR. I understood that would be part and parcel of the contract and that that arrangement would be carried out. It is certainly breaking faith if the railway people are not doing as the government said they would see they did when the contract was entered into.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. The serious part is that there is a prevailing opinion among Canadian engineers, many of them eminent men, that they are absolutely discriminated against, that, in other words, no Canadian need apply for work on this road. It is a very unfortunate state of affairs. This applies not only to engineers but to subordinates as well. It looks to them as though there was a desire to have men who would be absolutely under the control of the company and whose friends would not be likely to get any information from them in Canada, as though there was an attempt to have these persons there to increase the cost of the road for one purpose or another. At all events there is an impression abroad that no Canadian has an opportunity of getting a position there. These men can meet the American or English engineers in Mexico or anywhere else and hold their own, and why should they not be able to hold their own on their own soil? I am glad the minister is going to look into it and have the heart to heart talk he has promised.

Department of Justice, civil government, salaries, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, \$37,253.12; contingencies, \$12,937.50.

Mr. BUREAU. There is an increase of \$50 for Mr. Gisborne, Mr. Chisholm and Mr. Coté. Mr. Narraway is promoted and gets no increase for the first year. He is promoted to a chief clerkship and is accountant of the department. He has been more than 20 years in the service and has been for a year at the maximum of his class. The accountants of all the departments belong to the chief clerk class.