

ply the House with information to enable members to judge of the correctness of those comparisons. He has promised to bring down this information, but he has not yet done so. I would like him to implement that promise now.

Mr. EMMERSON. I telegraphed the general superintendent at Moncton and asked him to prepare such a return and send it at once. But the return has not yet reached me. I shall have the information, however, before the consideration of the railway estimates by the committee is finished.

Mr. CLARKE. But how could the hon. minister have made a comparison unless he had this information?

Mr. EMMERSON. As to the number of men? I based that upon the actual figures.

Mr. CLARKE. But where are those figures?

Mr. EMMERSON. I want not only the actual number of men but the number of days. I made the statement generally, and now I propose to verify it. I propose to show, not merely the increase in the sum total, but the increase per diem paid to the several employees. That information will be forthcoming—my hon. friend (Mr. Clarke) need not be at all alarmed. The information is accessible, and I will have it here so as to demonstrate to a mathematical certainty the correctness of my general statement.

Mr. CLARKE. But where is the material upon which the hon. gentleman (Mr. Emmerson) based his statement in the committee the other day. Has he not that now under his hand?

Mr. EMMERSON. My statement was a statement of totals, and I showed, from the actual expenditures on these items in the different years, what increase had taken place. My hon. friend asked me at that time for a statement for the number of men and the actual wage per diem?

Mr. CLARKE. And as to the duties performed by these men.

Mr. EMMERSON. It is the same duty performed year by year. The enginemen, for instance, perform the same duties as before.

Mr. CLARKE. But how about the train mileage they run?

Mr. EMMERSON. Even as to that a schedule will be furnished.

Mr. INGRAM. Do I understand that the hon. gentleman (Mr. Emmerson) will bring down a statement of the mileage in 1903 and 1904?

Mr. EMMERSON. That is contained in the report.

Mr. INGRAM. That can hardly be, because we have not the report for 1904.

Mr. EMMERSON. I understand my hon. friend (Mr. Ingram) to mean for the year 1903. I understand that he means for that year and for the ten months of 1904 for which we have returns.

Mr. INGRAM. Yes.

Mr. EMMERSON. I will get that.

Mr. DANIEL. Who is the master car builder now?

Mr. EMMERSON. Samuel King.

Mr. DANIEL. What position does Mr. King's predecessor, Mr. David White, occupy now?

Mr. EMMERSON. He is chief car inspector.

Mr. DANIEL. What is his present salary?

Mr. EMMERSON. The general manager informs me that it is \$100 a month.

Mr. DANIEL. Is Mr. King a Canadian or an alien?

Mr. EMMERSON. A Canadian.

Mr. DANIEL. What salary is Mr. King receiving?

Mr. EMMERSON. I am informed it is \$150 a month.

Mr. BELL. I would call the attention of the minister (Mr. Emmerson) to the fact that it is reported that some of his staff have been taking an active part in politics. I am informed that Alphonse T. Leblanc, canvassing agent for the Intercolonial, with salary and allowances of \$1,531.28, took active charge of the government campaign in a portion of the county of Guysborough in a recent election. Has the minister any information as to that, and was it with his consent that this official engaged in that work?

Mr. EMMERSON. I have not had the matter called to my attention. But, within a few days, I have heard some joking about it.

Mr. BELL. Has the minister made any inquiry?

Mr. EMMERSON. No, the matter was not brought to my attention. I was not aware that Mr. Leblanc at any time, had any connection with an election.

Mr. BELL. In what way has the information reached the minister?

Mr. EMMERSON. I heard some joking about it among the members. But I have not had any complaint with respect to the matter.

I wish to correct the statement that I made a moment ago with respect to the pay of Mr. King, master car builder. He gets