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Barker, Sam. (Hamilton, East)—*Con.*

take this from the beginning and compare the estimate for the work with the expenditure—2166.

Blain, R. (Peel)—2143.

Emmerson asked for the original statement given to the House in respect to the expenditure on this road—2143. I am assuming that this was an estimate given after the survey of the road was made and the plans and specifications prepared—2143. The committee will be anxious for Emmerson to produce the plans and specifications that were prepared by the department—2144.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2153.

What is the amount of the rental of which Emmerson spoke a while ago as having been charged?—2153. The information for which I have asked must be in possession of the department—2167. Emmerson suggested that the item should stand, and I think it is a very wise thing to have it stand—2168.

Might pass the item, understanding that it can be re-opened—8692.

Campbell, A. (York Centre)—2158.

It is amusing to hear Foster talking about the enormity of a bridge estimated to cost \$800,000 costing considerably more—2158. He has been out of the House for the last four years, and he wants all the information that has been given in the House during his absence—2159. For the last four years Barker has had this question up, asking the same questions and desiring the same information—2166. Next year the same formula will be gone over again, the same questions will be answered, and we have to stay here and take it—2167.

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Last year we asked \$650,000. We are asking now \$357,400. The estimated cost of the bridge was \$1,494,097.15—2038. The total estimated cost of the road \$1,031,061, and I have said that the total expenditure was \$1,018,711.93—2039. On July 5th last the estimate, including the wharf, was \$2,795,113.17. That is exactly the same as I have read out to this committee—2040-1. Those several amounts make the total sum of \$561,253.95—2042. As far as the estimates are concerned, it will—2127. There is the erection of the substructure and some work on the approaches that is not completed yet—2128. I do not know whether any explanation that I would make would be satisfactory—2129. I, of course, am not in a position to determine the matter, because I do not know the locality—2131. Does McLean know the original arrangements for stations there?—2132. The same figures were given by me as are given to-day, and they were not called in question—2133. If the contract was let at schedule prices, that would not affect the cost—2134. Last year and the preceding year

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the facts were gone into thoroughly in connection with the estimated cost and the contract—2135. I do not think that parliament has in any way been prejudiced by the vote having been taken in that way—2136. Unless we began before the completion of the road, we could not have them, as we have not great car works there—2137. The contractor did hire from the P.E.I. Railway some rolling stock, but it was old rolling stock—2138. I wish to say distinctly that Mr. Kitchen never, directly nor indirectly, so far as I know, contributed to an election fund of mine—2139. I was speaking of the last six miles from Murray river to Murray harbour—2140. I have made the statement that not one of those cars was used by the contractors—2141. Mr. Kitchen, who had the Murray Harbour branch, had no portion of this rolling stock at all—2142. Everything was considered right in that respect, because the itemized figures appeared in the Auditor General's Report—2144. I do not think any reflection can be made on the department in connection with the expenditure of money during the past year—2145. That was apart from the rolling stock and cribwork—2147. The estimated cost to Murray Harbour is \$1,000,000, exclusive of rolling stock and the cribwork—2148. Approximately, about eighty cars and six engines—2149. Forty of the old cars of the P.E.I. road and four locomotives were used in this new branch—2150. Foster has me exactly where the facts bring me. And I always give the facts—2151. Twenty-five cars and two engines—for these there was no rental, for the remainder there was a rental—2152. You must remember that these are the small locomotives on the P.E.I. Railway—2153. You mean the total would vary?—2154. The cost of excavation per cubic yard would not vary very much—2155. Then Ingram is not referring to the general election?—2156. The remarks of Armstrong, who has just taken his seat, have been one of its most dismal features—2161. Two Acts of parliament ratifying agreements between P.E.I. and the government—2162. He ought to know that these purchases on the I.C.R. are made by annual tender and contract—2163. Foster indulged in a little mock heroics just previous to recess. We have heard of that kind of thing often before—2164. I am not crawling out of it on that—2165. That was in connection with the bridge?—2167. The actual cost, according to the estimate of the expenditure as detailed by me, was less than \$25,000 per mile—2168. \$69,955 is to go to the wharf at Murray Harbour. It is included in this vote that we are asking for of \$357,400—2170.

All the papers have been furnished—8692.

Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—8692.

The supplementaries will be broad enough to cover a discussion on it—8692.