

mated cost of the branch to Murray river, which was \$926,460.70. And the estimated cost of the line to Murray harbour is \$104,600.32. The whole estimated cost, including the cost of rolling-stock and crib work in Murray harbour is \$2,795,113.17.

Mr. A. MARTIN. How much is it for the bridge and railway separately.

Mr. EMMERSON. For the bridge \$1,494,097.15, and for the railways—that is, the branch to Murray river and the extension to Murray harbour—\$1,031,061.02.

Mr. A. MARTIN. That is very singular to me, because, on the 23rd of January, the minister gave us this information:—

Total expenditure in connection with Murray harbour branch railway to January 1, 1905, is \$1,018,711.93.

And a little later on I asked what the cost would be of completing the road, and he told us that the estimated cost of completing this work was \$561,253.93. I asked him further if there were not some wooden bridges which required to be replaced and he told me that there were three of them at least which would cost \$8,000. In the face of the figures the minister cites, I am astonished.

Mr. EMMERSON. That includes the bridge.

Mr. A. MARTIN. No, if the minister will turn to 'Hansard' of January 23rd, page 106 of the revised edition—

Mr. EMMERSON. I do not see wherein the figures given on that day in any way differ from these. I am giving the estimated cost of the works. On the 23rd of January, I was asked what was the total expenditure in connection with the Murray harbour branch of the Prince Edward Island up to 1st of January, 1905. And I answered that that expenditure was \$1,018,711.93. And the estimated cost of the bridge is \$1,494,097.15.

Mr. A. MARTIN. I want to get the cost of the road and of the bridge separately.

Mr. EMMERSON. The total estimated cost of the road was \$1,031,061, and I have said that the total expenditure was \$1,018,711.93.

Mr. A. MARTIN. But the hon. minister forgets, that a little later on I asked him this other question.

Mr. EMMERSON. I was asked the total expenditure on Hillsborough bridge to January 1, 1905, and I stated that it was \$1,220,968.32. The estimated cost of the bridge was \$1,494,097. Both expenditures were within the estimate.

Mr. A. MARTIN. I asked this question:—

Mr. EMMERSON.

1. Has the Murray Harbour branch line of railway in Prince Edward Island been completed? If so, when?

2. If not, what remains to be done, and what is the estimated cost of same, including rolling stock?

3. How many of the bridges are wooden or partly wooden structures? Are they to be replaced by stone or steel? If so, when, and what is the estimated cost?

To these questions the minister gave me this answer:

Mr. EMMERSON. Will my hon. friend give me the date.

Mr. A. MARTIN. I have not got the date here, but I think it was about ten days after the first question was asked. The minister gave me these answers:

2. The work remaining to be done is as follows, viz.:

#### Hillsboro' Bridge.

Rip-rapping, completion of approaches, rip-rapping piers, erecting and placing in position five fixed spans and one swing span, building rest piers, tracklaying and flooring of whole structure.

#### On the line.

Three iron bridges to be erected to replace temporary wooden trestles, station and terminal facilities to be completed, water tanks to be erected, rolling stock to be provided.

The estimated cost to complete above mentioned works is \$561,253.93.

3. There are three temporary wooden bridges which will be replaced by iron or steel, probably during the current year, and the estimated cost is about \$8,000.

Mr. EMMERSON. That is all right, is it not?

Mr. A. MARTIN. That would make a total cost of \$587,964.

Mr. EMMERSON. But you must remember there is to be an improvement. You add \$270,000 on to that estimated cost of the railway, the estimated cost of rolling stock, \$200,000, the estimated cost of crib-work at Murray Harbour, \$69,955, all included in the cost of the railway. Now let me resume in a few words. The estimated cost of the Hillsboro' River bridge was \$1,494,097.15. We expended from the beginning to November 30, 1904, \$1,217,744.98, showing a balance of \$276,352.17 on the Hillsboro' River bridge, as between the estimated cost and the amount actually expended.

Mr. HAGGART. When was the estimate made for the bridge alone?—because the estimate furnished to the House was one-half of that \$750,000.

Mr. EMMERSON. I think my hon. friend is speaking of the substructure.

Mr. HAGGART. I am talking of the bridge.

Mr. EMMERSON. On July 5 last, the estimate, including the wharf, was \$2,795,-