

Mr. EMMERSON. Yes, months ago. The works are under contract and they have to be finished within the time to be paid out of the appropriation of last year.

Mr. HACKETT. The important thing is to have the accommodation for the people before the stormy weather commences in the fall of the year. I would like to have that attended to.

Mr. EMMERSON. They will have to be completed now in order to be paid out of this appropriation.

Prince Edward Island Railway—Survey of Montague bridge, \$500.

Mr. SPROULE. I would like to ask the minister what is the meaning of this item?

Mr. EMMERSON. Last year there was \$2,000 provided. Here is where another error occurs in making up the estimates. This is a survey of a proposed branch line of railway and there was \$1,500 expended on it up to the 30th June. That was the estimated amount and we anticipate that amount will be required. That leaves \$500 unexpended and we are asking for this re-vote.

Mr. SPROULE. It should be marked 're-vote.'

Mr. EMMERSON. Yes. I think there have been four or five errors of that kind in the estimates.

Mr. BLAIN. What was the \$1,500 expended on?

Mr. EMMERSON. In making a survey of this proposed branch of railway from Cardigan to Montague bridge.

Mr. HACKETT. I desire to bring to the notice of the hon. minister the building of a branch line of railway from O'Leary to the west shore of Prince Edward Island, about 12 miles in length. The hon. minister will remember that for several years past I have brought this matter up in this honourable House and that it has been received favourably by the government. I would like to ask him if he intends to have a survey made?

Mr. EMMERSON. That matter has already been brought to my notice by the people of Prince Edward Island. Senator Yeo and others have presented petitions and made representations in reference to it. It is having the consideration of the department and I shall be very happy to announce any decision later on that may be reached in respect to the matter.

Mr. HACKETT. I asked a question myself in connection with this matter in the early part of the session and the hon. minister said then, about three months ago, that it was under consideration. He has been considering it ever since. I cannot get any definite answer from him. I have a resolu-

tion passed by the people of that section of the country who are suffering from the want of proper facilities for the transportation of their produce and other things. It is as follows:

At a meeting held in Springfield Hall, lot 8, Prince Edward Island, on March 9th, 1904 for the purpose of discussing the question of a branch line from the main line of the Prince Edward Island Railway to Cape Wolfe on the west shore of the island, the following resolution was moved by Mr. W. J. Wortman, seconded by Mr. Stephen McEachern, and carried unanimously, to be presented to the Minister of Railways through our representatives at Ottawa:—

To the Hon. H. R. Emmerson,
Minister of Railways, Ottawa.
May it please your Honour.

Whereas, a largely signed petition of the electors of townships No. 7, 8 and 9 praying for a branch line of railway from the main line of the Prince Edward Island Railway at or near O'Leary station to Cape Wolfe on the west shore of the island, was forwarded to the Department of Railways during the session of 1903.

And whereas, the prayer of the petition has not received the consideration of the government.

Therefore, resolved, that the electors of townships No. 7, 8 and 9 desire to impress on the Minister of Railways the urgent needs of this section of the province, as stated in the petition of 1903, and the necessity of complying with the prayer of the said petition during the present session of parliament.

(Sgd.) W. T. COSTAIN,

PETER J. BULGER Secretary.
Chairman.

Springfield, lot 8, March 9, 1904.

I would like the hon. minister to do something to relieve these people in their necessities as they present them in this resolution and as they have been shown by the petition sent to the hon. minister himself.

Mr. SPROULE. As we are having morning sittings and it makes a pretty long day, and as we have got through with a pretty good share of the business to-day I would suggest that the committee might rise.

Mr. EMMERSON. I was going to make that suggestion to my hon. friend. We have covered quite a number of items to-day and we cannot work too long at night. I move that the committee rise and report progress.

Some resolutions reported.

Mr. FIELDING moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. SPROULE. What business will be taken up to-morrow?

Mr. FIELDING. We expect to continue the estimates of my hon. friend the Minister of Railways and Canals.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 11.15 p.m.