

part of it, and the others will have the rich part, and we will pay for both.

Progress reported.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS.

Bill (No. 49) respecting the Ottawa and Western Railway Company.—Mr. Devlin.

Bill (No. 50) to incorporate La Compagnie du chemin de fer international de Rimouski.—Mr. Ross.

Bill (No. 57) respecting the Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Southern Railway Company.—Mr. J. D. Taylor.

Bill (No. 59) to incorporate the Victoria and Barkley Sound Railway Company.—Mr. Ralph Smith.

Bill (No. 61) respecting the Burrard, Westminster Boundary Railway and Navigation Company.—Mr. Ralph Smith.

SUPPLY.

House in Committee of Supply.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Before we resume consideration of item 143 I would like to mention a matter for the information of my hon. friend the member for Frontenac (Mr. Edwards). I am inclined to think that both he and I, when we spoke this afternoon, were acting upon a wrong interpretation which we had taken from the answer which I had given to the House, I was misled, and I think he was misled also, by the amount which was in the estimates when that matter was under consideration before the committee a few days ago. The amount printed in the estimates was \$57,000; the amount which had been asked for by the chief architect was \$37,000. My hon. friend knows that the figure 5 and the figure 3 very often look alike upon the carbon copy of typewritten paper. The amount should be \$37,000 instead of \$57,000. So the answer which was given by me on the 10th instant, and which appears upon page 2391 of 'Hansard,' was that the estimated cost of \$96,000 covered the cost of the building, heating, fittings of all kinds and all those expenses which are set forth upon the same page. As a matter of fact, the information of the chief architect is that the total cost will be something under that, and may not exceed \$94,000. I am very glad to be able to give that information to the committee. My hon. friend can look up the figures, and if he takes the memorandum which I gave and substitute \$37,000 for \$57,000, he will see how the error has occurred. I have no doubt he was misled by these figures, as I was myself. When we come finally to pass the item I will have the correction made. I regret that the error occurred, and I am very sorry if it was the means of causing any

Mr. LENNOX.

misunderstanding between my hon. friend and myself.

Mr. BARKER. What was the number of the item?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is in Ontario Public Buildings, item 132, Kingston Royal Military College, additional accommodation. \$55,000 was voted last year, and \$37,000 will entirely complete the building, and provide for heating, electric wiring, furnishing and fittings of all kinds.

Mr. EDWARDS. I am glad to hear the explanation given by the minister. I was seeking to ascertain where that money went. It seems to me the minister's explanation justifies the stand I took in endeavouring to find out. We discussed the item on the basis of \$57,000 and on a total of \$112,000, and dividing the \$112,000 by 16 cottages we found that the total cost for each cottage was 7,000.

Of course if the item had been going through at \$37,000 it would not have been necessary for me to ask so many questions.

Mr. PUGSLEY. What puzzled me was seeing the item at \$57,000, and I had the memorandum of the chief architect that the total cost was \$96,000. I am very glad I have been able to set the item right.

Mr. EDWARDS. I presume this item will be reduced as well as the other item for veterinary hospital, \$15,000.

Clarke city, Seven Islands, \$4,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I have telegraphed to Mr. Taché, the resident engineer, asking for information with regard to this young man, Mr. Girard, and may have it tonight. I find that Mr. Lamoureux was the engineer in charge, and it would be his duty to be constantly in attendance on the work. It has been the practice for a number of years for the resident engineers to take on young men, many of them students who are putting themselves through college and who wish to earn money for that purpose during the summer months by acting as rodmen or chainmen. I would be glad to have the item passed and would undertake to supply the information as soon as I receive it.

Mr. AMES. It would hardly seem that this young man would come under that class as he received the equivalent of \$4 a day, \$2.50 a day salary and his board and travelling expenses.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is not fair to count the expenses in his wages.

Mr. BLAIN. What amount has been expended at this point?

Mr. PUGSLEY. A little over \$102,000 altogether.

Mr. BLAIN. And what is the population of this place?