

SUPPLY—RAILWAYS AND CANALS—*Con.*

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—2172.

Before tenders were asked for did the engineers of the department make a survey and estimate of the cost?—2172. The Murray branch road, even at what it has cost, is being built for a good deal less than these six and a-half miles—2173.

*Hughes, J. J.* (King's, P.E.I.)—2174.

The dumps and cuts of the proposed branch will be wider, and they are also considerably wider on Murray Harbour branch—2174.

*Ingram, A. B.* (East Elgin)—2175.

The exact figures are \$195,000. I did not understand that Kitchen & Co. was the only firm that tendered—2175. Does Emmerson find that the contractors object to tendering on that principle?—2176.

*Kemp, A. E.* (East Toronto)—2172.

Here we have \$30,000 a mile to build a railway through a level inhabited country—2172.

*Lefurgey, A. A.* (Prince, P.E.I.)—2171.

That makes about \$30,000 a mile—2171. The main line of the P.E.I.R. throughout its whole length only cost \$8,000 a mile—2172. If the survey has been prepared for a branch line from West cape to O'Leary or some other place on the main line—2173. I know that section of country very thoroughly and its absolute need of a branch line—2174. Do you mean to say that the main line of the P.E.I.R. is not up to the standard of the I.C.R.?—2175.

Branch line Cardigan to Montague, \$95,000—9482.

*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Minister of Railways and Canals)—9482.

This work is under contract. This is supposed to complete—9482. The estimate was made by the departmental engineer—9483. I am strongly convinced of the necessity of the road—9484. There was no one who would undertake the construction at a less figure than the successful tenderers—9485.

*Hughes, J. J.* (King's, P.E.I.)—9484.

Owing to difficulties of constructors this short line will cost much more than would a longer road—9484.

*Martin, A.* (Queen's, P.E.I.)—9482.

It is \$28,000 or nearly \$30,000 a mile—9482. The people of the province think it strange that all these large sums should be charged against them—9483. Does not blame the government so much for the expenditure on this short line, as for the cost—9484. Great necessity for the New London branch—9485. This branch should be proceeded with without delay—9486.

*Osler, E. B.* (East Toronto)—9484.

There should be strong reasons given before further expenditures on capital account are increased—9484.

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Branch line to Vernon bridge, \$30,000—2177.

*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Minister of Railways and Canals)—2177.

Yes, to Messrs. Sheerman, Morrison, Match & Co.—2177.

*Kemp, A. E.* (East Toronto)—2177.

This line of a little over four and a half miles is to cost \$72,000—2177.

*McLean, A. A.* (Queen's, P.E.I.)—2177.

Has a contract been let for that work?—2177.

Charlottetown—extension of railway track along water front, \$7,150—6433.

*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Minister of Railways and Canals)—6433.

This is to extend the track to the wharf where the winter boat lands—6433. Working expenses of the I.C.R.—6434.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—6433.

Very well—6433. We want to have a little talk about that—6434.

Dwelling for agent at Bloomfield, \$715—6432.

*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Minister of Railways and Canals)—6432.

That is outside of the station house—6432. It is an agricultural province as we know. There are no thickly settled communities—6433.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—6432.

Is that outside of the station house?—6432. Is Bloomfield in an utterly unsettled portion of the country in Prince Edward Island?—6433.

Freetown—dwelling for agent at, \$1,560—2180.

*Armstrong, J. E.* (East Lambton)—2180.

It is customary to build houses for agents on the Grand Trunk Railway and C.P.R.—2180.

*Blain, R.* (Peel)—2181.

What would be the difference in cost of constructing a standard gauge railway as compared with a narrow gauge railway?—2181.

*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Minister of Railways and Canals)—2180.

That is the policy that is adopted along the line of the I.C.R. very generally—2180. The same custom has been adopted on the line of the P.E.I.R.—2181. There will be necessarily an item in the supplementary estimates which will enable a full discussion—2182. I would judge that Foster is in a mood for furnishing the dynamite to get through—2183.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—2180.

Do you not build these as additions to the station house?—2180. I think that would be a pretty large item for us to get into