

Wallace ferry, one at Windsor Junction and one from Fort Lawrence to the government wharf.

Mr. FOSTER. What is the total length of the spur lines and sidings respectively?

Mr. EMMERSON. About 11,500 feet of sidings and 3 to 4 miles of spur lines.

Mr. FOSTER. Does the government pay for the whole of the spur lines?

Mr. EMMERSON. No, whoever is interested does the grading and then we put on the ties and rails. The party interested furnished the right of way and conveys it to the King.

Increased accommodation and facilities along the line, \$12,200.

Mr. FOSTER. What do you propose to do with that?

Mr. EMMERSON. This is for a freight shed at Iona; mechanical semaphores at Woodburn, water supply at Wallacebridge station; dwelling for the agent at Riversdale; grading yard at Maccan; improvements at St. Alexis, Salmon lake and at Milniked.

To put railway between Indiantown and Blackville into condition for operation, \$15,000.

Mr. FOSTER. What is the explanation of this?

Mr. EMMERSON. On the Indiantown branch, from Derby Junction to Blackville, there was a bridge taken out. Across that bridge is a large quarry. We have run the road up to where this bridge was above Millerton, but we had to stop at the bridge. These people cannot ship their stone. The result is that we are losing considerable traffic. This is to complete the link. It is a revote.

Mr. HAGGART. Who owns the stone quarry?

Mr. EMMERSON. I think the Hood Stone Quarrying Company—a Montreal concern.

Mr. HAGGART. And this is to build a bridge for the accommodation of the stone quarry?

Mr. EMMERSON. No, not purely for their accommodation, but it is for the advantage of the traffic of the railway.

Mr. CLEMENTS. Before this item is passed I feel it my duty to rise in the House and call the attention not only of the hon. Minister of Railways but of ministers at the head of other departments of the government to what I consider to be a matter of importance. I have the honour and pleasure of representing a large section of people in my district, namely the coloured people, and the hon. the Speaker of this House also has the honour of representing

Mr. EMMERSON.

another large section of these people. We are proud of the coloured people in that section of the country. They are intelligent, respectable and thoroughly good Canadian citizens. We have in that section of the country coloured men who are practising at the bar, men who hold first-class certificates and men who occupy honoured positions in the medical profession. I might refer to one whom I am sure we are all proud of and that is Dr. Shadd who was a candidate for election in the Northwest and who came from our section of the country. If reports are correct we have had a great many of our coloured citizens employed in connection with the Intercolonial Railway dismissed. We have also in my district a very worthy gentleman who was appointed under the Conservative regime a number of years ago to a position in the public service. I refer to Mr. Johnson who is now a mail clerk and I may say that he has given the utmost satisfaction. I am sure that my hon. friend from South Essex (Mr. Clarke), whom I see in his place, will bear me out in that regard. If we are true Canadians I think we should see to it that all classes of people are represented in the public service of this country. In the various departments of this government there are positions in which these people could be employed with most beneficial results to the public service. For instance, they would make excellent messengers and I would like very much to see some consideration given to those bright young coloured men who would give equal if not better service than we get from the present messengers. I would ask in their behalf that this government might take into consideration that large and intelligent section of people who, I am sure, will prove themselves to be worthy of any confidence reposed in them by this government. I cannot speak too highly of them. I have had the pleasure of visiting a great many of their annual school entertainments and I must say that the younger generation who are growing up are a credit to this country and are of a higher order than some other classes of people in this country. I sincerely trust that the government will give careful consideration to the suggestion which I am offering. I feel that the hon. the Speaker, and the hon. member for South Essex who represent a large section of coloured people, will bear out the sentiment that I am expressing that these people should receive some consideration in the future. I care not what stripe of politics you may take into consideration in offering any of these appointments to our coloured people. The government have some very strong supporters there but I would be just as glad to lend a hand to assist in securing the recognition of these supporters of the government as I would of supporters of the opposition. I trust the government will take