

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. This is to provide for a stationary boiler plant, 80,000 gallon tank, water service and heating, sidings in new yard, grading, ballasting, &c., for same, engineering, inspection, &c. The stationary boiler plant tank and water service and heating are required in connection with the round house at this point. The yard room at Chaudière Junction is not sufficient for the business and it is proposed to provide additional siding accommodation. The estimated cost of the work was \$113,000. We took an appropriation last year of \$63,000 and we now add \$50,000 to it, making \$113,000.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. That covers the whole?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. Yes.

Mr. BARKER. How many stalls will there be?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. We have not that information. I think the questions are very fair and reasonable, and I do not want to press the item if hon. gentlemen wish it to stand.

Item allowed to stand.

Increased accommodation at St. John, \$106,000.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. The estimated cost of the new round house is \$38,000; the balance on the machine shop, \$25,000; coal shed, \$10,000; engineers and so forth, \$3,000; making \$76,000, in addition to \$30,500 which is revoted from last year.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. You spent \$60,000 last year and you are asking for \$106,000 this year. What is the total amount required?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. The total expenditure on work under this head up to the end of 1902, is \$2,366,536, and since then we have expended last year \$60,000.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. One would think you would have accommodation enough at St. John for over \$2,000,000. Is there any portion of this expended outside of St. John where you intend to build these shunting yards?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. Yes.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. What was paid for the land?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. I do not think the expenditure of last year included any land. Of course land was purchased before and I will get the information later.

Mr. BARKER. Has the new engine house been completed?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. It is contracted for and some work done.

Mr. BARKER. How many stalls are there?

Hon. Mr. HAGGART.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. I cannot say.

Mr. BARKER. How much has been expended on the new yard at St. John, and how much on bridging the creek and laying the tracks on the new sidings?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. We have not got these figures but we will get them.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. We must get that information.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. Let it stand.

Item allowed to stand.

Increased accommodation at Halifax, \$104,500.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. This is a revote for a round-house, re-arrangement of yard, and additional sidings. It has been delayed owing to the difficulty of getting a suitable location. The memo. here says that the railway is much cramped for room and although the matter has been given a great deal of attention, it is impossible to come to a decision as to what shall be done. The available land is very limited and some land may have to be acquired and a considerable amount of rock has to be blasted. There has been difficulty in obtaining the land and we do not wish to indicate the precise place because that would probably not lead to a decrease in the price.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. It would be an interesting comparison to know what has been spent for terminal facilities at Halifax and St. John.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. The total cost to January, 1903, which is the latest date I have, for improvements under this head at Halifax was \$2,521,193.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. You are running St. John pretty close.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. These comparisons between St. John and Halifax are very invidious, and I hope my hon. friend will not press them. I do not see any one here representing Halifax to-night.

Mr. SPROULE. Better hold the vote until the member for Halifax (Mr. Borden) comes in.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. You had better pass it or he will want more when he is here.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. How much do you intend to spend on the round-house and how much on the land?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. I will get the information later.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. Let it stand.

Item allowed to stand.