

Mr. GZOWSKI: Yes, I think so.

Mr. MACMILLAN: Where does the 15 per cent come in? How did they come to put in 15 per cent over and above the estimate?

Mr. GZOWSKI: That was a general practice that grew up. The Bill provides on the face of it for 15 per cent beyond the estimate.

Mr. DUFF: Might I ask, have you made a contract for sufficient rails for the whole of this line?

Mr. GZOWSKI: You mean for the rails themselves.

Mr. DUFF: Yes.

Mr. GZOWSKI: Those have been provided by the railway and they are on hand.

Mr. DUFF: You have got the rails?

Mr. GZOWSKI: They come within the system.

Mr. DUFF: So all you need is a little labour to complete this work.

Mr. HEAPS: Can I have information as to what the prospects are on this line at the present time so far as traffic is concerned?

Mr. DUFF: It is in the lap of the gods.

Mr. HEAPS: We might as well have all the facts. I want them all.

The CHAIRMAN: If the committee will permit me we will let that question stand for another day. It is ten minutes to one o'clock. I want the members of the committee to remain for a few minutes, and I also want Sir Henry, Mr. Grant, Mr. McLaren, and Mr. Roberts to remain, and any member who desires can also remain.

The committee adjourned to resume at 4 p.m.

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#### AFTERNOON SITTING

The committee resumed again at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

The CHAIRMAN: We have been over the first page of the statement of the estimates of financial requirements, and we have the details before us now. If there are any questions to come up in connection with these items, they should be asked now.

Mr. DUFF: Mr. Chairman, I was asking before the adjournment for some information about the railway from Sunnybrae to Guysboro. The chief engineer told us just before the adjournment that the rails had been purchased for the whole sixty-seven miles, and I would like to ask him if the sleepers and the iron bridges have also been purchased or contracted for.

Mr. GZOWSKI: Yes, they are purchased.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: They are available.

Mr. DUFF: What about the iron bridges?

Mr. GZOWSKI: The majority of them are second-hand bridges.

Mr. DUFF: You have sufficient bridges ready for the work to be completed?

Mr. GZOWSKI: Yes.

Mr. HEAPS: How much has been laid?