

Mr. GRAHAM. The contract fixes a time, but, as in most cases, the time under the contract is likely to be extended. We usually fix, approximately, the end of the year for which the vote is taken. This amount will not finish the work; the whole estimated cost is \$315,000.

Mr. CROCKET. How much has been paid to the contractors up to this time?

Mr. GRAHAM. Engineering and everything else has cost \$28,618, of which practically all but \$1,000 has gone to the contractor.

Increased accommodation at Charlottetown, \$79,320.

Mr. GRAHAM. This finishes the work. The entire item is a re-vote. The amount to be spent is not so much as originally intimated.

Mr. FOSTER. What is the work?

Mr. GRAHAM. Additional sidings, new rails, stone-filling, concrete curb, new 20-stall engine house, and items of that character.

Mr. CROCKET. Who has the contract for the engine house?

Mr. GRAHAM. The contract was awarded to Clark & Morrison, the lowest tenderers for \$44,400. The contract for the freight-sheds was awarded to Mr. Clark of Summerside, at \$8,140; the turntable to the Canada Foundry Company.

Mr. BARKER. Had there been a turntable there before?

Mr. GRAHAM. Yes. It was removed to some other place and a new one put in.

Georgetown—engine-house at—\$5,000.

Mr. GRAHAM. This is absolutely new. There has not been an engine-house there up to this time.

National Transcontinental railway—surveys and construction, \$27,000,000.

Mr. GRAHAM. This is a vote for the Transcontinental Commission. The amount asked last year was \$20,000,000. I laid a statement on the table the other day carrying every item of expenditure practically up to the end of the calendar year, 1909, and showing a total expenditure of something over \$15,000,000. The statement showed also the amount of work that has been done on the eastern section this year, and the amount done up to date.

Mr. FOSTER. How much was spent on surveys in 1909-10?

Mr. GRAHAM. I laid on the table a duplicate of the statement I have now before me.

Mr. JOHN HAGGART. We have not seen it. Of course, the minister must

know that we require a statement of the expenditure, and how it compares with the estimate, how much work is done, and how much remains to be done. We do not ask for details, but we do need totals of the several items.

Mr. GRAHAM. If my hon. friend (Mr. John Haggart) would consult the copy of the report which I laid on the table, he would have the matter pretty well in hand.

Mr. JOHN HAGGART. We have had no opportunity to look at it, even if we had seen it. It would be better to let the item stand, or, at least, some item on which we may be allowed a full discussion later on.

Mr. GRAHAM. That is unreasonable. But this interim report is merely for the accommodation of members of the House. The report required of the commissioners by law is the annual report, and that I laid on the table almost the first day of the session.

Mr. JOHN HAGGART. But of the work for nine months we have had no information whatever.

Mr. GRAHAM. That is the way the matter is left by the requirement of the law—that the work done for the year ending March 31, shall be shown in the annual report. But, for the convenience of the House, I gave this interim report of which I have spoken, and I gave amounts also in the statement made in the House the other day.

Mr. JOHN HAGGART. In that statement, the minister gave figures only for the fiscal year.

Mr. GRAHAM. No, in many cases the statement was brought down to December 31, 1909, and in others to November 30.

Mr. FOSTER. In the estimate now under discussion, there are two items—surveys and construction. How were they divided in last year's expenditure?

Mr. GRAHAM. In engineering and supplies, \$6,935.59. The rest went to construction.

Mr. FOSTER. How much of the \$20,000,000 has been spent?

Mr. GRAHAM. Altogether \$15,939,985.67.

Mr. JOHN HAGGART. Did I understand the minister to say that the statement of expenditure for the nine months ending the 31st December, 1909, has been published?

Mr. GRAHAM. No. The commissioners must make a report annually at the end of the fiscal year. I asked for an interim report, which would show what has been done for the nine months, but that is not published unless the House so orders.