

Prince Edward Island Railway, \$450,000.

(Hansard, March 29th, 1911.)

Mr. FRASER—I would like some information from the minister concerning this branch line from Har-

mony to Elmira, what is the amount of the contract, who are the contractors, and when they expect to finish this road?

Mr. GRAHAM—I am not surprised at my hon. friend's complaint about the slowness of the contractors. This contract was let to the Whitehead Brothers at scheduled prices.

Mr. FRASER—What is his name? Mr. GRAHAM—Kitoben. A good deal of the road is graded. The man who had the contract for building the station built it very rapidly.

Mr. FRASER—How much has been spent on that road up to the present time? Mr. GRAHAM—\$128,000. Mr. FRASER—The minister says it will be completed in 1911. Does he mean before the end of 1911?

Mr. GRAHAM—The year I have reference to was during this season, that is before the winter sets in. Mr. FRASER—The minister says the stations are all finished along the line. I do not think that is quite correct. For one of the stations a tender was accepted, but I do not think any work has been done on it, and that is the principal station on the road, at the terminus.

Mr. GRAHAM—We have not heard anything in the department, I am sure. I was pointing out that a good deal of work had been done on the station building. Mr. HUGHES—How many stations are there on this ten mile road? Mr. GRAHAM—Three. The reason that I made the remark about the buildings is that the complaint is made that the stations are so far advanced and could be completed, but there was no railway for them.

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Mr. FRASER—It is called the government railway. Mr. FRASER—Yes, but it refers to the Intercolonial Railway all through the Act, although it says "government owned railways."

Mr. GRAHAM—It is intended to apply to the Prince Edward Island Railway. Mr. FRASER—What is his name? Mr. GRAHAM—Kitoben. A good deal of the road is graded.

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Mr. GRAHAM—Some suggestion was made as to the autumn timetable, and the board has that under consideration. Mr. Campbell, the chairman of the board, drew attention to the matter yesterday, but I was very busy, and had not time to discuss it with him.

Mr. FRASER—Does the Act passed last year to provide for the adjudication of small claims against the government railways, include claims arising on the Prince Edward Island Railway?

Mr. GRAHAM—Yes. Mr. FRASER—During the last few years especially, the people have found a great deal of difficulty in getting these claims adjusted.

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