

called a superintendent by the Auditor General.

Mr. BLAIN. The information I have is that F. C. Whitman is inspector of the work, James Parks is the superintendent, and Carmen Odell the walking boss.

Mr. FISHER. I do not know what the hon. member means by saying that James Parks is the superintendent. There is no such information in the department. My officers do not know the name at all. Of course, if desired I could lay on the table to-morrow the names of all the employees on that work.

Mr. MARSHALL. About what salary do these foremen receive each?

Mr. FISHER. Inspectors in charge of the work are generally paid \$2.50 or \$3, according to the importance of the work.

Mr. MARSHALL. In some items he is called a foreman, would that be an inspector?

Mr. FISHER. I do not know that he is ever called a foreman. The inspector is not supposed to work with his hands, but a foreman actually works with his hands.

Mr. MARSHALL. I suppose an inspector then is overseer of the work?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Mr. MARSHALL. Suppose a work begins in April and lasts until November, are they paid for the year, or are they paid for actual days work done?

Mr. FISHER. They are usually paid for the actual days they work.

Mr. MARSHALL. Are inspectors or foremen on public works or harbours paid for the whole year?

Mr. FISHER. I am informed they are not.

Baddeck wharf, \$5,600.

Mr. AMES. There were three sites suggested, were there not? Which of the three was selected?

Mr. FISHER. There were three sites offered. The Campbell property acquired by Alexander Macdonald in 1904; reduced price, \$2,300. Then there was the Macdonald property, \$5,500; and the Park property, the original price of which was \$7,500.

Mr. AMES. What was paid for the property that was purchased?

Mr. FISHER. \$3,300.

Mr. BENNETT. The Auditor General B-174, says only \$3,000 was paid.

Mr. FISHER. I suppose it was got a little cheaper by bargaining. The offer was \$3,300.

Mr. FISHER.

Bay St. Lawrence boat harbour, \$10,000.

Mr. AMES. Will the minister tell us whether this expenditure at Bay St. Lawrence will finish this work?

Mr. FISHER. No, the estimated cost is \$20,000; \$5,500 was voted in the year just closed and we are now voting \$10,000, so that \$5,500 is a revote. There will be \$15,500 expended on it during the coming year.

Mr. AMES. Is it expected that when this money is expended the work will be fully and finally completed and is the work of a permanent character?

Mr. FISHER. \$20,000 will have to be expended from now on. I understand this is an ordinary wharf at the extreme north end of Cape Breton island.

Mr. AMES. The last work that was done at that point was all washed away by the sea. Is it expected that this work will be permanent?

Mr. FISHER. Yes, it is hoped so.

Big Lorraine harbour—dredging entrance channel, \$3,600.

Mr. FISHER. This is a revote also, no work has been done, but it is hoped this season to do some.

Mr. BERGERON. Which county is it in?

Mr. FISHER. Cape Breton south.

Mr. AMES. I would like to know how it is that this money is revoted year after year. Is it the intention of the government to proceed with this work this year?

Mr. FISHER. We have not been able to get dredges.

Mr. AMES. Will it be undertaken just before the next election?

Mr. FISHER. That will depend altogether on whether we can get dredges.

Mr. AMES. It would seem as if the work were not very necessary if it can be postponed from year to year.

Mr. FISHER. It would not have been put in if it were not thought necessary.

Mr. AMES. Here is a harbour that is two miles from the excellent harbour of Louisburg and which can only be used for a few fishing boats. When the government ask for money year after year to spend on this same work it would seem that the government were not very positive that this expenditure was of any great value. Is it intended to really do the work this year?

Mr. FISHER. If we can get any dredges this year.

Charlo's cove—breakwater, \$14,200.

Mr. FISHER. This is under contract, I am told, and we now hope to carry it on.