

The people of the country cannot stand it; we have reached and passed the limit. These expenditures must be cut. I am sure the minister must realize that. I know something of the difficulties which the Minister of Public Works has in resisting the appeals made to him, but the point I am trying to bring home to him is that he has not the money and that it is not available to the government. The government cannot afford to make expenditures of this kind at the present time; it is time to call a halt. There is a very great difference between spending money when you have a surplus and increasing expenditures without the people's representatives in this house having an opportunity to pass on different items, as should be done in regard to public works. You cannot excuse increasing the expenditure from \$100,000 to \$400,000, as the minister has done.

Mr. VERVILLE (Translation): Mr. Chairman, would you kindly inform me whether I am in order. The house has just passed an item amounting to \$35,000, for the reconstruction of the wharf, at Ste-Emilie. This is of interest to me, as it is in my county. Am I in order in discussing this item now?

Mr. CHAIRMAN (Translation): Certainly.

Mr. VERVILLE (Translation): Thank you, sir. The government advocates economy. Economy! Hon. members sacrifice \$400 of their indemnity; that is economy. It benefits everybody. However, \$35,000 is voted to rebuild the wharf at Ste-Emilie. I have been a liberal member for a number of years past, yet, never did the government grant my request to rebuild the wharf in that locality. For the last two years the work on this wharf has been going on, and we must thank a conservative administration for it.

Ste. Emilie once had an industry which gave work to all its inhabitants. The Seigneur Joly was the owner of a saw-mill on which the whole population was dependent, including the clergy and the people of the parish and surrounding county; unfortunately, the mill closed its doors and no more wood is shipped.

Mr. DORION (Translation): His mill runs too fast.

Mr. VERVILLE (Translation): His mill does not run too fast, it has shut down. A Mr. Paris purchased it. This saw-mill is not working any more, yet \$35,000 is expended to improve the wharf.

Mr. CASGRAIN (Translation): It is unreasonable.

Mr. VERVILLE (Translation): The mill has shut down and no further sawing is done

in that section of the country, yet \$35,000 is being expended.

Mr. FAFARD (Translation): That augurs well for the redistribution of the counties.

Mr. VERVILLE (Translation): I ask the minister why, in times of depression such as we are passing through, make an outlay of \$35,000, at Ste. Emilie? This village is located in my county and I have no objection to my constituents earning money, but, I state: spend your money rightly, because you will soon need it. Who recommended such an outlay? Since you are undertaking such an expenditure, it must be because there is work ahead. However, the mill is being demolished, there is no lumber to saw, no work, absolutely nothing to do. And, you vote \$35,000! For whom? Why? To please your friends? Well, carry on.

Mr. CHAIRMAN (Translation): Order! the hon. member must address the chair.

Mr. VERVILLE (Translation): Mr. Chairman, I have the honour to address to you what I have just communicated to the house.

The saw-mill has disappeared, there is hardly any more timber, no lumber operations are undertaken. All has been swept away except the \$35,000 which the government has just voted.

Mr. CASGRAIN (Translation): The government will also be swept away with it.

Mr. VERVILLE (Translation): I am entirely opposed to this item of \$35,000 to rebuild or extend the wharf at Ste. Emilie. I protest against this extravagant and uncalled for expenditure. Were I only to consider the needs of the people of that district, I would state: All is well, let the government grant them \$35,000. However, the wharf is not worth repairing because it is no further required. If you wish to grant these people \$35,000, let the member for the county handle it so that it will be fairly distributed, and not in the way the government wish to expend it, because, again I state, this wharf is not worth rebuilding and is useless. Let the government place this amount in the hands of the member for the county so that it may be fairly distributed and thus be a blessing to the people.

Mr. CASGRAIN (Translation): Hear, hear!

Mr. VERVILLE (Translation): I trust, sir, that I have conformed myself to the rules of the house, and I wish to thank you for the latitude which you have afforded me.

In closing my remarks, sir, I would request that this item of \$35,000 be withdrawn, because it is not required, we are practising economy and, furthermore, the members of this house