

ever was before. The dredge "Cape Breton" was built to take the place of a dredge lost down there years ago. The number now in the lower provinces is the same as it was ten or fifteen years ago.

Dredging—Quebec and Ontario..... \$60,000

Mr. BENNETT. Where is it intended to expend the moneys in Ontario?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I do not think our programme is mapped out for next year. This sum is required to pay the working expenses of our dredges. My hon. friend knows that I am now dredging at Midland, and will complete the work to be done there. The engineer estimates the working expenses of the dredges for the whole year, and then we map out a plan.

Mr. MONTAGUE. Do you know where you are going to send them?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. Our plan is not made up.

Mr. BENNETT. I hope the hon. Minister will be able to answer the House that there will be all the necessary dredging done at Midland. I understand that the work under contract at Goderich has been abandoned by the contractor; and in view of an early election at that place, I was informed that as the contractor, Mr. Madigan, had thrown up his contract, the work was to be undertaken by day's labour. Is it intended that any part of this money is to be expended at Goderich?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. Not a cent. This amount is asked for the working expenses of our dredges. If I wanted to do some special dredging at Goderich, I would have to apply for a special vote.

Mr. MONTAGUE. There was a contract at Goderich harbour which was thrown up. Is it intended to do the work by day's labour?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. At Goderich we have a contract to rebuild the long pier and will ask for tenders. I stated that two days ago.

Mr. McLENNAN (Glengarry). How much is to be spent in Ontario and how much in Quebec?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. As equally as possible.

Mr. McLENNAN (Glengarry). It is somewhat surprising that the hon. Minister should expect us to pass these Estimates without some idea of where the money is to be expended. Surely he has made some estimates as to how much he proposes to spend in one place and another, and we should know where this money is to be spent. I have been here some years, and never saw Estimates passed in this way before. I do not ask for small details, but surely the

Mr. GILLIES.

hon. gentleman has made some estimate of the expenditure, and should put us in possession of these facts. Or does he intend to get the money voted and then spend it wherever an election is coming on? If not, let him give us the information.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I thought I had made that point very clear indeed. To work our dredges requires a certain amount of money, but as to the places where they will work, I am not in a position to say. There are some places I can mention, such as Midland, where one of the dredges will work the whole season. We will also do some dredging in Belleville, but our plans for next year are not made. Numerous applications are made every day. From these we will choose those where work is most necessary. I think we cannot do more than that.

Mr. BERGERON. How many dredges are there in Ontario and Quebec at work now?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. There are on the St. Lawrence four dredges, and in Ontario we have the "Nipissing," "Queen," "Ontario," "Charlie" and "St. Louis."

Mr. BERGERON. In Ontario?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. No, that one is in Quebec.

Mr. MONTAGUE. There are certain harbours for which there are special estimates. It is not intended to spend any of this money on these harbours—Collingwood, for instance.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. No, this is a special vote.

Mr. MONTAGUE. It is not intended to spend any of this on Collingwood?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. No.

Mr. INGRAM. There are two or three constituencies in which there are liable to be by-elections very shortly. It would be well to understand if there is to be any public money spent in them, over and above the money estimated now. Take Goderich, for instance.

Mr. BERGERON. Why should there be a vacancy there?

Mr. INGRAM. I understand that the hon. member for Huron (Mr. Cameron) is to be Lieutenant-Governor of the North-west Territories.

Mr. BERGERON. Does the Postmaster General (Mr. Mulock) know that?

Mr. INGRAM. I understand that the friends of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Cameron) are about to meet to nominate a candidate for the constituency. It would be well to know if any other expenditure for public works is to be made there. Then