

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. But the item is not for a road but for a wharf.

Mr. G. A. TURCOTTE. Besides the road there is cribwork to be built alongside the wharf, because the wharf is too high at low water. It is to be an extension of the wharf. The money was asked for that cribwork and the raising of the road.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Is it for cribwork or for a road?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is a cribwork extension to be filled in with stone, and there will be an approach as well.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Apparently the ' &c. ' is pretty much the whole thing, because the hon. member for the county seems to think so.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The chief work is the cribwork. There is a wharf there.

Mr. LEMIEUX. And a line of steamers goes to it.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I would like to know whether it is a road or a wharf?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is both. It is really an approach. This takes in both. In order to get to the wharf you must have an approach.

Mr. HENDERSON. How far does it extend into the country?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I would like to send my hon. friend from Halton (Mr. Henderson) the picture of a wharf which his friends built about twenty years ago.

Mr. HENDERSON. I would rather you sent some money to construct some piers in my country as easily as you are induced to send it for wharfs down here.

Mr. LEMIEUX. The land is very low. When you pass Three Rivers, you can see on the south shore, nothing but low land. At the mouth of the river there is a wharf built by the government, and my hon. friend from Nicolet meant the approach to the wharf.

Mr. G. A. TURCOTTE. It is a road that starts from the main road and goes to the wharf. Call it an approach if you like.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The only misapprehension is that we misunderstood the nature of the thing which is to be built. We thought it was an extension out into the water, but it is an extension back into the country.

Mr. PUGSLEY. With that explanation, it ought to carry.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. If that is not it, what is it?

Mr. G. A. TURCOTTE. There is the approach to the wharf, and then there is

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an extension by a crib on account of the water going too low this summer.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Has the minister a plan of this wharf?

Mr. PUGSLEY. We have in the department, but none here.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I would really like to see it, because I do not thoroughly understand it yet.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Could not I explain it?

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I think you could, but I am not sure I could understand it.

Mr. PUGSLEY. There is a pile wharf and at the end the water is not sufficiently deep to give accommodation to the vessels which frequent it. We propose to build an extension which will give an ample depth of water. This will be the main expenditure. Then, we shall build an approach to the wharf. And the whole will cost \$1,000.

Grand Méchin wharf—to complete payments, &c., \$6,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Of this amount \$3,398.86 is the amount of a claim to the contractor—a balance due, certified by the resident engineer, Mr. Tremblay. The balance of the vote is to be used in rip-rapping work for the protection of the wharf.

Mr. LENNOX. How much will the whole work cost?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The original contract was \$26,900, to which this vote is to be added.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. What is the anticipated revenue?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am sorry, I cannot tell my hon. friend. Matters connected with the revenues are made up in the Marine Department.

Mr. LENNOX. I think this system would stand a good deal of improvement. Over and over again, we are told, concerning things that we ought to know, that the matter is in charge of some other department and the information is not to be had. The minister may tell us that the system is the same as under a former government—

Mr. PUGSLEY. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Lennox) will pardon me; this wharf is not yet transferred.

Mr. LENNOX. My remark may not apply so much to this particular case, but it applies to many cases. There ought to be some system by which the minister will be able to give us the information that we ought to have. If necessary to have another minister here to assist him—

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Or some official from the other department.