

own view would be that we should go out far enough to get a depth of 32 feet at low tide. That is what we should aim to get at all our ocean ports. Every year steamers of greater tonnage are arriving. I believe the time will come before long when we will have steamers crossing the Atlantic 1,000 feet in length; within ten years that may take place. Some of that size are already planned.

Mr. PRICE. What price was paid to the Bank of Montreal—as I believe the Bank of Montreal bought the property from Carrier, Lainé & Company.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The Carrier Lainé property was expropriated, and we expect to pay \$380,000 for it.

Mr. PRICE. I find in a Quebec paper that some one has sent me, a report that a syndicate has leased a part of this property, or the old shops that were there, and it mentions that the syndicate was composed of the Hon. S. N. Parent, Sir Charles Ross, M. P. Davis and others. May I ask if that is the case.

Mr. PUGSLEY. No, it is not so.

Quebec harbour—improvements at mouth of River St. Charles estuary, \$280,000.

Mr. PRICE. I presume this item is to finish the extension from the embankment where the steamers now land?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Not to finish it, but to continue it during the present year. The work is a very large one, if the whole plan is carried out to completion.

Mr. PRICE. There is a great deal of complaint in Quebec because we have not got the proper harbour improvements. I would like to ask the Minister of Public Works when the government proposes to do more harbour improvements in Quebec. I do not know whether the minister is aware that, owing to lack of harbour facilities, no heavy pieces of iron can be landed at our wharf because there is no derrick sufficiently strong. Besides that, the wharf accommodation is altogether too limited. Up to the end of last year only two steamers could land their passengers at the same time. Several times this year, when two steamers desired to land their passengers, one had to anchor out in the stream and wait till the other one alongside the wharf was able to get away. I would like to know if the extension that will be carried out this year will give us room for three steamers to lie alongside each other at the same time.

Mr. PUGSLEY. We recognize the fact that the accommodation for ocean steamers at Quebec is limited, and that is why this extensive work is being undertaken. My hon. friend asks when more accommodation will be given. We expect it will be given

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during the coming season, and that is what the appropriation of \$280,000 is for. As the hon. gentleman is aware, there has already been constructed a concrete pier extending for a considerable distance into the St. Lawrence. Now we are building another pier around on the Charles river and dredging out a channel there—it is the return to the wharf. That will give considerable accommodation. The assistant deputy minister tells me that by July there will be accommodation there for three large ocean steamers at this new pier.

Mr. PRICE. I understand that the Grand Trunk Pacific will be finished within the next two or three years and if it carries the amount of grain that it is supposed to carry to Quebec I do not see that we have proper accommodation there to handle that trade. It will be necessary to continue the harbour improvements. I would like to know from the Minister of Public Works if the government will continue the policy of improving the harbour from Quebec up to Sillery and also what the policy is with regard to the terminal facilities; that is the railway line from the present site of the bridge to Quebec itself.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The question which my hon. friend is now asking is one which appertains to the Minister of Railways and Canals.

Mr. PRICE. Will the minister answer the first part?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The whole of it belongs to the Department of Railways and Canals for the reason that the terminals of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway at Quebec will be a part of the Transcontinental Railway system. Therefore, it would not appertain to the Department of Public Works.

Mr. PRICE. How about the docks?

Mr. PUGSLEY. They would form part of the Transcontinental Railway system. I think that is the expectation; I am not prepared to say positively.

Mr. PRICE. That must be an enormous work.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It will be a very large work. I may say to my hon. friend that the question of terminal facilities at Quebec has not been lost sight of by the government. We recognize that terminal facilities must be provided at the ocean ports and that it is desirable, if possible, to have them ready by the time the Transcontinental Railway is finished. The matter of terminals at Quebec is receiving, at the present time, very careful consideration, but just what will be done I am not prepared to say. If my hon. friend will repeat his question when the estimate respecting the Transcontinental Railway is under discussion I have no doubt my hon.