

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). 5,097.

PETAWAWA DOCK.

Mr. WHITE asked :

1. Have tenders been advertised for in connection with the improvements to the Petawawa dock ?
2. When will the work be commenced ?

Hon. WILLIAM PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works) :

1. No.
2. I am not yet satisfied that this work is required in the public interest, but the matter is under consideration.

PINETTE HARBOUR, P.E.I.

Mr. ALEX. MARTIN asked :

1. How many petitions have been received from certain sections of Prince Edward Island asking for the dredging of Pinette harbour in that province ?
2. When was the last petition received ?
3. Is it the intention of the government to grant the prayer of the petitioners ? If so, when, and if in the next ensuing summer ?

Hon. WILLIAM PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works) :

1. Two.
2. January 24, 1906.
3. The matter is under consideration.

BELLE RIVER HARBOUR, P.E.I.

Mr. ALEX. MARTIN asked :

1. Has the government expended money voted last session of parliament for improving Belle river harbour in Prince Edward Island ?
2. Has the work performed been sufficient to make the harbour available for the shipping requirements of the surrounding country ?
3. Has the government engineer's report been received ? If so, what is the nature of it, and the amount required to make the harbour suitable for shipping ?
4. Is it the intention of the government to complete the work next summer, and what expenditure is proposed to be made on it ?

Hon. WILLIAM PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works) :

1. Yes.
2. The work performed is considered sufficient.
- 3 and 4. No report has been received as to further work required since that made two years ago and following which last year's vote was obtained.

DREDGING IN QUEBEC.

Mr. BERGERON asked :

1. What sums have been voted or expended for the dredging of the river bottom between Charlemagne and Terrebonne ?
2. Since when has dredging been going on there ?
3. What sums have been voted or expended for wharfs at Terrebonne and at St. François de Sales ?

4. Who obtained the contracts ?

Hon. WM. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works). The hon. gentleman will see that the question is very broad ; it covers all expenditures or votes since confederation. I do not know whether my hon. friend intended that, but I would ask that he let the question stand as a notice for a return.

Question allowed to stand as a notice of motion.

Mr. BERGERON asked :

1. What sums have been expended or voted for the dredging of the Rivière à la Graisse at Rigaud ?
2. To whom were the contracts given ?
3. What sums have been voted or paid out for dredging Dorion Bay, Vaudreuil Station ?

Hon. WM. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works). This question, like the other, is very general, covering all votes since confederation. Therefore, I would ask that the hon. gentleman let it stand as a notice for a return.

Question allowed to stand as a notice of motion.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Mr. T. CHISHOLM asked :

1. Is the government aware that up to December 1, of the present year, 114 cases of bubonic plague have been found in the state of California and that seventy deaths have been the result, and further that two deaths have recently taken place from the same disease in the city of Seattle ?
2. What steps have the government taken to prevent the spread of bubonic plague into British Columbia and other parts of Canada ?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Minister of Agriculture) :

1. The government is aware of the presence of the bubonic plague in the State of California since August last, and is also aware of the outbreak of that disease in the city of Seattle in October last.

2. At the seaports in British Columbia, all vessels arriving from California and Puget Sound ports are breasted out at a distance of six feet from the pier ; their mooring ropes are guarded with funnels or discs ; and the gangways, reduced to a minimum, are guarded and the vessels fumigated with sulphur once a week. Such precautions are taken to prevent the landing of rats from the vessels, these animals being the usual medium of infection. By arrangement with the United States Public Health authorities, similar precautions are taken at the ports of departure to prevent rats embarking on the vessels. Special instructions to inspect for the bubonic plague have been given to the regular quarantine officers in British Columbia, and the customs officer at the unorganized maritime quarantine stations have been instructed to have a medical examination of every vessel arriving direct