

Lake St. Francis (Beauce)—wharfs, \$7,000.

Mr. FISHER. There are two wharfs and one is under contract.

Mr. BERGERON. When was the money voted for the first time?

Mr. FISHER. Last year.

Mr. BERGERON. How much money has been spent already?

Mr. FISHER. None. The contracts were let recently and we hope the work will be completed this coming summer.

Mr. BERGERON. The Auditor General reports \$285 spent already.

Mr. FISHER. It may be that we bought the sites before.

Mr. BERGERON. From whom was the site bought?

Mr. FISHER. A lot of land bought from Desile Rousseau.

Mr. BERGERON. What work had Sausier to do for which he was paid \$26.95.

Mr. FISHER. He translated the specifications which were issued in English and had to be translated into French.

Mr. BERGERON. That should be done in the department. We should call the attention of the member for Montmagny (Mr. Lavergne) to that. What is the object of building these wharfs.

Mr. FISHER. There is a large lumber trade in that district and these wharfs are for the use of tugs that tow the scows and logs.

Lavaltrie—wharf, \$5,000.

Mr. FISHER. This is a revote almost entirely.

Mr. BERGERON. What is the whole amount?

Mr. FISHER. \$1,843.50 have been spent already and this will complete.

Mr. AMES. Is that the wharf which was bought from the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Mr. AMES. And that company has the same rights to it as before?

Mr. FISHER. Not exclusive rights. They have the privilege of using it the same as anybody else.

Mr. AMES. And the government have the privilege of keeping it in repair?

Mr. FISHER. For the use of the public.

Mr. AMES. Did the public not use it before?

Mr. FISHER. Not except on sufferance.

Mr. FISHER.

Mr. BERGERON. Does any body else use it but the Richelieu Company?

Mr. FISHER. Large quantities of hay, cattle and farm produce are raised in the neighbourhood, and the dues levied by the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company were prohibitive to the local people. It became necessary to provide improved and increased wharf accommodation and that could not be done while the company owned the wharf. So the government took it over and are improving it for the public use.

Mr. AMES. Is it the policy of the government to buy all the wharfs of the Richelieu Company?

Mr. FISHER. No, except where we find it necessary in the public interests.

Mr. BERGERON. I asked last year what was the depth of the water and the minister (Mr. Brodeur) answered that this was for the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company and the depth was from ten to twelve feet. Evidently those are the only boats that go there. Now the government have bought the wharf and are repairing it and the Richelieu Company are using it.

Mr. FISHER. And other market boats as well.

Mr. BERGERON. According to the minister (Mr. Brodeur) only the Richelieu boats go there.

Mr. BUREAU. I may tell my hon. friend that other boats do not go there because they cannot. There is a new company called La Plante Company that goes there, and the government has purchased the wharf because it can give better accommodation to the farmers.

Mr. MONK. Does my hon. friend say that that company started because this wharf was purchased by the government?

Mr. BUREAU. No, but because it could go there and get the traffic.

Mr. BERGERON. Is this for the cost of the wharf?

Mr. FISHER. No. The wharf was bought for \$1,800. The rest is for fitting it up.

Mr. BERGERON. Is that to be done by contract or by day's work?

Mr. FISHER. By day's work.

Mr. BERGERON. When will it be finished?

Mr. FISHER. This summer.

Mr. BERGERON. Is there to be any dredging done there?

Mr. FISHER. There is no estimate for dredging.