

tions, but are satisfied simply to have the work done in their own counties.

Mr. J. T. SCHELL. Where is dredging done of that kind?

Mr. MONK. I mentioned a moment ago that, to my knowledge, dredging was done in the Ottawa river, last summer or the summer before, to facilitate the approach to a private ice-house. That is somewhere in the county of Vaudreuil. If my hon. friend will take the trouble to investigate he will find that that is absolutely correct.

Peterborough steamboat landing, \$2,500.

Mr. PUGSLEY. That may be dropped.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Why?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Because the work has been completed and paid for.

Petewawa—extension of wharf, \$11,500.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Of that \$8,500 is a re-vote. We have added \$3,000 more on further investigation, because of the larger amount of cribwork which must be built.

Mr. J. D. REID. Has the contract been let?

Mr. PUGSLEY. No.

Mr. J. D. REID. Is it to be put up by public tender?

Mr. PUGSLEY. If built, it will be by public tender. I am not absolutely sure as to whether I will go on with that work at the present time or not. I am looking into the question of the public necessity for it.

Mr. OWEN. While we are on the subject of wharfs, I would ask the minister the nature of the report made by the engineer of his department sent to inspect a wharf at Brighton.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am under the impression that I gave the hon. gentleman (Mr. Owen) that information. We have not had a report yet. There was a report some years ago. Owing to my having received information that the owner of the wharf declined to sell, I have taken no further proceedings.

Mr. OWEN. The hon. minister will remember that the chief engineer, Mr. Glass, was down there a few weeks before the deputation came to Ottawa.

Mr. PUGSLEY. There is no Mr. Glass an engineer in my department.

Mr. BLAIN. If an engineer was sent from the Department of Public Works to Brighton, will the minister bring down a report to the committee at some future meeting?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Certainly.

Mr. J. D. REID. Which department would have charge of this wharf—Public Works or Railways?

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is a private wharf.

Mr. OWEN. There are two private wharfs there, and both are in a dilapidated condition. Brighton is a thriving town of 1,800 people, yet the wharf there is a disgrace to the Dominion of Canada. Some months ago a deputation came down and the minister was going to do something, for it was clearly shown then that something was needed. I hope he is not going to wait until the general election.

Mr. PUGSLEY. My hon. friend will remember that a delegation waited upon me, and I think he accompanied that delegation. It was stated that there was a private wharf which it was desirable the department should purchase, making the necessary repairs, and make it a public wharf. I said I was not prepared to undertake the expropriation of a private wharf at Brighton at present, but if they could obtain from the owner a statement that he was willing to sell at what was regarded as a reasonable price, I would take the matter into consideration. Some little time afterwards I received word from one of the most prominent members of the delegation—

Mr. OWEN. What name?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I have forgotten the name—that the owner of the wharf refused to put a price on it. So I have done nothing further in the matter.

Mr. J. D. REID. I would like to know if the Department of Public Works had an engineer there at all. The member for East Northumberland (Mr. Owen) says that the government sent an engineer to look over the wharf, and the Minister of Public Works said they did not.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The chief engineer informs me that he has given no instructions to any engineer of the department to make an examination.

Mr. WHITE. I am surprised to hear the Minister of Public Works say that he does not know that there is a necessity for this work in connection with the Petawawa wharf. Last session I brought the matter to the attention of the acting Minister of Public Works, and an appropriation was made in the supplementaries. During the summer I took the matter up with the department, and they assured me that the work would be commenced last August, but up to the present time nothing has been done. I have here a letter from the manager of the Pembroke Navigation Company which I would like to read to the House:

Dear Sir,—Some time ago I brought to your attention the matter of the extension of the Petewawa wharf. At that time I pointed out the urgent necessity of the carrying out of this work. I understand that there was an amount in the estimates passed last session for this purpose. Up to the present nothing