

last year and the year before this House closed late in the summer after the votes were passed by the House and the contract could not be let until late in the fall. If this money could have been voted last spring the work would have been done before the close of the season.

Mr. JOHNSTON. I wish to say for the information of members of this House that the statements of the member for St. Anne's division, Montreal (Mr. Ames) with regard to St. Ann's bar and St. Ann's harbour and the construction of a number of useless wharfs in that vicinity is absolutely incorrect. That is the strongest word I desire to use in that connection; no stronger word could reasonably be employed. Of course I am bound to say that I have looked at the census returns and I find that the population at the particular place at which this wharf is to be built is slightly below the population of the city of Montreal, but notwithstanding all that there are quite a number of people around St. Ann's bay who are doing a reasonable amount of business and who are entitled to a reasonably fair amount of protection in the business which they carry on, and I have only to add that the statements that these works are large and useless around St. Ann's bay or around any other bay in the county of Victoria are not justified.

Mr. AMES. Would the hon. gentleman tell me where Eel cove is?

Mr. JOHNSTON. When the committee rises I will take my hon. friend and have speech with him, draw a diagram and satisfy him that Eel cove actually does exist.

Mr. AMES. Will the hon. gentleman tell me where it is?

Mr. JOHNSTON. Yes.

Mr. AMES. Will he kindly do so?

Mr. JOHNSTON. I cannot give any better description of where Eel cove is in the absence of a map or blue print than that given by the minister, which information has been prepared by the department and which the minister has given to the committee as furnished to him by the engineer.

Mr. AMES. Will the hon. gentleman tell us whether the wharf as proposed to be built at Eel cove is inside or outside of the Bar? Does he know his own county well enough to tell us where Eel cove is?

Mr. JOHNSTON. I do not want to add to the disfigurement of the hon. gentleman by revealing his ignorance any more than it has been revealed. If I did not want to spare the feelings of my hon. friend I would say to him that it is not in my constituency at all.

Mr. AMES. This is one part of Cape Breton that I know pretty thoroughly. I

have heard of that wharf in Bay St. Anne's and what I say I stand by.

Mr. DUNCAN ROSS. Was the hon. gentleman on the inside or the outside of the Bar?

Mr. AMES. Both, but I had the worst time on the outside. I want to point out to the minister that he says the contract will be \$4,620, and that the cost of the land and advertising amounted to \$50. This would make a little under \$4,700. Are we to understand that it is going to cost \$500 for the superintendence of that little dock or about 12 or 13 per cent?

Mr. FISHER. The general estimate of the department for superintendence and contingencies is 10 per cent of whatever the contract is. That is not always spent, however.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. How much did the superintendence of the tower, which fell down, cost?

Mr. FISHER. That was done in the department.

Mabou—repairs to harbour works, \$2,000.

Mr. GANONG. Will the minister explain what work has been done there?

Mr. FISHER. This is to make provision for continuing to raise the brush and stone on either side of the entrance at Mabou harbour where subsidence has taken place.

Mr. GANONG. How much water is there at the entrance of that harbour? In 1903 it appeared to be very shallow at low water.

Mr. FISHER. There were three or four feet of water but we are making it deeper.

Mr. McLENNAN. There are 16 feet of water at low tide to-day. It was dredged last year.

Marble Mountain—wharf, \$3,100.

Mr. FISHER. This is a revote.

Mr. CROCKET. Who owns the land upon which it is proposed to construct this wharf?

Mr. FISHER. It was purchased by the government from Roderick McDonald.

Mr. CROCKET. At what cost?

Mr. FISHER. I do not see the cost here.

Mr. CROCKET. When was the purchase made?

Mr. FISHER. It must have been over a year ago because there was some work done in 1905-6.

Mr. CROCKET. Did the minister state that some work had already been done on this wharf?