

provinces, because northern trade ought to come southward, and coming in that direction it would benefit the centres lying south of these rivers and lakes.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): I do not think my hon. friend can seriously compare the western provinces with Nova Scotia.

Mr. McINTOSH: No, not according to this vote; I shouldn't think we could.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): I do not think he can compare them in any way from the standpoint of requirements with regard to wharves or anything in that line.

Mr. McINTOSH: Not on the basis of equality.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): In the east there is a coast which is exposed to severe storms. There are fishermen all along the coast and there are wharves and breakwaters, all subject to rapid deterioration and requiring constant renewal. The conditions are altogether different. I suggest that if my hon. friend will diligently look through the expenditures of Canada he will find that the provinces he is speaking about are in large measure compensated by other expenditures which they need and which they are entitled to have for their development, but which are not applicable to the maritimes. I can only say that I will consider the matter, but I think that my hon. friend will agree that it is not a fair comparison to suggest that the expenditures should be on anything like a basis of population. The demands and the conditions are not at all the same. We are trying as far as possible to meet the demands according to the locality.

Mr. McINTOSH: I did not argue that the expenditures should be on the basis of population; I do not think they should. I said that, far from it, it was apparent that the votes we have carried are not on the basis of population. But to a certain extent they ought to be, and they are not, and it was on that foundation that I was presenting a claim for a small vote for the clearing of this navigable river, or at least a river that ought to be navigable. I submit that the minister ought to investigate the matter and come to a decision. As regards the requirements of Saskatchewan, I know that we do need public money. We are the expanding part of the dominion and I am quite sure that the minister will not make out that we are getting more than we ought to get. As a matter of fact, we have not obtained by any means the fair share to which we have been entitled in the last twenty-five years.

[Mr. McIntosh.]

Mr. SPEAKMAN: Though we have no rivers in the prairie provinces such as hon. members in the east boast of, I know of some rivers in western Canada beside which, considered from certain points of view, a few rivers in the east are mere streams. I hear of the wonderful fishing for trout and even for salmon in the rivers of eastern Canada. Well, in the river in my district they go fishing for dinosaurs. Go to the museum and you will see that we supply the dinosaur trade for Canada from Red Deer river. If that does not prove that we have real rivers in the west I do not know what does.

Mr. DONNELLY: Following up what the hon. member for North Battleford said, I admit that we in Saskatchewan have no great rivers or lakes. We freely admit that in the maritimes and Quebec there are breakwaters, wharves and many other public works of this kind which must be looked after, and which require the expenditure of a good deal of money. I sometimes think, however, that when we in the west ask for some money for the Hudson Bay railway, which is the only thing on which we have public money spent, hon. members from the east should bear in mind that when we give them money for breakwaters, wharves, dredging and so forth, we are only asking for what is justly due us when we make requests for expenditures on that undertaking.

Item agreed to.

Mr. PRICE: May I ask the hon. member for North Battleford what he has to say with regard to the bonus received on wheat of \$12,000,000 in the province of Saskatchewan? What did the maritime provinces get?

Mr. DONNELLY: What did you get from freight rates?

Mr. McINTOSH: The hon. member is misinformed; Saskatchewan did not get \$12,000,000.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Sullivan): Order; this discussion is out of order. The item has already carried.

Dredging

Maritime provinces, \$149,200.
Ontario and Quebec, \$215,500.
Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, \$36,800.
British Columbia, \$130,000.—Total, \$531,500.

Mr. BOWMAN: Mr. Chairman, I note that the dredging item for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta has been reduced from \$46,800 to \$36,800. Will the minister tell me how the reduction is accounted for?