

Mr. GARDINER: Will the minister give the committee information with regard to the Collingwood breakwater.

Mr. COPP: This amount of \$35,000 is required to provide for the construction in concrete of 400 lineal feet of the north breakwater at the outer end and varying in width from 22 feet to 70 feet at the headblock. This is for reconstruction and repairs.

Mr. GARDINER: Is this work let by contract?

Mr. COPP: Yes.

Mr. GARDINER: Who are the contractors?

Mr. COPP: This is just voting the money and the contract will be called for later on. It has not been let.

Mr. McTAGGART: This is a new item for Honey Harbour. Is there any accommodation there at the present time?

Mr. COPP: The amount of the vote is \$11,600.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I must enter a protest against this habit of bringing down supplementary estimates in batches—all sorts of works here, there and everywhere. There is no use in having these items in the supplementaries. The only object the government had was to spring the news gently, get the country to think there was not very much being voted, and then bring batches in at the last.

Mr. HOEY: Can the minister tell us where Honey Harbour is?

Mr. HAMMELL: I will tell the hon. gentleman the reason why this item was not put in the main estimates. Honey Harbour is quite an important place on the Georgian bay, and until the present season the people had been served at a private wharf. During the past winter the owner of this wharf notified the people that they could no longer use it. There are about 2,500 people to be served by this wharf, and there is no other wharf in this locality.

Mr. HOEY: Has there ever been a government wharf at this point?

Mr. HAMMELL: No, for the simple reason that the locality has been served by a private wharf. But the business has increased so much of recent years, that a private wharf cannot accommodate the people.

Mr. GARDINER: Is it tourist traffic?

Mr. HAMMELL: Yes.
[Mr. Copp.]

An hon. MEMBER: Bootleggers?

Mr. HAMMELL: No, we have no bootleggers up there.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I am protesting against this long string of supplementary estimates. We cannot get details. There is nothing to show us what was voted last year in any case. These items are all thrown at us in a lump. It is utterly unfair to parliament.

Mr. POWER: Was it unfair five years ago and ten years ago?

Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes, it would have been unfair then, but it was not indulged in at that time.

Mr. POWER: The hon. member must not make that statement. On the night before prorogation in 1921 we passed estimates to the amount of \$400,000,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: We did nothing of the sort.

Mr. POWER: We passed all the supplementaries, and we had about ten additions to the supplementaries, to the best of my knowledge. We got a new sheet about every hour.

Mr. MEIGHEN: The hon. gentleman is sitting up too late. His constitution does not fit him to be up so late. The supplementaries in those days were never so protracted as these. What I am complaining of is that there is a long string, page after page as to one province, a whole batch by itself, and others almost equally long, of items that should have appeared in the main estimates if they were justifiable at all.

Mr. GRAHAM: They never do.

Mr. MEIGHEN: They should have.

Mr. GRAHAM: It has never been the practice.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes it has.

Mr. GRAHAM: I have been here longer than the hon. member.

Mr. MEIGHEN: What is the explanation of the \$140,000, for Matane wharf in the supplementaries and nothing in the main estimates? That has been going on for years.

Mr. GRAHAM: The sum of \$100,000 is being contributed by the Hammermill Paper Company.

Mr. MEIGHEN: It certainly should have been in the main estimates. I do not think there is any doubt in the minds of hon. members that it is just in the supplementaries in the hope that on the last