

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Mr. J. D. REID. Is that \$10,000 for all new work?

Mr. FISHER. It is for all that will be done this year.

Mr. J. D. REID. Is there not some going on now that will take part of the \$10,000?

Mr. FISHER. No, what work was done last year was paid for.

Mr. J. D. REID. And none of this will go towards work that has been gone on with.

Mr. FISHER. No, I do not think so.

Mr. J. D. REID. This \$10,000 is entirely for new work?

Mr. FISHER. For the wharf described, and the work will be commenced when the contract is let this spring.

Mr. MONK. Bic is a place of some importance. I am very glad to see a wharf there; I would like to see several, but the question to my mind is that it has been pointed out to the government by competent men appointed by them that the channel between Montreal and Quebec is in several places, in two places particularly, very narrow, about 300 feet wide, and when large steamers meet there there is great danger of stranding. Twice in the last three years they have stranded there and consequently these men recommended that the channel be widened to a sufficient width to relieve all danger to navigation at that point. If we have \$25,000 to spend is it not more important to provide safe navigation at these perilous points in the river which render underwriting very expensive and do great injury to the St. Lawrence route, than that we should build wharfs in places where we are not recommended to build them as an urgent matter?

Mr. FISHER. I quite agree with my hon. friend that work such as is described to improve the channel from Montreal to the sea should be done and the Department of Marine and Fisheries which has that in charge is arranging to do it and is taking votes to do it.

Chateauguay—wharf, \$1,000.

Mr. R. N. WALSH. Has there been any expenditure on that wharf?

Mr. FISHER. No, that is new.

Mr. R. N. WALSH. This is the third time it has been voted and nothing has been done.

Mr. FISHER. We expect to do it this summer.

Mr. R. N. WALSH. Has the site for it been selected?

Mr. J. D. REID.

Mr. FISHER. Yes, I understand so.

Mr. MONK. Where is it?

Mr. BROWN. Near the wharf of Mr. Durocher.

Mr. BERGERON. How far will \$1,000 go on that?

Mr. BROWN. I asked for \$500 more.

Mr. J. D. REID. Why not make it \$500 more and do the work right?

Mr. FISHER. We will bring that down in the supplementaries if necessary.

Mr. BERGERON. I think it is necessary. \$1,000 might not go far enough.

Chicoutimi pier—improvements and repairs, \$5,000.

Mr. J. D. REID. How is that being done?

Mr. FISHER. By day's work under an engineer.

Mr. BERGERON. How much will it cost altogether?

Mr. FISHER. \$5,000.

Cross Point wharf—extension, \$10,000.

Mr. J. D. REID. Who has the contract?

Mr. FISHER. Mr. Charleson, of Ottawa. Six tenders were received and the contract was given to the lowest.

Mr. J. D. REID. Was anything spent previously?

Mr. FISHER. In 1896-7 \$5,000 were appropriated and \$3,000 not spent. That is included in this as a revote.

Mr. J. D. REID. How much water will there be at this wharf when completed?

Mr. FISHER. At low water only three or four feet.

Mr. J. D. REID. There was \$3,020.15 spent in 1905-6 on this same wharf in addition to the expenditure last year.

Mr. FISHER. There was then a contract for one extension and this is a further extension.

Mr. J. D. REID. How much was spent altogether previous to this?

Mr. FISHER. I think the total expenditure was \$13,820.

Mr. J. D. REID. Here is another contract for about \$11,000. That makes about \$25,000 for a wharf at this point. What is the population of the village and is there much business done there?

Mr. FISHER. This is the point from which the ferry crosses to Bonaventure county and it serves the people all along the shore.

Mr. J. D. REID. Is there any revenue from this wharf?