

the same. This borer is doing his work all the time. A great mistake was made at the inception of the work, and I do not see how we can remedy it without rebuilding anew.

Mr. POWELL. I acknowledge a mistake was made, and the engineers were either ignorant of what was before them or negligent of their duty. But in respect to dumping this stone on the outside, if the worm has done its destructive work, then it is the action of the tide that completes the work of destruction. The work could be renewed by just planking the inside. Any one who is familiar with engineering is aware that if the planking had been renewed on the inside of the work, the work could have been carried on with very little expense.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I will give my immediate attention to the matter.

Mr. MACDONALD (King's, P.E.I.). Has the Minister in contemplation the construction of a wharf opposite to Cape Traverse, and has the matter been brought before him in any way?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. My attention has been called to the proposed work referred to by the hon. gentleman, but I must remind him that the estimated cost is half a million dollars, and perhaps Parliament would hesitate before granting that sum this year.

Laprairie—Work in connection with ice piers, dredging steamboat channel, &c... \$9,000

Mr. FOSTER. Where are these ice piers?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. They are opposite Montreal, and as the water is falling there, dredging is essential.

Mr. FOSTER. Does the Government own the wharf?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. Yes.

River Richelieu—Belle Isle Channel guide piers \$6,000

Mr. MONK. What are these guide piers?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I cannot very well explain what they are, but the hon. gentleman can see them outlined on a map which I have here.

Mr. MONK. The reason I make this inquiry is because I understand there are guide piers there at present.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. The piers are rotten and are falling into the river. The hon. gentleman may be a very able lawyer, but I must depend on the opinions of my engineer, who has made a careful survey. The Richelieu boat can-

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not now approach the pier, on account of its bad condition.

Mr. MONK. The piers are there still.

Mr. PREFONTAINE. They must be reconstructed.

River St. Lawrence—Removal of rocks.... \$3,000

Mr. FOSTER. Where are these rocks?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. They are on the Gaspé coast, and are very dangerous to fishermen. Every year we vote a certain amount of money to remove rocks, so that the fishermen may land there without danger.

Rivière Ste. Anne de la Pérade—Repairs to protection works..... \$5,000

Mr. MONK. In regard to repairs for protection works, I would remind the Minister of Public Works of the promise he made to me last year respecting works of a similar nature at Ste. Geneviève. These are necessary, and the hon. gentleman promised that he would look into the matter. He began an investigation three or four days before the 11th of May last, which gave us great encouragement in that part of the county. I hope he will prosecute those investigations and find out whether the works are necessary, and if the inundation of that part of the county is caused by works done by the Dominion Government, he will see that a sufficient sum is placed in the Estimates next year to carry out the necessary works. Although this investigation was made a few days before the 11th of May, nothing has been done, and I desire to keep the matter fresh in the mind of the Minister.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I am very glad that my hon. friend has again called my attention to the work at Ste. Geneviève. May is the best month to make these surveys, and they have been made all over the Dominion during that month. That is the reason why the month of May has been chosen.

Mr. MONK. I would ask the Minister to bestow some attention to the wharf which was projected by the late Government to be erected at Pointe Claire in Jacques Cartier county. The result of a survey which was made there was that a wharf would cost about \$2,000. Pointe Claire is a short distance from Montreal, on Lake St. Louis. There is a wharf at Lachine, a wharf at Ste. Annes, and on the opposite side of the lake, there is a wharf at Caughnawaga, another at Chateauguay and another at Beauharnois. Pointe Claire, one of the most important places on Lake St. Louis, is the only place without a wharf. That, I believe, the hon. Minister knows himself.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. Hear, hear.