

the 31st March, 1909. That was for the purpose of acquiring land for the site and approaches for the wharf and incidental expenses.

Seal Cove, Grand Manan island—breakwater pier—to complete, \$5,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to complete work under contract for the construction of a breakwater and pier 388 feet long and 35 feet high at the outer end, extending to 15 feet depth at high water. The amount of the contract is \$29,000, and I think this will complete it.

Mr. DANIEL. You have already expended \$32,000 on it?

Mr. PUGSLEY. No; we will have expended altogether, on the 31st March, \$27,000. The hon. gentleman is confounding the vote with the expenditure. There is a revote of \$5,000.

Mr. DANIEL. Is this to be cribwork?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes.

Mr. DANIEL. Is the timber creosoted?

Mr. PUGSLEY. No.

Mr. DANIEL. Some time ago the minister told us that he had rather improved on the plan of his predecessors because they used ordinary timber and he was using creosoted timber.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I did not say in all cases.

Mr. DANIEL. But where the teredo worm was likely to attack the wharf. The hon. gentleman must know that it does its business all right in the Bay of Fundy.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I have not understood that at the island the teredo is as destructive as in other places. At all events the engineering branch of the department did not think it necessary to use creosoted material at this point. I quite agree that it is better as far as possible to use creosoted timber. In some places the teredo worm is much more destructive than in others. In St. John harbour it is not destructive owing to the volume of fresh water running into the salt.

Shediac wharf—revote of \$2,000 lapsed, \$10,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. We propose building a wharf 1,100 feet long, stone block, 210 feet long, twenty-two spans of twenty feet and twenty-one blocks of twenty feet square, also pier head thirty feet square. Depth six feet at low water and ten feet at high water of ordinary tide. This is sufficient for fishing boats and small schooners. In connection with this we propose using creosoted timber, but nothing has been done as yet. Total estimated cost \$19,000. That was the original estimate. Since then a further estimate has been made of \$2,000,

and the probable cost will be \$21,000. That is the estimate of the resident engineer.

Mr. BARKER. Why take a revote of \$2,000 for a \$21,000 vote on which nothing has yet been spent?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The reason is we had an appropriation of \$2,000 the year before last. We took a vote of \$2,000 for the purpose of beginning the work, such as purchasing the site, right of way, and possibly calling for tenders. But owing to the fact that the wharf will cost such an amount as we would not be justified in entering on its construction, having the vote of only \$2,000, we made no move and allowed the vote to lapse. We are now asking for \$10,000, but we will go ahead in a substantial way for the purpose of building the work.

Mr. SPROULE. Why should such a vote come under the heading of a revote? If the vote was for last year, it could be properly called a revote; but if not used within the year at all, it lapses and goes back to consolidated revenue, and after that should not come up as a revote but as a regular vote.

Mr. PUGSLEY. My hon. friend is quite right, but if he will look at the item, he will see it was not put in the revote column, but we put it in as a revote lapsed so that the committee may see it is not new.

Mr. SPROULE. I do not think it should be called a revote at all.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is more for the information of the committee.

Shippigan harbour—improvements and repairs at Shippigan gully, \$3,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to continue the improvements. These are general repairs to the west breakwater.

St. Andrews wharf—to complete, \$7,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The contract was for \$15,900 besides contingencies. The estimated expenditure to 31st of March next is \$11,000 and we shall require \$7,000 to finish.

St. John harbour—improvements, repairs and renewals,—\$25,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is for improvements and repairs to the breakwater which have to go on from year to year.

St. John—Partridge Island quarantine wharf, \$13,500.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to build the wharf. It has been urged upon us for some time by the Department of Agriculture, and there was a vote for it for the year ending 31st March, 1909. We did not do anything under that vote and are asking for this amount.