

for this purpose were expended in the counties of King's, Annapolis and Digby. Of late, very little money has been expended in those counties. Four years ago, I asked the Minister of Public Works if he would vote some money for a couple of wharves in that county, but nothing has been done except that he sent an engineer there, who has corroborated my statement as to the dangerous condition of the Church Point wharf. Last year the Minister told me he would do something, and this year I expected from what he said that, at all events, a small amount to keep the work from being destroyed would be placed in the Estimates, but there is no mention made of it. Does the Minister intend to make that appropriation, or cannot he take it out of the amount voted for the repairs generally in the Maritime Provinces?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I am not in a position to say to-day, but I will consider it.

Mr. VAIL. I would like information with reference to this grant for Great Village River. I find here is a grant of \$3,900.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. That is a revote.

Mr. VAIL. Part of it, I am aware is a revote. Expenditure has been going on for three or four years on that work. In 1884 the first grant was made of \$4,250, and in 1885 another grant was made of \$850.

Mr. McLELAN. All that has been expended of the public money on that work has been \$5,100, and by private subscription, from \$14,000 to \$17,000.

Mr. VAIL. I think the Minister of Finance ought to expend all his private means on it.

Mr. McLELAN. The Minister of Finance is not expending any of his private means on it.

Mr. VAIL. This is merely to straighten a brook by which his firm is to get an advantage by bringing in a large amount of marsh that will be made valuable. It is spent in the interest of the Minister of Finance and his partner there, and the money is paid to the firm to which the Minister of Finance belongs—or if he is not now he has been up to a recent date a member of that firm. I do not think the hon. gentleman, in his capacity as Minister of Finance, should appropriate the public funds in that way and leave other districts that are much more in want of help, out in the cold.

Mr. McLELAN. There is no district on the whole coast of the Bay of Fundy that more requires this money than Great Village River, for the general navigation of the place. If the hon. gentleman had ever seen it or known anything about the trade of that place, he would not stand up here in Parliament and make such an assertion. I have no special interest in it other than general benefit to the place.

Mr. VAIL. The money has been paid to the partner of the Minister of Finance?

Mr. McLELAN. No, it has not; he is not my partner in any business except in owning ships outside.

Mr. VAIL. I have letters from there explaining fully the position of affairs, which I do not propose to read to-day to show all I know in regard to it.

Harbors and Rivers, Quebec \$98,325 00

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I think it is very much to be regretted that a number of items involving this large sum, the most of which the Minister must have known would be required, were not put in the original estimates instead of being brought down now. I cannot pretend to go through these at present, but I desire to know what number of these items are a commencement of works which may involve much larger sums.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Montmagny, \$2,000; I do not think anything else will be required. Rimouski River, \$1,000 will complete. River Saguenay, \$5,000; this will not complete, but it is a work that has been going on for some time. The next item of \$5,000 for the River Saguenay will not complete, and we will require \$2,000 or \$3,000 more. Chicoutimi, \$3,425 are for repairs. Rivière Verte, \$1,000; this is to take out the boulders. St. Laurent, St. Jean and Ste. Famille, \$3,000; this is for repairs. Rivière Ste. Anne de Beaupré, \$2,000 is to complete a wing dam. Doucet's Landing, \$2,000 is for dredging; nothing else will be required. Longueuil, \$10,000; this is a new work, and will require more money later on, but this amount will make a complete work by itself. Longueuil is a harbor having two railways and having a large trade with Montreal, but having no accommodation for vessels. Cascades, \$3,000; we will require \$2,500 to complete. Rivière du Lièvre, \$1,000; that is for a lock at the lower portion of the river. Bay St. Paul, \$5,000; that completes the work. Kamouraska, \$3,000; I think that amount will complete. Rivière St. Nicholas, \$1,200; that is to clear the river of boulders. St. Placide, \$5,000; I think that will complete.

Harbors and Rivers, Ontario..... \$59,500 00

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What is the arrangement with Belleville? Does the \$20,000 that were to be expended, complete the work?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. A great deal of damage was caused there by the flood, and the people of the town have sent deputations asking the Government to come to their relief. An arrangement was made that if we would give \$10,000 they would pay the same amount, or if we gave \$20,000 they would give \$20,000 on their side, because the work was partly of a local nature. This work will be in my Department.

Roads and Bridges..... \$16,500 00

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What is the policy of the Government going to be with respect to roads and bridges in the North-West. We seem to be entering on a policy which may involve very heavy outlays. I am aware that when the Dominion own the land we may be called upon to contribute larger sums than we could otherwise be called upon to grant.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. We are doing as little as possible. The Bow River is a very fine and rapid river, and is in the centre of the ranching country, and the structures will be more expensive than the few inhabitants there could undertake to build.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I cannot venture to make any suggestions at this moment, but I hope that next Session the Government will announce some policy with respect to constructing bridges in the North-West.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The hon. gentleman is quite right.

Telegraphs..... \$26,400 00.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Perhaps the hon. gentleman would give some information?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. We have been building telegraph lines in the North-West for a number of years. We have been extending the line from the Canadian Pacific Railway to the north, as far as Prince Albert on one side and St. Albert on the other, by way of Edmonton. This line is absolutely necessary if we want to have communication with the upper country. When the troubles of last year occurred, I do not know what would have happened but for having this telegraph line. Of course, it might be handed over to the Canadian Pacific Railway, but it is a