

Mr. CARDIN: Yes.

Mr. TOLMIE: Has work been started on it yet?

Mr. CARDIN: No.

Mr. TOLMIE: When will it begin?

Mr. CARDIN: We are now preparing plans.

Mr. NEILL: Last year and the year before a requisition was put in for a small public building at Tofino. I did not press the matter then because I knew the finances of the country would not stand it, but now my attention is called to the vote before us and I find that there are five buildings in British Columbia that are to be placed in districts represented by members of the opposition. That is all to the credit of the government, but I notice that some of the members concerned have asked where these buildings are and what purpose they are to serve, so that it does not look as if the need is outstanding. I notice also that the totals for these five buildings is \$216,500, or 35 per cent of the vote. The total vote for British Columbia is \$678,000, practically three-quarters of a million. Does not the minister think that out of that large vote, and in the circumstances I have indicated, there may be some hope of getting the building I have asked for at Tofino, when the final supplementary estimates are brought down?

Mr. CARDIN: I must admit that my hon. friend has been pressing for a public building at that point, but so far I have not been able to convince myself that we should go on with it. Possibly I have not all the information but I am prepared to look into the matter and give it my best consideration.

Mr. BARBER: There is an item here "New Westminster public building—addition." New Westminster is a very important port in our province, and I was in hopes that instead of an addition we would have a new building. Is it the intention to repair the old building to the extent of \$100,000, or to construct a new one?

Mr. CARDIN: It is to build an addition to the building they already have. It is proposed to erect a one-storey addition, 130 by 65 feet on Clarkson street, and 50 by 22 feet on Columbia street.

Mr. BARBER: Is that for postal purposes?

Mr. CARDIN: Yes.

Item agreed to.

Harbours and Rivers—Nova Scotia

Annapolis Royal—dredging, \$7,800.

Apple Tree Cove (Cherry Hill)—wharf and skidway, \$4,200.

[Mr. Tolmie.]

Arichat—wharf repairs, \$12,000.

Arisaig—breakwater extension, \$8,300.

Bay St. Lawrence—extension to breakwater and retaining wall, \$8,500.

Brooklyn—breakwater repairs and improvements, \$75,000.

Burkey's Cove—breakwater extension, \$3,300.

Cape St. Mary's—breakwater reconstruction, \$13,500.

Carr's Brook—wharf extension, \$5,900.

Cow Bay (Port Morien)—breakwater extension, \$6,000.

Digby—harbour improvements, \$25,000.

Fourchu—dredging, \$25,000.

Friar's Head—breakwater extension, \$4,000.

Glace Bay—dredging, \$12,000.

Hillside (Green's Point)—wharf, \$4,200.

Little Cove—breakwater and skidway, \$4,800.

Little Judique Ponds—extension to protection work, \$13,200.

Lockeport—breakwaters, \$51,900.

Louis Head—breakwater, \$4,200.

Lower Woods Harbour—wharf extension, \$3,500.

Lunenburg—dredging, \$14,800.

Main a Dieu—dredging, \$15,000.

Merigomish—wharf repairs, \$2,500.

Middle Point Cove—breakwater, \$3,200.

Neil's Harbour—breakwater repairs, extension and dredging, \$27,000.

Noel—wharf extension, \$7,000.

Paul's Point—protection work, \$3,400.

Pictou Landing—breakwater, \$4,900.

Pictou Landing—wharf improvements, \$31,500.

Port Hood—closing northern entrance, \$40,000.

St. Mary's River—dredging, \$50,000.

Seal Island—breakwater, \$11,000.

Skinner's Cove—partial reconstruction of pier, \$11,000.

South Ingonish—dredging, \$17,000.

South Side (Donald's Head)—breakwater replacement, \$22,500.

Sydney—wharf extension and warehouse, \$74,000.

Terrance Bay—wharf extension, \$12,000.

Turpentine Island—to purchase and extend wharf, \$3,600.

Upper Port Latour—wharf repairs, \$5,000.

Wedgepoint—wharf, \$3,500.

Westport (South)—breakwater, \$17,000.

Willow Cove—breakwater extension and repairs, \$5,000.

Yarmouth harbour—dredging, \$60,000.

Mr. BAKER: Does the minister think that we really get fair value, or any fair percentage of value, for this expenditure of \$733,000?

Mr. CARDIN: I guess we get fair value from that, not in the form of cash revenue to the customs or post office, but by helping to develop the facilities in all these places in the maritime provinces, and in Nova Scotia particularly, we help the trade of our country. To-day we are practically all in favour of the new plan for the improvement of houses by individuals; we induce home owners to make repairs and betterments, by guaranteeing a certain part of what they borrow from the bank—

Mr. BAKER: That has nothing to do with this.