

be done by private interest, which are the cause of the flooding of the country. Why should we come to the assistance of parties who, by developing water-powers, are flooding the country.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Was the Chambly canal not built by the government?

Mr. MONK. My hon. friend is not familiar with the locality or he would know that the dam works which are the cause of the flooding were put up by electric companies in Montreal, and it is these companies which should repair the damage, and not the government.

Mr. DUNCAN ROSS. The hon. gentleman is out of order. We are discussing Ontario items.

Mr. MONK. I have been asked to give details; and when I do so, I am called to order.

Goderich harbour—improvements, \$75,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is for building a breakwater, some 500 feet long, for the protection of the harbour and the safety of vessels. I need not speak of the importance of this harbour. It is one of the most important on the eastern shores of Lake Huron.

Gore's landing—wharf, \$1,000.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I would call attention to the wharf at Grand Bend in my riding. Will the government not have some dredging done at the mouth of the river? It has become so choked up with sand that even small boats cannot go up. I would like to ask the minister if he intends to take this matter into consideration. I understood that it was estimated that \$1,125 would do the work. Will he do it this summer?

Mr. PUGSLEY. One of my hon. friends from Huron county (Mr. McLean) has urged very strongly these improvements. The matter is under consideration. I think that there is very little doubt that this session provision will be made for the work.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Does the hon. gentleman intend to put it in the supplementary estimates?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Until His Excellency submits the estimates my mouth is closed.

Mr. LANCASTER. What the hon. gentleman (Mr. Armstrong) wants is that the minister might take it into his 'most favourable' consideration. I think the minister did not put in the adverb.

Ontario—harbours, rivers and bridges—general repairs and improvements, \$25,000.

Mr. BLAIN. I would ask the attention of the minister to Port Credit harbour in the county of Peel. For several years the occupant of the position of Minister of Public Works has promised to have some dredg-

ing done at the entrance of that harbour. As far back as 1903, I made this statement:

Port Credit is very close to Toronto where the hon. gentleman has a dredge working all the time; and perhaps the minister could allow that dredge to go to Port Credit and dredge out some of the sand that is continually drifting in there.

To which the Minister of Public Works answered:

I think no one would object to that, and I will see that it is attended to if there is a dredge in that locality.

Since that time, petition after petition has been sent to the government, and we have had promises from the department from time to time that something would be done. But, up to this moment, the government has failed to fulfil its promises. I believe the minister has before him a further petition from the residents of Port Credit asking that something be done. Port Credit is a rather important point between Toronto and Hamilton, which accommodates a great deal of shipping. It is looked upon also as a harbour of refuge. I believe it deserves the attention of the minister, and I do not see why it has not received that attention. I hope he will see that something is done. If we are not making requests strong enough, I would ask the hon. gentleman what he requires. Petitions have been sent in, resolutions carried, and I have directed the attention of the government, in my own humble way, to the condition of affairs there. Now, since the new minister has come in, with large amounts of money at his disposal, now that we are voting estimates freely, I hope he will see that Port Credit is not forgotten.

Mr. PUGSLEY. My sympathies are strongly with the people of Port Credit. But the difficulty is that the harbour is a private harbour. A great many years ago the Ontario legislature did what strikes us from the lower provinces as a very peculiar thing—it vested the whole Port Credit harbour in a private company. That company owns the wharfs, the water and the bed of the harbour. I suppose that has been one difficulty in the way of getting federal money expended in the harbour. Some time ago a petition was sent to me asking if I would not buy out the Port Credit harbour company at a cost of \$20,000 or \$25,000. I did not think I could do that; for it seemed to me that, if it were a private harbour before confederation, it had not in any way passed under the control of the federal government. I suggested that it might be a matter for the provincial authorities to attend to. I would suggest now to my hon. friend (Mr. Blain) that, as his influence would be very powerful with the provincial government of Ontario, if he could get that government to agree to buy out this private company and to contribute half the cost,