

(In the Committee.)

Boularderie—Wharf and approaches at Ross Ferry ..... \$500

Mr. BETHUNE. Is this in excess of the contract price ?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS (Mr. Tarte). It is to make the road which leads to the wharf. The right of way was given us free.

Margaretville—Reconstruction of pier.... \$12,000

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. The contract was awarded to the lowest tenderers, Simon & Burpee, for \$10,554, and the balance is for clerk of the works and so on.

Judique—New wharf..... \$4,000

Mr. FOSTER. There is an increase of \$2,000 in this.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. As my hon. friend (Mr. Foster) sees, there is a re-vote of \$2,000. This amount is to be devoted to the construction of a breakwater 750 feet in length and 29 feet wide. After careful examination it has been found that \$2,000 more was necessary for this.

Mr. FOSTER. Is Judique a port ?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. Yes.

Mr. FOSTER. I never heard of that port. What part of the globe is it in ?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. It is in the county of Inverness, and I understand that it is a very important port for fishermen.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Before we pass from the province of Nova Scotia, I would like to call the hon. Minister's attention to two very important works in the county of Cape Breton. One is the breakwater at Cow Bay, upon which a very large sum of public money has been expended. I am afraid that unless an appropriation is made in the Supplementary Estimates, the work will be actually carried away and a great deal of property destroyed. The other is the breakwater at Gabarous which is regarded as of great importance. My hon. friend (Mr. Tarte) will find further information in his department with reference to both these works. I trust they will be duly considered before the Supplementary Estimates come down.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I have a full report as to the Cow Bay breakwater. It would require, I understand, about \$20,000 or \$25,000 to put it in a good state of repair. I quite realize the importance of every word the hon. gentleman has said.

Pugwash—New wharf..... \$10,000

Mr. FOSTER. This is an additional vote of \$6,000.

Mr. CRAIG.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. This work is under contract, the contract having been awarded to Messrs. Simmons and Burpee for \$8,640.

Mr. FOSTER. I suppose there is a large amount outside of the contract which goes for expenses ?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I think it is within the experience of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) that it is just as well to keep a few dollars at our disposal. Of course, we are not obliged to spend every cent.

Mr. FOSTER. I am afraid that if the hon. gentleman had a dollar he would have to spend it. How is this superintended ? Do you put a man on there locally and keep him there, or is this superintendence undertaken by provincial officials by periodical visits ?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. As the hon. gentleman knows, we have local engineers who have the general supervision of the works. But as they cannot be all the time on the spot for every work which is going on, we have local men under them who are paid by the day, and who may be called clerks of works.

Mr. FOSTER. How much do you pay a man a day in this case ?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. The rule I have adopted is to pay \$2 or \$2.50 a day.

Mr. FOSTER. The man starts in when the contract is let and remains several days after it is finished ?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. He starts in when there is work to be done. Oh, yes ; my hon. friend (Mr. Foster) need not shake his head. It will be all right.

Mr. McLENNAN (Inverness). Is it the intention of the Minister to call for tenders for the Judique breakwater this season ?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I have not asked for tenders. I am now considering whether we should ask for tenders now or later on. I can assure my hon. friend that Judique wharf will receive our careful attention.

Wallace—New wharf..... \$1,600

Mr. BETHUNE. I am very much disappointed at not seeing a large sum here for the construction of a harbour of refuge at North Pond, Aspy Bay, in the county of Victoria. Money should be appropriated for a harbour there. I would call the attention of the Minister of Public Works to the necessity of having a harbour of refuge constructed at Aspy Bay. The county which I have the honour to represent is sparsely-settled, especially in the northern portion. Beginning at English Town and following the coast line, facing