

I have been the object of very much reproach as to that. The present government has had to make large expenditures which I suppose were not foreseen by the previous government, and we have been cutting down expenses everywhere. We have cut off almost a million for dredging in the eastern provinces. In many Conservative constituencies the estimates of the previous government have been cut down. My hon. friend must not think that he is specially unfortunate.

Mr. CHISHOLM (Inverness). I may point out to the minister that \$115,000 has been spent on this work. The object is of course to close the northern entrance to the harbour by an erection of a breakwater. If this work is delayed, the harbour, which before the work was commenced was in fairly good condition, will be absolutely spoiled, for the reason that as the approaches from either sides are being built the entrance is narrowed and the consequence is to increase the force of the current resulting in the formation of sand hills, in the harbour. If the minister has a report from his engineer as to the actual condition of that harbour at present he will find that it is of the greatest importance that the work should be continued with as much expedition as possible. If it is left for a couple of years without the northern entrance being closed, it will become so filled with sand as to be of no use at all. This is the point to which I do not think the minister's attention has been called?

Mr. MONK. I will get a special report upon it.

Cole harbour—wharf, \$5,000.

Mr. SINCLAIR. Does the minister intend to go on with that work this year?

Mr. MONK. Yes.

Cow Bay (Port Morien)—completing protection works and general repairs, \$3,000.

Mr. CARROLL. Is it the intention of the minister to do this by contract or by day work?

Mr. MONK. I have not decided that point.

Mr. CARROLL. In years gone by it was done by day work. I would recommend the minister, if it is to be done in that way, to be careful as to who superintends the work. If he will get a report from the engineer, he will find that that is very important and requires some technical skill.

Devil's island—extension of breakwater, \$25,000.

Mr. MACLEAN (Halifax). Has the contract been awarded?

Mr. MONK.

Mr. MONK. It is before the government at this moment.

Gillis Point (East)—construction of wharf, \$1,200.

Mr. CHISHOLM (Inverness). Where is that?

Mr. MONK. It is a small settlement on the shore of the Little Bras d'Or lake.

Inverness—harbour improvements, \$5,300.

Mr. CHISHOLM (Inverness). What is the intention of the minister with regard to this important work? Is it the intention to have an additional vote in the supplementaries?

Mr. MONK. Yes, we intend to ask an additional vote.

Melford—construction of wharf, \$5,700.

Mr. SINCLAIR. What is being done with regard to this? My recollection was that the contract was awarded last autumn but that afterwards the contractor was told not to proceed with the work. Does the minister intend to go on with the work? And what is the present state of progress with regard to it?

Mr. MONK. There is some dispute as to the site. Tenders have been received in answer to public advertisement. This wharf will be convenient both for Melford and for the country north and south.

Mr. CHISHOLM (Inverness). Where is the wharf to be built?

Mr. MONK. I understand the site is still under consideration and has not been absolutely decided.

Yarmouth harbour—improvements, \$100,000.

Mr. MACLEAN (Halifax). I would like to have this vote and the general vote for harbours and rivers stand, and I should be glad if the Minister of Public Works would not take them up until the hon. member for Cape Breton (Mr. McKenzie) and the hon. member for Yarmouth (Mr. Law) are in the House.

Mr. MONK. I would not like to keep the Yarmouth vote back. Is not my hon. friend in favour of that improvement?

Mr. MACLEAN (Halifax). There will be no delay.

Some resolutions reported.

ADJOURNMENT—INQUIRIES FOR RETURNS, &c.

Mr. MONK moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. MACLEAN (Halifax). I would remind the Minister of Customs that I asked for two returns some days ago which have not yet been brought down. One has