

factory under present conditions, and now we are making the valuation \$40 a foot and charging interest at five per cent. on that valuation. Even at that, I think the people are getting the properties at a very moderate sum, and I think probably the harbour commissioners who are on the ground, and know the properties and their value will be in a much better position to deal with the matter than we are in the Department of Marine and Fisheries. If there is any information that my right hon. friend or any other hon. gentlemen would like to have, I will be glad to submit it on the second reading, although I think that in a general way I have pretty well informed them with regard to the matter.

Mr. OLIVER: The board of harbour commissioners to be created, are to be given certain powers and authority with the view of improving the conditions of the harbour. Is there any other interest behind these commissioners except the Government of Canada?

Mr. HAZEN: None whatever.

Mr. OLIVER: That is to say the Government of Canada puts up the money?

Mr. HAZEN: There is no provision in this Bill for putting up money. In the Bills creating harbour commissions, there is no provision of any kind for the Government putting up money or advancing money. If it is thought advisable that the Government should do so in the future, that is a matter which will have to be the subject of separate legislation. This Bill simply creates a harbour commission and vests in it the management of the harbour. Under this Bill it can borrow money from private sources for the purpose of building wharfs; but there is no provision for any advance from the Government. No doubt at a future session of Parliament, provision of that sort will have to be made in the interests of the trade of the country so that money can be available for the purpose of thoroughly equipping the port.

Mr. OLIVER: It is in my mind that in some places a harbour commission is created for the use of the city, that is to say the city is the power behind the harbour commission. That is the original condition, but after a time the city's financial interest becomes weaker, and the interest of the Government becomes stronger, without that increased interest of the Government being accompanied by a proportionately increased control. There is no doubt about the importance of the Vancouver harbour, and there is no doubt about the necessity of it being improved in every way possible. I have no doubt that the creation of a har-

bour commission is the best way to attain that desired result. All I want is to have it established that the harbour commission shall be, in fact, the creation of this Parliament and shall, to a very considerable extent, be the creature of Parliament and of the Government.

Mr. HAZEN: All the harbour commissions of this sort are the creations of this Parliament. The actions of the commissioners, in carrying on the affairs of the harbour, are subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.

Mr. OLIVER: All their actions?

Mr. HAZEN: Yes, their actions in regard to the development of the harbour. For instance, before they would proceed to construct docks or erect grain elevators, the plans would have to be approved by the engineer of the Department of Marine and Fisheries and, on his report, approved by Order in Council.

Mr. OLIVER: But would the project have to be approved?

Mr. HAZEN: Yes.

Mr. OLIVER: The commissioners are not an independent body to act and incur expenditure, which expenditure, having been incurred, would have to be met by some means?

Mr. HAZEN: That is all subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.

Mr. SINCLAIR: Does the minister retain control of the rates chargeable by the harbour commissioners upon shipping entering the port?

Mr. HAZEN: They are subject to the approval of the Governor in Council. In the port of Montreal there is no charge upon shipping at all. The charge is upon goods that the ships bring to the port.

Resolution reported, read the first and the second time and concurred in.

Mr. HAZEN thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 182, to incorporate the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners.

Mr. LEMIEUX: May I ask the hon. minister when he intends to bring down the Quebec Harbour Bill?

Mr. HAZEN: Almost any time, but I promised to give to my hon. friend certain information which I have to get from Quebec. I also told my hon. friend that the engineers would come up here.

Mr. LEMIEUX: When do you expect Mr. Price?

Mr. HAZEN: I expect that they will be here early next week.

Mr. LEMIEUX: I would like my hon. friend to inform the hon. member for Quebec West (Mr. Power) and the hon. member