

Mr. KING (Kootenay): It is a new item. This is an important wharf being the terminal of a railway system, and it is used very extensively for the shipment of apples and potatoes. It is absolutely essential to the community. It was hoped that we could carry it along for another year, but it was found dangerous for trains to go upon, and this expenditure is strongly recommended by the district engineer.

Mr. SHAW: May I ask in the words of Sir Richard Cartwright: "Is there a cove forgotten?"

Item agreed to.

Harbours and rivers—New Brunswick, \$38,100.

Mr. DOUCET: The appeal I made some time ago along with a letter written to the minister on the 26th May last did not bear very much fruit. It is the only item that was asked by me in connection with my constituency. It has been under discussion for the last four years. My predecessor for three years suggested and urged that the department should build a protection at Maillet's Gully or Ruisseau des Millets, Buctouche bay. The minister has been very lavish in his expenditures on buildings, bridges and various other public works throughout the country but he has not provided even a small vote for the necessary protection in this county, and I fear that this will only convince the electors of my constituency that the threat made by the party organ in the by-election campaign has been implemented. That organ expressed the view that it was unwise to oppose the election of a supporter of the government as the defeat of the government candidate would be a notice to the federal authority to quit work in that county. And this is in keeping with the promises of the Secretary of State (Mr. Copp) who declared that if the electors of that county wanted a building from the present administration they should return my opponent, Mr. Bourgeois. The action of the government in ignoring the constituency in these estimates will only convince the people that the pork barrel system was invoked for the purpose of securing support for the government candidate. If it is to late now to include a vote in the estimates this session I hope at least that the government, at the next session, will bring down an estimate to give to the people of that county the protection that is needed. Whereas some of the neighbouring provinces are getting votes of eight and nine hundred thousand and, in the supplementary estimates, \$230,000 odd, the province of New Brunswick

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gets only some \$30,000, and a small vote of ten or twelve thousand dollars which would provide the protection necessary for the fishing industry in that section of the coast line is entirely omitted.

Item agreed to.

Quebec, Pentecost river—Dredging, \$40,000.

Mr. SPENCER: Why is this not included in the main estimates?

Mr. MEIGHEN: Is this in the county of my hon. friend from Charlevoix-Montmorency (Mr. Casgrain)?

Mr. CASGRAIN: No, it is not in that county.

Mr. MEIGHEN: It will be in the hon. member's constituency after the redistribution goes into effect.

Mr. CASGRAIN: I was not consulted in regard to the item but in any case it will be so much less that I shall have to do myself.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I notice in this vote for Quebec there is provision for river bank protection on the Gatineau. What is the policy of the government with regard to the protection of river banks?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This is for the protection of government property. We have booms in that vicinity and the vote is recommended by the district engineer.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: What are the booms for?

Mr. MEIGHEN: I do not understand this myself. What is the government doing with booms?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): For a number of years the government has maintained a system of slides and booms in connection with the various lumbering operations. A toll is collected and goes to the maintenance of these booms. The slides under the bridge crossing the Ottawa are under the control of the department for example.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Is this a free gift to the logging companies?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): No, a toll is charged. This policy was adopted many years ago. The charges are settled by order in council and are revised from year to year.

Mr. SALES: Are these works self-sustaining?