

Mr. SPROULE. When I asked if that were the policy of the government the minister said that it was a departure from their former policy, and that the Public Works Department would expend it, but now he says the government have no policy.

Mr. HYMAN. I think it is a departure, because you do not find every year items of this kind.

Mr. SPROULE. Yes, you do.

Mr. HYMAN. Was there an expenditure last year in Manitoba?

Mr. SPROULE. I am speaking of the Territories.

Mr. HYMAN. I was speaking in reference to the whole item.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. When the item comes up again would the minister let us know where that road runs from North Erwood, and why they are building a road there?

Mr. HYMAN. I will call the attention of the Minister of the Interior to the hon. gentleman's remarks.

River St. Lawrence ship channel—to make good the damage to the dredge 'J. I. Tarte,' \$65,000.

Mr. HYMAN. There was an accident attended unfortunately by loss of life and we require four new boilers for the dredge which were purchased by contract at \$36,800 and the total cost is \$65,000.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Was there an inquiry?

Mr. HYMAN. Yes, but I do not wish to make a statement for the reason that there are some suits pending against the government and it might be used.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. What class of boilers?

Mr. HYMAN. Scotch boilers.

Mr. BLAIN. Are they manufactured in Canada?

Mr. HYMAN. Yes, the contract is let to Canadians and they will be made in Toronto.

Rideau Hall and grounds—repairs and improvements, \$600.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. What are these?

Mr. HYMAN. These are repairs required in consequence of the fire.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. People have drawn attention to the dilapidated condition of the sidewalk down there. Why not put in a granolithic walk?

Bayfield harbour—extension of southern pier, \$1,600.

Mr. BLAIN. How much has been expended altogether at Bayfield?

Mr. HYMAN. The total amount of the contract was \$6,440. There has been an expenditure of \$4,458.42, and there is a balance of \$1,600, making a total expenditure of \$6,141.42.

Mr. BLAIN. What interest does this serve?

Mr. HYMAN. It is a vote asked for to close the contract that was entered into. Full particulars were asked for and given at the time.

Collingwood harbour improvement, \$6,050.

Mr. SPROULE. We wanted to get some information about Collingwood harbour. We wanted to know what was the cost of that dock and how was the estimate made?

Mr. HYMAN. The report of the engineer of the government is that the cost was \$545,000.

Mr. SPROULE. Has the engineer made a report on that?

Mr. HYMAN. Yes.

Mr. SPROULE. Will that report be brought down?

Mr. HYMAN. Yes, we will have it brought down and it may be discussed on the further supplementaries.

Depot harbour, dredging, \$11,200.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. What is the explanation of that?

Mr. HYMAN. This is dredging around the wharf so as to make the depth of water twenty feet. It is a government wharf.

River Otonabee, dredging at Peterborough, \$410.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. What is this for? These waters for some purposes are under the control of the Railway Department and for some under Public Works.

Mr. HYMAN. For canal purposes they are under the Railway Department and for some under Public Works.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. I suppose the channel wants to be enlarged.

Mr. HYMAN. That would be Public Works.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. A great deal of work requires to be done in Victoria county.

Mr. HYMAN. Yes, and it is necessary work.

Sidney harbour breakwater, British Columbia, \$3,000.

Mr. EARLE. Does that complete the construction of the breakwater?

Mr. HYMAN. There is a further vote in the estimates. This is to complete the work down to the 30th of June, 1904.

Mr. EARLE. What is the total cost?