Mr. LEMIEUX. I would accept the decision of the Postmaster General on the case.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. The rule requires that remarks in committee must be strictly revelant to the item under consideration. The item is Anderson Cove, breakwater extension.

Mr. BOYCE. With all due respect to your ruling, Sir, I think it might have been made a little earlier, because my hon. friends from Guysborough and Antigonish and Rouville have all been speaking about dismissals and the hon. member for Rouville waxed specially eloquent.

Mr. CLARK (Red Deer). I wish to understand your ruling, Mr. Chairman. Is it irregular on the estimates to discuss at all the question of dismissal?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. Not at all but we cannot discuss matters connected with the Post Office Department on an item for a breakwater.

Mr. CLARK (Red Deer). Is it out of order on breakwaters to discuss any dismissals except those connected with the breakwater?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. That is the rule.

Arichat—retaining wall to protect government property, $600.

Mr. KYTE. Before that is carried I desire to ask the Minister of Public Works if he has any report with reference to the proposed construction of a breakwater at Charles Forest's cove in the county of Richmond, Nova Scotia. A sum was provided for the construction of that work in the estimates a year ago and tenders were called for, but I understand the contract was not awarded. A few days ago I put the following question to the hon. minister:

1. Has the contract for the construction of the breakwater at Charles Forest's Cove, Richmond county, N.S., been awarded?
2. Is it the intention of the government to proceed with the work during the present year?
3. Have the deposit cheques of the unsuccessful tenderers been returned?

To which the minister replied:

1. No.
2. No; no amount has been provided therefor in next year's estimates.
3. All security cheques have been returned.

And I asked further whether the contract for the construction of the breakwater at Port Richmond had been awarded and whether it was the intention of the government to proceed with the work during the present year to which the minister replied:—

No; no amount has been provided therefor in this year's estimates.

Mr. BOYCE.

Before the item was put in last year's estimates, there was a report from the engineer of the department of Public Works, which no doubt justified the then minister in providing for the construction of this work. What additional information has the hon. minister had to justify him in dropping that item this year?

Mr. MONK. We very often have reports from our district engineers that certain works are useful, but we do not always find it possible to carry them out. In this instance we had a second report from the engineer of the district to the effect that the work was not of an urgent nature. As it is not urgent, I cannot give any promise that it will be carried out next year.

Mr. KYTE. How is it that the hon. gentleman selected this particular work to be the subject of a supplementary report from the government engineer?

Mr. MONK. I do not think that report came at my request or in my time. I did not ask for it.

Mr. KYTE. Has the hon. minister made reference to a report of last year previous to the item being placed in the estimates?

Mr. MONK. I think it was a report of last year. I can show it to my hon. friend if he wants to see it.

Mr. KYTE. Will my hon. friend be good enough to have that report when the estimates are next under consideration, and any correspondence he may have had with any parties with reference to that work?

Mr. MONK. My hon. friend had better move for a return because I cannot bring all the reports down here.

Mr. KNOWLES. I wish to draw the hon. minister's attention to an announcement in the morning edition of the Moosejaw 'News' a Conservative paper. I wish to ask him if the announcement is correct. It has to do with the erection of an armoury in that city.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman's question is not relevant to the matter under discussion.

Mr. MONK. If my hon. friend will send me the paper, I will give him the information.

Mr. KNOWLES. I would like to have it in 'Hansard.' The hon. minister might make a note of the question, and give the information on another occasion.

Mr. SINCLAIR. I wish to call the attention of the minister to the necessity of extending the breakwater at Charlos Cove in the constituency which I have the honour to represent. That work was com-