

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—*Con.*

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (For Minister of Public Works)—7391.

This is to complete the payments for 1906 in connection with the public works being built at Ste. Fidèle, at Charlevoix—7391.

St. François de Sales—wharf, &c., on River James, \$7,000—7391.

Barker, Sam. (Hamilton, East)—7391.

Why was that not expended last year?—7391. There are four items here one after the other all in the same position, money granted last year and not a dollar has been spent—7392.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (For Minister of Public Works)—7391.

This is to make provision for the construction of a block from the river—7391. Barker is mistaken. For most of the works for which money was voted last year the plans were prepared—7392.

St. François, Island of Orleans—approach to isolated block, \$10,000—7391.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7391.

This is a revote?—7391.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (For Minister of Public Works)—7391.

This is to make provision for the construction of a length of 200 feet of cribwork to the isolated block—7391.

St. Fulgence wharf, \$5,000—7392.

Barker, Sam. (Hamilton, East)—7392.

The estimate given to the government shows that this \$5,000 will complete the work—7392.

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This covers the estimated cost of extending the block and span, high water wharf commenced in 1904—7392.

St. Gédéon Islands—wharf, \$2,500—7392.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (For Minister of Public Works)—7392.

This work is under contract it is to complete—7392.

St. Jean, Island of Orleans—repairs to wharf, \$5,000—7393.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7393.

What county is this in?—7393.

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Montmorency, they are public property. It is repairs made to a wharf which belongs to the government—7393.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.W.)—7393.

The St. John is a navigable river, as the St. Lawrence is—7393.

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Wilmot, R. D. (Sunbury and Queen's)—7393.

I would like to inquire if the provincial government is called upon to give any share of the expense—7393.

St. Lawrence river channel, \$588,000—2448.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—2461.

As a rule, if you have a series of dredges working at points on the river the general charge for the entire season will be about the same—2461-2. This increased expenditure for wages and supplies in the months of October and November demand an explanation—2463. I think the impression is that the Davis Company is the only company that does wrecking there—2479. You have fifteen months in which to do eleven miles and you have taken nine months to do less than five miles—2483. As a general principle Préfontaine will admit that it is very desirable this work should be completed as soon as possible—2484. And he has a competent stock keeper who keeps check of all the goods received and handed out?—2485. When tenders are called for by advertisement in the newspapers, how are the offers opened, and by whom?—2486. We look to Préfontaine to improve on his predecessors, not necessarily to accept the system—2487.

Bennett, Wm. H. (East Simcoe)—2456.

Was a government dredge built at Toronto last year; and, if so, what was her name?—2456.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—2464.

I know Mr. Howden; he is a very able man, but I did not know that he was an engineer—2464. Was an investigation made into that accident by the department of Préfontaine's or the Public Works Department?—2465. Was that report of Mr. Howden, stating that these boilers were not good and had to be replaced made in writing?—2466. We are entitled to an explanation. Does Préfontaine know whether the Polsons held an investigation—2469. The information I have is different from that which Préfontaine has received—2470. If this had been done under Préfontaine's administration it would be a different thing—2472. There are no reasons why they should not be sent from one department to the other—2473. Would Préfontaine be kind enough to say whether there was an investigation made by the Polson Company—2474. If these purchases are not made by tender, it is a very dangerous system to pursue—2475. Will he be kind enough to bring down some of these tenders?—2476.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2448.

Perhaps Préfontaine will give a statement as to the present condition of this channel—2448. The bursting of the boilers might have been due to some defects in construction or some carelessness—2466. Who superintended the construction of the