

this session. On the 11th February I got an answer that there was no public road leading to the wharf at Gunning cove, but it was expected that arrangements would be made to secure a road from the municipal authorities. There are one or two other cases of the same kind in this county, where the government has built public works on private land to which there is no public access.

Mr. FISHER. In years gone by that was done but not in the last five or six years.

Mr. PERLEY. This did not happen so long ago. A wharf was built at Gunning cove, in John Doane's backyard, and that wharf was inaccessible from the shore except by traversing his private property.

Mr. FISHER. When was it built?

Mr. PERLEY. I do not know when it was commenced?

Mr. FISHER. My hon. friend it was built many years ago. I remember the instance and I understood that the municipality agreed to provide access when the wharf was built. For some reason or other they did not carry out that agreement, and the condition arose which my hon. friend has described.

Mr. PERLEY. I am informed that during the past year the municipality was asked to arrange with Mr. Doane to open up a road to this wharf, but John Doane wanted \$500 before he would allow the public access to the wharf. When MacKenzie and Mann wished to land supplies there for their railway, they were allowed access to the wharf provided they paid John Doane for the privilege of crossing his land and any damages caused thereby. This is in the county of Shelburne and Queen's N.S. There are one or two similar cases in the same county which I do not propose to discuss to-day, but this seems to be a very aggravated one.

Mr. AMES. To this particular expenditure, I think, we have no objection, because we realize that if the railway goes to that point, it is necessary that there should be ample accommodation. But I am struck with a sentence which occurs in the report of the Public Works Department for 1906 which states that here in the county of Shelburne for a stretch of ten miles there are no wharf facilities. I had no idea that there was such a state of things anywhere in Nova Scotia. When you remember that that county has been represented for about eleven years by the Minister of Finance, there must be some mistake.

Mr. FISHER. Does my hon. friend think it ought to be remedied?

Mr. AMES. I should say that if the government's policy were carried out, there

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would be a wharf every two miles. It must be a Tory district.

Mr. SINCLAIR. If my hon. friend will do me the honour of paying a visit to my county next summer, I will show him a coast where for twenty-five miles there is not a public work of any kind, although it is thickly settled, and although applications have been made for breakwaters, wharfs and other improvements.

Mr. WILLIAM ROCHE. I think there would be more facility in the discharge of the business of the committee if the hon. member from Montreal (Mr. Ames) would confine himself to the particular item under discussion, and not make a general flout at the province of Nova Scotia because we might contrast the expenditures in that province with those made in the immediate neighbourhood of Montreal.

Mr. AMES. I should be delighted to do so in this House and in the country, to compare the expenditures made along the sea-coast of Nova Scotia with those made on the St. Lawrence route. The latter are for the general benefit of Canada, while the former are almost invariably for the benefit of a small group of favoured individuals.

Mr. PERLEY. Who was the supervisor in charge of this work at Frude's Point?

Mr. FISHER. His name is Harlow.

Mr. PERLEY. I am informed that a lawsuit has been brought against him by a workman named Hardy, because he did not employ him after having promised to do so. My information is that after having promised to employ the man, Harlow told him he could not do so unless he voted for the Liberal candidate. I would like to ask the minister whether there has been any lawsuit of this kind brought against Harlow?

Mr. FISHER. I am not aware of it and I do not believe it.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN. I happen to know that there was such an action brought against the foreman of the works, but I believe the foreman denies having refused the man employment. On the contrary, he states that this man was offered employment, but refused to accept it.

Mr. PERLEY. Was a writ issued?

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN. The writ was issued at the time of the last by-election in Shelburne for political purposes, and I do not suppose that it has proceeded any further.

Glace Bay—assistance towards harbour improvements, \$6,910.38.

Mr. BLAIN. What is the difference between the Dominion Coal Company and the government with respect to this work?