

Jemseg and Scotchtown, are all new. A very large number of them are new works.

Mr. CROCKET. Are these wharfs all completed?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I could not at this moment say whether they are all finished or not. We are getting that work done at considerably less than the estimated cost.

Mr. DANIEL. The minister should alter the item and call it construction and repairs. It is simply down as construction. That, I take it, means new construction.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The suggestion is a very good one, and in making up the statement another year, I shall have it so made that we can see exactly what is for new construction and what for repairs.

Mr. DANIEL. What wharfs does the hon. minister expect to construct with this \$20,000?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I could not give my hon. friend just what number will be undertaken. We have demands for quite a number. Application has been made by the mayor of the city of Fredericton, and I think also by the Board of Trade for the taking over by this government of a wharf which belongs to the city on condition that we rebuild it and make it a government wharf. I have that matter under consideration, and it is not unlikely that a considerable amount of the vote of this year will be used towards the rebuilding of that wharf.

Mr. BARKER. Are you buying the wharf?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The city will convey the wharf free of charge. It is an old wharf, owned by the city, which requires rebuilding. The city offers to hand it over to us provided we rebuild it. I think the claim which the city makes is well founded. The Dominion government has not spent any money in building wharfs in the city of Fredericton. The city has done the whole of that work itself. There is scarcely a city in Canada, situated as Fredericton is, in which the government has not expended some money in the form of wharf accommodation. But that has not been done in Fredericton, and I think its claim well founded.

Mr. BARKER. Is the city giving to the government that property in absolute ownership?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes.

Mr. CROCKET. What is the estimated cost?

Mr. PUGSLEY. About \$20,000 to rebuild.

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Mr. CROCKET. I suppose that is the wharf the minister promised during the election campaign two years ago?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Is the hon. gentleman proud of that statement?

Mr. CROCKET. I am not particularly proud of it, neither am I ashamed of it. It is simply the statement of a fact. The minister did, just in the midst of an election campaign, make such a promise, and no doubt for political effect.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Does my hon. friend urge that the item be struck out?

Mr. CROCKET. No, but I was going to complain that the hon. minister had been very slow in carrying out the promise he made during that election campaign. It was expected that it would have been done last year. But last session he had to announce that the government had not the money to provide for that improvement, and I am glad to have his statement that at last we are to have the work. I agree with the minister that the city of Fredericton occupies a very unique position so far as wharf expenditures are concerned. I have been in this House a number of sessions, and have seen vote after vote going for wharfs in all parts of the country, but no appropriation at all, though I have several times asked for one, for such an important city as Fredericton. That city has maintained all wharfs at its own expense during all these years. I trust that the minister will see that work is put through as quickly as possible.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The hon. gentleman can rely upon the minister doing this, as he endeavours to do everything else, in a proper manner and with no unnecessary delay. I am glad that for once my hon. friend and I agree.

Mr. CROCKET. Will there be a contract?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes, as usual.

Mr. CROCKET. The work will not be done by day labour with these so-called conductors in charge?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It will not be done by day labour.

Mr. CROCKET. I hope not.

Mr. PUGSLEY. My hon. friend's hope is well founded.

Sackville—wharf on Tantramarre river—revote of \$6,000 lapsed, \$10,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to provide for the construction of a public wharf at Sackville upon the Tamtramarre river. The wharf will cost about \$17,000, and we are asking now for \$10,000. We have made some expenditure in the year which ended