

Mr. LADNER: My question related particularly to the dry dock.

Mr. LAPOINTE: In regard to the dry dock I am not in a position to make any promise.

Mr. LADNER: For the minister's information I may say that I asked the same question of the Minister of Public Works and he had some reason which evaded the answer.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I see.

Mr. LADNER: I shall therefore await the next opportunity of trying to get an answer to my question.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I will endeavour to secure the information for my hon. friend.

Mr. CLARK: What work is to be done in Vancouver during the coming year with the \$2,000,000 to which the minister has referred?

Mr. LAPOINTE: It will be necessary to complete the Ballantyne pier.

Mr. CLARK: Is it not the custom to consult the Harbour Commissioners for the port during the season each year regarding the work projected?

Mr. LAPOINTE: The work is entirely under the control of the Harbour Commissioners. Of course, they submit for approval by the Governor in Council the various schemes upon which they decide, but we are not directing this work—they are doing it themselves.

Mr. CLARK: Have they not submitted any proposals to the Governor in Council this year?

Mr. LAPOINTE: Not for the works of the present year.

Mr. CLARK: In other words, there are no proposals at present before the Government that have not yet been dealt with?

Mr. LAPOINTE: No proposals for new work but, as I say, there is a balance of \$2,000,000 to be expended there. Every advance must be approved by the Governor in Council, and any work to be done with that money must be approved by our engineers as well as by the Government.

Mr. CLARK: Have any new proposals been submitted to the minister or to the Government, with regard to the projected work on the terminal railway and connection with North Vancouver?

Mr. LAPOINTE: Some proposals to that effect were submitted years ago but none have been submitted this year.

Mr. CLARK: Have those proposals been dealt with by the Government?

Mr. LAPOINTE: No.

Mr. CLARK: Are they before the Government now?

Mr. LAPOINTE: They may still be in the department but they have not come under my consideration. I will be pleased to look into the matter if the hon. member desires it.

Mr. GOOD: What amount of this \$1,500,000 does the minister think will be necessary this year—I mean for maintenance, not for new construction?

Mr. LAPOINTE: As I have already said, this money will not all be spent this year.

Mr. GOOD: How much of it will be expended this year?

Mr. LAPOINTE: I think perhaps one-third. This legislation is to enable the Government to make advances from time to time to the Harbour Commissioners for work which they desire to have done. Such work will have to be approved by the Government but it may not be carried out for two, three, four or five years.

Mr. GOOD: Then why authorize such a large expenditure if it is not to be paid out this year?

Mr. LAPOINTE: My hon. friend will understand that if we have to come every year and ask for legislation of this kind it will take up a great deal of the time of Parliament.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I wonder if the minister is really still of the opinion that this vote should be asked for? I would like to point out to him in the first instance that he is putting in some new work—not very much but still some. I would also like to point out to him that works of a commercial character have never been paid for by harbour commissions. Take for example the coal plant. The coal plant at Montreal, I am informed, was installed by the commissioners at their own cost, they making some money out of it. It is the same with the oil plant. There does not seem to me any reason why the Quebec Harbour Commission should have to make these capital investments. However, I would like to