

Mr. PUGSLEY. I do not know the population, but an exceedingly large industry has been established there, one of the largest manufacturing industries in Canada. The North Shore Power, Railway and Navigation Company have expended upwards of \$2,000,000 and make daily freight shipments of 1,000 tons of pulp. The Quebec Steam Whaling Company have their headquarters there, with an investment of \$200,000, and there are various other industries, so that altogether the investment of capital at Clarke City would be in the vicinity of \$3,000,000. Several hundred hands are employed in these various industries.

Mr. BARKER. I would appeal to the minister that it is not fair to hon. gentlemen on this side of the House who are endeavouring to criticise these items fairly and intelligently for him to ask to have items passed on his promise to bring down information asked for with reference to them. It is impossible for us to keep a check on the manner in which the minister carries out these promises so that we will know just what is being done.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am quite sure the hon. member would not object if he understood that the information asked for in this case is with reference to the employment of a rodman or a chainman two years ago. The certificates of the engineer show that the work has been thoroughly well done. No good purpose can be served by delaying the passage of this item, as there will be ample opportunity at another time to criticise the employment of this young man.

Mr. BARKER. It is a frequent occurrence in this House for a minister to ask that an item be passed on the promise of giving at a future date information which he should have in his possession at the time. It is unbusinesslike and should not be allowed. If the minister says that the question has nothing to do with the item let him say so, but if it has, then the item should not be passed until we get the information.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Surely I cannot be expected to have with me the names of all the young men who were employed on that work some years ago?

Mr. J. D. REID. There is no difficulty about finding out the name of this young man because his name, L. P. Girard, appears in the Auditor General's Report as having been paid for 92 days at \$2.50 a day. The only other items in the Auditor General's Report in connection with this are for payments to Joseph Lamoureux, assistant engineer, and a payment to the North Shore Power Company for 500 feet of copper wire with 21 rings attaching pine

plugs. This young man must have been inspecting that copper wire.

Mr. PUGSLEY. That was for making the survey.

Mr. J. D. REID. You paid this young man Girard for every day in the week including Sunday. Was he inspecting anything on Sunday? The very fact that this item appears in such a form in the Auditor General's Report convinces me there is something wrong. It would appear that this young man was sent down there on his summer holidays to do nothing but sit around and draw his pay. It is said he is the son of one of the members of this House, and the minister can very soon get the information asked for.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It has to be got from Chicoutimi.

Mr. J. D. REID. Let the item stand then. The information will never be tendered to the House unless it is asked for again.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is so important you would not forget to ask.

Mr. J. D. REID. You paid this young man for Sundays as well as week days?

Mr. PUGSLEY. This young man was not paid out of this vote at all but out of the general vote for harbours and rivers and bridges, so that it is entirely possible he was engaged on the survey of the harbour at Clarke City. The practice in the past has been to pay inspectors for Sundays. Last session I said I would give directions that they should not be paid for Sundays and I did so and the practice now is not to pay for Sundays.

Mr. AMES. Mr. Lamoureux was the assistant engineer on the wharf and his name appears in this same item.

Mr. PUGSLEY. He was in charge of the survey too.

Mr. J. D. REID. Is it not the practice in the Public Works Department for the inspector to make out the pay-lists and send them to the department? That practice is followed in the Department of Railways and Canals, and if so, did Mr. Lamoureux put Mr. Girard on the list?

Mr. BARKER. The minister says he has telegraphed for the information and that he will get it in the course of the evening and when he gets it the item can be discussed.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Suppose we do not get a telegram to-night, will not the item be passed?

Mr. BARKER. We can consider that when the occasion arises.

Mr. PUGSLEY. We will let the item stand for a little while.