

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes.

Mr. BLAIN. How does the minister advertise for these public tenders?

Mr. PUGSLEY. As widely as is reasonably necessary in order to insure keen competition.

Mr. BLAIN. Is there any change in the policy?

Mr. PUGSLEY. No.

Mr. SPROULE. Has nothing been spent here before for wharfs?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Never except we bought some timber, some \$2,000 out of the general vote, for harbours and rivers.

Mr. SPROULE. But you have no harbour there.

Mr. PUGSLEY. We are going to make a harbour.

Mr. SPROULE. But I see there was another vote, because there is an amount of \$1,900 lapsed. That might imply that there was money spent. I asked how it was spent and the minister says it was spent on timber.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Not out of that vote, but out of the general vote.

Mr. SPROULE. Why did the hon. minister take money out of the general vote to buy some timber when there was no work undertaken. When an amount is voted for harbours and rivers generally, I have always understood it was for ordinary repairs and could not be used in beginning new work.

Mr. PUGSLEY. In 1898 there was an appropriation of \$2,000, out of which \$35.68 was spent, leaving \$1,960 which lapsed.

Mr. SPROULE. What was the expenditure started for?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The expenditure was only \$35.66 and probably for engineers examination. During the present fiscal year we bought timber for this work to the amount of \$2,000 and we pay for that out of the general vote for harbours and rivers.

Mr. LENNOX. Will that remain that way, or will the \$2,000 be restored?

Mr. PUGSLEY. When we make a contract, the contractor will be obliged to take over the timber at actual cost.

Mr. LENNOX. But will the \$2,000 go back to the general vote?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It will go into the cost of this work.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. This \$2,000 will come out of the \$20,000?

Mr. SPROULE.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes, the total cost of \$20,000. Of this we are asking now \$5,000; there is also this timber, \$2,000, leaving \$13,000 to complete.

Mr. SPROULE. What will be the nature of this work?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Cribwork with stone ballast. It is to be 300 feet long, with a width of 25 feet for 175 feet, and of 30 feet for 125 feet.

Mr. BLAIN. The minister was to produce a letter from the member representing the county in relation to the Roberval item. Has he it here?

Mr. PUGSLEY. That related to public buildings. We have not been on the items of public buildings since that time. But when the public buildings for the province of Quebec are before the committee again, I will have it here.

New Carlisle wharf—repairs and renewals, \$2,500.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is for repairs, and is recommended by the resident engineer. The flooring and stringers are in a very bad state and must be renewed. This is in Bonaventure county.

Mr. SPROULE. Does this complete the work?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes.

Norway bay—wharf on River Ottawa—re-vote of \$2,000 lapsed, \$3,000.

Mr. SPROULE. Where is this?

Mr. PUGSLEY. In Pontiac county.

Mr. SPROULE. Will this complete the work?

Mr. PUGSLEY. No; we shall require \$4,000 more.

Paspebiac, East (portage) — breakwater, \$5,000.

Mr. BLAIN. What is the length of this breakwater?

Mr. PUGSLEY. 900 feet long.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And what will be the total cost?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It will be \$15,000.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And what is the object of building a pier 900 feet long?

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to provide a harbour of refuge, as many boats have been damaged and others totally wrecked. There are over 200 fishermen there.

Mr. WRIGHT. Is there a village there? If so, what is its population?

Mr. PUGSLEY. About 1,000. I am told it is the most important fishing station on Chaleur bay.