

engineer we shall save large expense for building the breakwater opposite the entrance to the Mission river.

Mr. BENNETT. Is it intended to spend more in these works?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I think we shall have to make further provision before parliament rises.

Mr. BENNETT. That will be in the supplementary estimates?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes. Dredging is going on night and day in order to hurry the work. The Grand Trunk Pacific are laying out their works on a large scale and so is the Canadian Pacific Railway, and both are eager to be able to effectively handle the grain trade this fall. We are rushing our work, believing that what we are doing will be a great national benefit.

Mr. BENNETT. Is the dredging done under contract? And who is the contractor?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes. The Great Lakes Dredging Company.

Mr. BENNETT. How many dredges have they employed?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I think five.

Mr. BENNETT. Who is the engineer in charge?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Mr. Merrick.

Mr. BENNETT. Is any other dredging being done besides that by the Great Lakes Dredging Company?

Mr. PUGSLEY. At Port Arthur, Mr. Weddell. I think he has about completed his work.

Mr. BENNETT. How much of this is for Mr. Weddell's work?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Only about 30,000 yards remains to be done at 9 cents a yard.

Red Deer—improvements at St. Andrews Rapids, \$300,000.

Mr. J. D. REID. When will this work be completed?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I hope this year. We made arrangements with the contractors to expedite the work. They carried it on all winter. We hope that this season it will be completed.

Mr. J. D. REID. Who are the contractors?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Messrs. Quinlan & Robertson.

Transportation facilities, Georgian bay to Montreal—survey for waterway via French and Ottawa rivers, including payments authorized notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, \$40,000.

Mr. BENNETT. How much has been expended on this survey so far?

Mr. PUGSLEY. According to my notes the total expenditure to 31st March, 1907, was \$597,838.48. But the chief engineer tells me that the memo. must be wrong and that the date should be 31st March, 1908. It will require \$40,000 more. It is expected that this vote will entirely complete the work of the survey. The survey is completed and only some verification work is being done.

Mr. J. D. REID. What is the intention of the government as to going on with this work?

Mr. PUGSLEY. My hon. friend will understand that it is a matter of great importance and of great interest to the country, one which will involve the expenditure of a very large sum of money. It is one, therefore, which the government will have to consider after having carefully studied the report submitted. In due course and in proper season the Prime Minister will, no doubt, announce the policy of the government.

Mr. J. D. REID. Has it been considered by the government?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Not since the report came in.

Port Colborne—harbour improvements, \$20,000.

Mr. BENNETT. What has the elevator there cost to date?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is being built by the Department of Railways and Canals, so I cannot give the information. We are building the breakwater.

Mr. BENNETT. How much has the Department of Public Works spent there?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The total expenditure of my department is in the vicinity of \$850,000, probably pretty close to \$900,000.

Mr. BENNETT. Has the minister any idea of what the Department of Railways has spent there?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I cannot tell.

Mr. BENNETT. I guess you have made it four millions there.

Mr. J. D. REID. Is this vote for no other purpose than breakwaters?

Mr. PUGSLEY. No.

Mr. J. D. REID. Who has the contract for the breakwater?

Mr. PUGSLEY. M. J. Hogan has one contract and Hogan & Macdonald have another.

Mr. BENNETT. Is the minister aware whether the elevator is finished or not?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I do not know.

Mr. BENNETT. It was stated in the newspapers some time ago that it is all