

the localities where the dredges are going to work.

Mr. KAULBACH. I hope the hon. Minister will not forget to notice my remarks as to the necessity of dredging in the county I represent. I trust he will consider these points of more importance than all the other works in all the other provinces.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I should be only too glad to send dredges all over the Dominion, if the department possessed them.

Mr. KAULBACH. The hon. gentleman promised a year ago that this work would be done, and I trust I will not be disappointed.

Mr. LEMIEUX. The hon. Minister has made no promise in regard to the Magdalen Islands, but no dredge has been sent there for twenty years, and I would ask the hon. Minister, in the name of my constituents, to send a dredge there this summer.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I will take a good note of the request of my hon. friend, but I have no dredge available at the present time.

Mr. McDOUGALL. I hope the hon. Minister will be glad to make a note of the fact that I called his attention to dredging required at New Campbellton.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I should be glad to send a dredge there, if I had one at liberty.

Mr. McGREGOR. In 1896 the late Administration sent a dredge to my county to dredge out the river, and on election day removed the dredge. I want 300 feet more dredging done on Bell River. Before the hon. Minister attends to the demands of hon. gentlemen opposite, I trust he will see that our requests are met.

Mr. McLENNAN (Inverness). I desire to call the attention of the Minister of Public Works to a very important work in my county concerning which I have spoken to him more than once, and I am very sorry to see that he has not made any provision for it. In the year 1896 during the election, the late Government took \$25,000 to erect two piers for the purpose of affording a boat harbour at a place called Grand Etang, in the county of Inverness. The late Government spent \$18,000 of that money and the present Government \$7,000. The two piers were built, and all that now remains to make that a very commodious harbour for the fishermen along that coast is to remove a small mound of gravel between these two piers. I would like to get the ear of the Minister for a moment while I am speaking about this work. For the past two years the Minister of Public Works has given assurances to me from time to time that the work would be attended to, and I

accordingly of late said little about the matter; but now that he has recited those other places without mentioning this work I feel that he has overlooked it. I remember that last year he particularly assured me that this dredging would be attended to, and I hope that he will spare one of his dredges this year for a few weeks to work in the good old county of Inverness. In view of the large amount of money spent on these piers it would be a great pity that they should be allowed to rot before that boat harbour is made available for the fishermen there.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. The estimate is that the work to which the hon. gentleman refers will cost about \$5,000. I would be very glad indeed if Parliament would give me all the money required to do all these works, but that is impossible. I am ready to carry out any amount of work, but I must have the money. I will be glad to do all I can in this case. Part of this dredging will have to be done by hand, and part by a dredge, and I will take note of my hon. friend's request and if there is any possibility of sending a dredge there I will do so.

Mr. McLENNAN (Inverness). I would like to get some more definite assurance from the Minister because I had a similar assurance to that last year and no good came of it. The people whom I represent will hardly be satisfied by my telling them a second time that the Minister said this work will be done.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I am very sorry indeed I am not in a position to give a more positive assurance to the hon. gentleman (Mr. McLennan).

Mr. McLENNAN (Inverness). How long has that dredge been working at Wallace Harbour? If my memory serves me it was there at the time of the general elections in 1896; it was there last year, 1897, and is going to be there in 1898. I would like to know how Wallace Harbour occupies so much of the time of one of the dredges?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I think it is a very good policy when once a work is started to complete it. When I send a dredge to Inverness County I will do all the work that is to be done there.

Mr. QUINN. The member for Inverness (Mr. McLennan) has not considered the subject thoroughly, or he would have seen that so much has been done for the Ministers. Take, for instance, the county of Shelburne, that it would be impossible for him, an ordinary member, to expect his request to be granted. To listen to the hon. gentlemen for Inverness (Mr. McLennan) one would imagine that he was a Cabinet Minister. He forgets that he must be contented with second or third or fourth place after