

Quebec—harbours and rivers generally—repairs and improvements, \$100,000.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: I have no objection to the item, but I think that some of the members may want to ask a few questions in regard to it, and as we have made very good progress I suggest the minister call it a day.

Progress reported.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the house adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Friday, March 28, 1930

The house met at three o'clock.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

First report of the joint committee on the parliamentary restaurant.—Mr. Speaker.

NATURAL RESOURCES

AGREEMENT WITH SASKATCHEWAN TABLED

Hon. CHARLES STEWART (Minister of Interior): I beg to lay on the table two copies of the agreement, respecting the return of the natural resources, between the province of Saskatchewan and the federal government of Canada, and to say that copies of the agreement will be available in the distribution office for any hon. members who desire them.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

ANNUAL REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. T. A. CRERAR (Minister of Railways and Canals): Yesterday the hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. Bennett) inquired when the annual report of the Canadian National Railways would be available. I find that the auditors have completed their work. The report is now in the hands of the printers, and I expect to lay it on the table of the house before the Easter adjournment.

SUPPLY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Johnston in the chair.

Quebec—harbours and rivers generally—repairs and improvements, \$100,000.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: How much was spent under this head last year?

[Mr. Hanson.]

Hon. J. C. ELLIOTT (Minister of Public Works): The amount spent last year was \$92,487.

Item agreed to.

Ile Perrot—dredging, \$8,000.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: Where is Ile Perrot, and is this work that has to be done every year, or is this a contract for some specific work?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Ile Perrot is a post village in Vaudreuil county, about six miles from Ste. Anne de Bellevue, on the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railways. This is a revote, which is required to complete the contract which was entered into last year.

Item agreed to.

Lake St. Louis—dredging, \$47,000.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: Does this department do all the dredging in lake St. Louis, or is some of it done by the Marine and Fisheries department?

Mr. ELLIOTT: That department does no dredging above Montreal.

Mr. GARDINER: Will this amount complete the work?

Mr. ELLIOTT: It will complete the contract that has been entered into. Of course, this is a place where dredging has to be done pretty constantly.

Item agreed to.

Little Montreal river—dredging—the provincial government to contribute a like amount, \$14,000.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: I notice that the cost is divided with the provincial government. Why is that?

Mr. ELLIOTT: A contract was awarded in December, 1928, to G. Lorrain by the county of Napierville, amounting to \$30,487, upon the understanding that the Dominion government and provincial government would each pay half the cost of each progress estimate up to a total of \$30,000, the supervision to be made by the federal engineer's office. Order in council, dated February 6, 1929, gave authority to confirm the above arrangement, and for the Dominion government to pay one-half of the progress estimates to be submitted, such payments to be made as the work proceeded, and not to exceed the amount of the contribution voted, \$15,000. Since that time, however, during the progress of the work, it was found that the material encountered was much harder than anticipated, and the contractor, after removing some of this at considerable