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receive some proposal from the British Columbia government before anything further is done? In other words is the minister awaiting some further approach, or is it just a matter of waiting until the economic survey has been made?

Mr. Gardiner: Just a matter of waiting until the economic survey is completed. There is no understanding or misunderstanding as yet between the provincial government and this government.

Item agreed to.

48. Land protection and reclamation; clearing and settlement of new lands under such terms and conditions as may be approved by the governor in council, \$250,000.

Mr. Quelch: To what area does this refer?

Mr. Gardiner: To all Canada, really; but most of the work has been done in New Brunswick and Manitoba.

Mr. Coldwell: Does that include the Carrot river valley?

Mr. Gardiner: Nothing is being spent out of this vote in the Carrot river valley. But it is under a vote of this kind that something might be done, if it were done.

Mr. Coldwell: Is something being done there in the way of P.F.R.A. survey?

Mr. Gardiner: There were P.F.R.A. surveys made, but they were made under the P.F.R.A. vote.

Mr. Coldwell: Not under this vote?

Mr. Gardiner: No.

Item agreed to.

49. Maritime Marshland Rehabilitation Act, \$1,655,-520.

Mr. Gillis: I notice an increase of \$446,720. What progress is being made in the rehabilitation of the marshlands of the maritimes, and how extensive are they? When does the minister think the project might be completed?

Mr. Gardiner: First class progress is being made. The reason for the increased vote is that the engineering is done, and we can get the work completed now. It is possible to have it completed, and therefore we have asked for more money.

Mr. Weir: I have had the opportunity of seeing some of the development under way in the maritime provinces, and I think it is a very commendable piece of work. The crops that are growing on the area, with a little drainage protection, were splendid crops, of both oats and hay. I commend this type of work, and commend the efforts of the minister.

[Mr. Fulton.]

Mr. Nowlan: The minister said the increase was for engineering services—

Mr. Gardiner: No, the increase is for construction. The engineering was done last year.

Mr. Nowlan: Would the minister give a break-down of what works will be constructed this year? Would he also comment on the suggestion made on the work being done up and down the Annapolis river? As he knows, repairs have been going on for a distance of about 25 or 30 miles on both sides of the river. A suggestion has been made that a dam should be built across the river at Annapolis, or at some other point, to cut out the necessity for these long diked lands. Has any survey been made?

Mr. Gardiner: Yes. I understand the project and have been over it personally. As a matter of fact I think it deserves considerable attention because the possibilities of building a dam could be beyond anything one could anticipate without seeing it completed. We have been hopeful that in due course we can get around to doing it that way. I must say that the engineering is not completed to the point where I can give any further report. This is something we are interested in and we hope it can be brought through to completion. I have a list of the other projects which are under way and perhaps it could be placed on *Hansard*.

The Deputy Chairman: Is the committee agreeable?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Gardiner: The statement follows:

Primary 11 \$1,000,000.00

Special Surveys and Investigations

Annapolis river survey	12,969.96
Unallotted under special surveys and investigations	17,030.04
N.S. 2, Windsor Forks marsh	66,000.00
N.S. 3, Falmouth great dike marsh	20,000.00
N.S. 4, Queen Anne marsh	16,000.00
N.S. 11, Truro dikeland park marsh	18,000.00
N.S. 16, Castle Frederick marsh	14,000.00
N.S. 18, Fox creek marsh	26,000.00
N.S. 20, Advocate marsh	90,000.00
N.S. 21, Upper Nappan marsh	20,000.00
N.S. 23, Masstown marsh	30,000.00
N.S. 27, Newport town marsh	5,000.00
N.S. 38, St. Croix marsh	11,500.00
N.S. 40, Fort Belcher marsh	16,500.00
N.S. 43, Annapolis Royal town marsh ..	17,000.00
N.S. 44, Converse marsh	50,000.00
N.S. 46, River Hebert marsh	45,000.00
N.S. 47, Selmah marsh	13,000.00
N.S. 49, Scotch village marsh	13,000.00
N.S. 65, Bishop Beckwith marsh	15,000.00
N.B. 5, Westcock marsh	13,000.00
N.B. 7, Hopewell Hill marsh	45,000.00
N.B. 13, Dorchester marsh	100,000.00
N.B. 18, Fox creek marsh	26,000.00
N.B. 21, Memramcook west marsh	25,000.00
N.B. 24, Aulac marsh	60,000.00