

allowed to go to ruin. Instead of there being seven wharves, there is one on the south side of East Bay in the constituency which I represent and another on the north side of East Bay in the constituency represented by my hon. friend from North Cape Breton (Mr. McKenzie). There must be some mistake in the report.

Mr. BRADBURY: That is too bad. So no more wharves should be built there.

Mr. CARROLL: I am not complaining about this wharf. Of course, my hon. friend knows all about this wharf as he knows, or pretends to know, whether he does or not, about wharves in all parts of the country. I am simply giving to the minister information which I think he should have. I am not objecting to the item at all.

Mr. MORPHY: The hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Kyte) asks that this item be dropped.

Mr. CARROLL: If my hon. friend (Mr. Bradbury) would attend to his business and endeavour to give information to the minister as I am trying to do, he would get along very well. I do not interrupt my hon. friend when he is giving information to the minister in regard to matters in his riding. The Minister of Public Works should investigate this matter and take into consideration the petition sent in to the department three years ago for repairs to a wharf at the head of East Bay. Perhaps the deputy minister will remember about the petition which was signed by a large section of the inhabitants there, headed, I think, by the clergyman in charge of the parish.

Mr. REID: I have no other information than this before me, and the officials of the department have given me the report of the officer in charge of that district who recommends that this wharf should be built. As I understand the hon. member, this wharf which it is proposed to be built is in his constituency.

Mr. CARROLL: Yes.

Mr. REID: I have the plans here showing the proposed wharf. Do I understand the hon. member to say that this wharf is not required and that he wants the item struck out, because if he does I will strike it out.

Mr. CARROLL: If the minister will guarantee to me that he will look at the Government wharf at the head of the south side of East Bay, and instead of spending

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the money on this wharf, will spend it on repairing that wharf, which will better serve the people at Ben Eoin, I shall be satisfied.

Mr. REID: I cannot make any such guarantee, because we cannot expend any amount on repairs on some other wharf unless the item is placed in the estimates just as this one has been. Therefore, if I strike out this item the matter of the repairs to the wharf mentioned by the hon. member will, of course, have to be taken up by the department, and if the situation is as he describes, an item can be inserted in the estimates next session.

Mr. CARROLL: So far as I am concerned, I would recommend the striking out of this item.

Mr. REID: I will strike it out.

Mr. CARROLL: It amounts to \$2,200. This wharf would not serve the public at that point at all. The minister need not think I am afraid of striking out any item that is not going to serve the people.

Mr. REID: I am not saying that.

Mr. CARROLL: The engineer may have been misinformed. It would have been better had the department done as it was requested to do, namely, to make repairs to the wharf at the head of East Bay. I see no good in building a wharf at this particular place. I would be glad if the minister would show me on the plan how he is going to get from the proposed wharf at Ben Eoin on to the main road.

Mr. REID: The right of way is marked on the plan, showing how you can get to the wharf.

Mr. CARROLL: You will have to buy the right of way.

Mr. REID: The man is willing to sell it for \$10.

Mr. CARROLL: That is cheap enough.

Mr. SINCLAIR: I think the minister is mistaken when he says he has not the power to change an item in the estimates. I know for a fact that he has done it in reference to a wharf in my constituency. Prior to the defeat of the late government a sum of money was voted for the building of a wharf at Sand Point, on the Strait of Canso. More than that, a contract was entered into, and the material collected for the building of the wharf, but when the present government came into power their friends in that locality persuaded them to