

Mr. LAPOINTE: An item of \$6,000 is required for painting the exposed iron works out of the dock front grain galleries which have not been painted since erection, and are now depreciating for want of painting.

An item of \$5,000 is required to cover the cost of installing the machinery, electrical wiring, etc., in the travelling grain loader, structural steel work, which was completed last year and is now ready to receive machinery.

An item of \$2,520 is required to cover the cost of laying down concrete paving, to replace the present decayed planking over the space between the landing sheds 18 and 26 along the dock front.

An item of \$15,000 is required to cover the cost of laying down additional railway lines to serve the space at the western end of the embankment.

An item of \$113,191 is required to cover the cost of constructing a fixed fender for a length of 300 feet along the river face of pier No. 1 at shed No. 26 berth. This fender will take the place of the present floating fenders at this part of the frontage and will keep vessels at this berth clear of the wharf, as do the present floating fenders, except in case of severe storms of easterly wind, when they may become misplaced or be carried away, thus allowing the vessel to come in contact with the wharf and be liable to injury. It is to avoid this contingency and to make this berth as secure as possible under all conditions, that it is considered advisable to replace the floating fenders by a fixed one for a length sufficient for one vessel's berth. Then:

Oil tank, \$42,275.

The commissioners have entered into an agreement with a company for the erection of oil tank for the supply of fuel oil to vessels berth in Louise docks. This amount is to cover the cost of laying down the pipes, installing the valves and other appliances required to complete the installation.

The commissioners have already entered into a contract with that company, and the amount which they will get from that company will be more than sufficient to pay the interest and the expenditure on that account.

Coal tower foundation, \$17,572.

This is to cover the cost of replacing foundations for coal towers on the area leased of the Canadian Import Co. on the St. Charles frontage, and there is a continuation of a contract by which the commissioners lay down similar foundations in the wet dock for the same purpose.

Piers at entrance of St. Charles river, \$125,000.

[Sir Henry Drayton.]

This item is to cover the cost of constructing guide piers at the entrance to the river St. Charles quay frontage in order to protect vessels from the bank on the northern side of the entrance works and to render the navigation into this part of the docks easy and secure.

Landing stage and overhead passage at sheds Nos. 25 and 26, \$30,000.

I think my hon. friend will see that this expenditure is not to provide new facilities in the harbour, but to keep the harbour in good order and maintain works that are already in existence.

Mr. LADNER: I have a question to ask. I happen to be one of those fortunate people who received the hospitality of the city and Harbour Commissioners of Quebec. My only disappointment is that before this question of harbour improvements came up we in Vancouver did not have our friends from the East visit us because then there would have been two resolutions introduced instead of one. Now my question is this: I understand that considerable negotiations have taken place and many representations have been placed before the Government in respect to the harbour of Vancouver. I happen to be one of the members for that constituency and I can say there is a real need for dock accommodation, a great business need, which exists at the present time because the larger boats are compelled to go to Seattle to secure that accommodation. Is the Government willing to complete the dry dock which has been undertaken at Vancouver?

Mr. LAPOINTE: My hon. friend will understand that I have no authority to speak on that subject. Perhaps the Minister of Public Works would know more about it than I do. All that I can tell my hon. friend is that works are going on in Vancouver harbour at the present time.

Mr. LADNER: I refer to the dry dock.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I refer to the works under the control of the Harbour Commission and undertaken on an advance made by this Parliament which has not yet been all expended. There still remains over two millions of that advance to be expended on the harbour of Vancouver and may I say this: Although some hon. member stated that Vancouver was paying interest on the advances made, the Government has not yet had the good fortune to receive any of that interest. I am sure, however, that Vancouver will pay its own way in the very near future on account of the very great facilities provided there.