

Mr. McLURE: I notice here an amount for Rocky Point wharf. A peculiar situation exists in reference to this wharf. It is half owned by the dominion government and half by the provincial government, and in repairing it they always have two different crews. They always have more bosses on it than workmen. I have often wondered whether something could not be done to have this wharf owned outright by either the federal government or the provincial government. It has always been in a most unsatisfactory condition. If the dominion government does its repair work, the provincial government does not do its work. It has been repaired from time to time, but they have never made a good job of it. Is there any possibility of the dominion government taking it over entirely?

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): I shall have the resident engineer prepare a report, and see if we can adopt the hon. member's suggestion.

Item agreed to.

Chief engineer's branch—construction, repairs and improvements—harbour and rivers—Manitoba—
565. Gimli—wharf reconstruction (estimated cost \$62,000), \$10,000.

Selkirk—wharf reconstruction (estimated cost \$148,000), \$10,000.

St. Andrews—river breakwater (estimated cost \$11,000), \$5,000.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: I believe the minister was going to make a statement in connection with Gimli wharf. I notice that the total cost is estimated at \$62,000 and that the expenditure this year is to be \$10,000. I should like to know whether that includes the extension of the breakwater. Probably the minister has a report on conditions there. The breakwater has collapsed to such an extent that the water is now flooding a large area of the town where they have built a home, and is threatening to move in and destroy a great deal of property in the lower part of the town. The board of trade and the town itself are making strong representations that something be done about the breakwater, but there seems to be no estimate for that here. Could the minister give us a statement?

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): The proposed work is the reconstruction in sheet steel piling of the 850-foot crib and pile wharf, twenty-two feet wide, largely rock-filled. It is also proposed to widen the outer thirty feet of the wharf to thirty feet. I have a report here from the engineer concerning this wharf. He says that Gimli wharf consists of three sections, or legs, at an angle with each other, having a total length of 743 feet measured along the harbour side. The shore leg is 148 feet; the middle one is 345 feet; and the outer leg is

250 feet long. The shore leg is twenty feet three inches; the middle leg is twenty-one feet two inches, and the outer end is twenty-two feet three inches wide. This wharf, along with a jetty to the south, serves to make a harbour of refuge and also a receiving and shipping point for fish. It is generally in poor condition and repair, but still serviceable. It is proposed to reconstruct the wharf as a post-war project, using as much as possible of the existing wharf as a core. On account of the heavy ice shoves that sometimes occur, it is proposed to widen the outer thirty feet of the wharf to a width of thirty feet.

The type of new construction is sheet-pile work on both sides of the shore leg; on the seaward side of the middle leg, and on both sides and end of the outer leg. Where there is danger of abrasive action from ice; that is, the outermost forty-five feet of the harbour side, the outer end and the seaward sides of the outer and middle legs, it is proposed to use steel sheet piles. That is the report I have concerning this work.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: It is probable that the engineers have arranged in their construction to take care of part of the breakwater. It is intended to spend only \$10,000 on that construction this year?

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): Yes. We could not spend more between now and the end of March, but the total estimate is \$62,000. That would be the amount required to finish what we have in mind.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Then, if we have the minister's word that they will try to complete the wharf, probably the people will be satisfied, if that is being taken care of in the estimates for next year.

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): I might ask for a report on this part of the project mentioned by the hon. member, and let him know.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: If the minister would forward it to the hon. member for Selkirk he would be pleased.

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): Very well.

Item agreed to.

Mr. McLURE: If I am in order I just wish to say that I made a mistake when speaking on item 561. I notice there an amount of \$50,000, and I want to thank the minister for putting that in the supplementary estimates.

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231. Departmental administration, \$811,425.

Mr. BRACKEN: Might I ask the Minister of Veterans Affairs to give us the programme from now until prorogation. I have been can-