

Mr. NEILL: Then the next item, Port Alberni, dredging at floats, \$12,500. I understood it was intended to provide \$9,000 for dredging, and \$6,000 for new floats. Are the floats left out? I think the original amount was \$15,000. Apparently no provision is made beyond the dredging. The floats have to be taken out, then the ground dredged, and the floats put back again, with some extra ones. But apparently there is no provision for the floats.

Mr. CARDIN: That is a revote, providing only for the dredging.

Mr. NEILL: It is no use dredging unless you put the floats in. The original estimate, I think, was \$9,000 for the dredging and \$6,000 for the floats, but as I have said, there does not appear to be any provision for the floats, or for renewals.

Mr. CARDIN: I am informed that the dredging is being provided for in these estimates, and it may be an advantage to use the floats that are there already.

Mr. NEILL: Yes, but the original recommendation, and in fact last year's vote, included \$6,000 for taking out the floats—that is necessary before the dredging is done—and putting them back again, and supplying some additional ones necessitated by the increased area provided by the dredging. There should be an item somewhere for this, of some \$6,000, unless you are going to take it out of the general vote.

Mr. CARDIN: The information is that somebody must have opposed it, although we have nothing definite before us. However, the matter deserves consideration.

Mr. BARBER: Where is the Ahousat wharf located?

Mr. CARDIN: In Comox-Alberni.

Mr. BARBER: Can the minister give any particulars of the Mayne island wharf improvements, \$7,200?

Mr. CARDIN: This is required to reconstruct and extend the wharf head and to provide two landing places instead of one. The request has come in the form of a petition from the residents.

Mr. BARBER: Is it not true that the request was for a ferry wharf? The federal government undertook to build this wharf for ferry purposes, but another wharf was built on the opposite side of the river.

Mr. TOLMIE: Is Mayne island on the Fraser river? The last time I saw it, it was in the gulf of Georgia?

Mr. BARBER: I noticed in the local newspaper that provision had been made for this wharf and I understood that it was at a point on Mayne island, because a bridge was built to this island, and from the island the ferry was to run across the Fraser river.

Mr. CARDIN: I am informed that that is another matter.

Mr. BARBER: There is no provision for that ferry wharf in the Langley district?

Mr. CARDIN: I understand that is another matter.

Item agreed to.

Telegraph and Telephone Lines—Ontario—contribution of one-half the cost of construction of telephone line between Killarney and Little Current, \$6,000.

Mr. STEWART: Who contributes the other half?

Mr. CARDIN: The Canadian Pacific Railway.

Item agreed to.

Public Works—miscellaneous—to provide for balance required to complete any projects already undertaken, no new works to be undertaken, \$200,000.

Mr. GRAYDON: Has the minister had an opportunity to give attention to the request I made a short time ago to have the union jack replaced over the Post Credit post office? I have had complaints about the condition that flag has been in for some time.

Mr. CARDIN: It has been attended to.

Item agreed to.

Public works—salaries, \$509,450; contingencies, \$56,000.

Mr. POULIOT: I thank the minister for the help he gave me last year in the way of work done in my constituency, but I regret that quite often reports are delayed by the engineers in the Quebec branch. I hope that in future they will be more careful and will not suggest putting timber on rotten boards, as they have done in the past.

Item agreed to.

Mr. CARDIN: I wish to express my appreciation of the kindly disposition shown by my predecessor, the ex-Minister of Public Works, and by the opposition in passing my estimates generally. In fact hon. members opposite including all groups have been very kind and I do greatly appreciate the consideration they have shown.