

Mr. ROGERS. I would like to call the attention of the Minister to a work at Anderson's Hollow, in my county, to which I called attention two sessions ago. The former Government made an expenditure, and the work was commenced of building a harbor of refuge. I would like to have a further amount voted, but I notice there is nothing in the Estimates.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. My attention had not been called to the matter.

Mr. ANGLIN. I would like to ask the hon. Minister if he intends to go on with the Charlo Harbor work.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The Supplementary Estimates not having been approved in Council, I am not in a position to answer the hon. gentleman.

Mr. BURPEE (Sunbury). I would like to enquire with regard to the work at Oromocto, and to ask if it would be gone on with. Certain recommendations were made by the Chief Engineer for the improvement of the River St. John at that point by the erection of another breakwater to deepen the channel.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. When the plans were shown to me last year, I found that the breakwater had not been constructed according to the plan, that it leaked very much. I ordered the necessary repairs to be made, but I must say I have not been able to recommend to my colleagues the construction of any large pier on the other side of the river in order to still further confine the current and give greater depth of water.

112. Harbors and Rivers, Quebec..... \$137,000

Mr. Fiset. Before this sum of \$137,000 is voted, I hope that the hon. Minister of Public Works will allow me to ask him if of the item of \$10,000 set aside for repairs and improvements of ports and rivers in the Province of Quebec, a portion is to be applied to the improvement of the harbors and breakwaters in the county of Rimouski? I speak of this particular item, because in the preceding items I do not see any sum set aside for the county of Rimouski, which I have the honor to represent. The hon. Minister knows as well as I do that the harbor of Matane needs improving, and that the works, begun under the late Administration, are insufficient for the general wants of navigation. The breakwater at Rivière Blanche, although of great service, such as it is, cannot be considered complete until it has been connected with the mainland. The quay at Rimouski requires to have its height increased and to be widened; in its present state, especially since rails have been laid on it, to allow the running of cars on it, it does not meet the requirements of trade. I may also mention Bic Harbor, so favored by nature, and which requires but slight improvements to become the safest harbor of the south shore of the St. Lawrence. The hon. Minister will therefore greatly oblige me if he will let me know whether he intends to apply a portion of that item to the improvements which I have mentioned, and concerning which petitions have, at different times, been forwarded.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. With regard to the quay at Rimouski, I have to state that it is not under my control. The hon. Minister of Railways, under whose control it is, and to whom I spoke about it some time ago, seemed to me to think that the quay was sufficient for the requirements of the railway. With regard to the quay at Matane and the one at Rivière Blanche, I will ask the hon. member not to press for an answer. I have received petitions from these two places, which are now being taken into consideration by the Council. When the Supplementary Estimates are presented, I am certain that if the hon. member sees an item allotted to these works he will be content; in the contrary case, I shall be glad to explain the reason why.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN.

In reply to Mr. KILLAM and Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT, Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The vote of \$20,000 for harbor of refuge at Nicolet is a continuation of the vote of last year. There will still be required between \$35,000 and \$39,000 to complete the works, which will cost altogether between \$55,000 and \$59,000. The work at Yamaska will cost about \$55,000 altogether, and about \$7,000 more will be required to complete it. We are building a lock and a dam there. At Three Rivers, \$25,000 is asked to deepen the river and remove boulders, so that large ocean vessels may have sufficient space to swing round. The vote of \$1,000 for Philipsburgh Harbor is for the construction of a pier, of which the locality will furnish the same amount. The total cost of the work will be about \$19,000.

113. Harbors and Rivers, Ontario..... \$159,000

In reply to Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT,

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. We are progressing with the works in the Cobourg Harbor. We had difficulties with the contractor, and had to take the work off his hands. We have had very unsatisfactory contractors there.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. Did the hon. gentleman pay the workmen?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. When the contractor failed we took possession of the plant and there was a drawback and a deposit of money in our hands, and we used as much of that as was safe in paying the workmen and persons who had furnished them with materials and supplies. The Government may have had a deficiency of \$500 or \$700 to do this.

Mr. BROWN. I think the item for Belleville, \$5,000, is not sufficient for the work. The work was not completed, and the dredge is there now. A very little more would complete it, and clear the west side of the harbor of earth and debris, so it would be of great advantage to have it completed now, as it would cost less than at any other time.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The \$5,000 has not been expended altogether there.

Mr. BROWN. Not quite.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. My idea was, after the 1st of July, should the amount not be quite sufficient and should \$500 or \$600 be required, to take it out of the general vote for the work. I did not think it worth while asking a special vote.

Mr. TROW. What is the expenditure on Toronto Harbor for?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. This vote of \$12,500 was set down before Captain Eade's report came in, for the dredging of the harbor. But since I have recommended an additional amount, which will be made known to the Committee by a Message soon. It will take a little time to complete the harbor work. I will give explanations when the messages are received.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. What about Goderich, —is the vote for repairs or for new works.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. To complete the works contracted for by the lowest tenderer; to make repairs; to dredge the shoal at the entrance, and open the mouth of the Maitland River; and construct crib-work on its north side. We shall have cribwork built on the north side of the Maitland to catch the sand, make a new beach and relieve the Maitland. With regard to Wireton, a railroad has been built to it, and Government intend to build a pier in connection with the railway, which will complete the works. This \$35,000 will be our contribution and sufficient.

No. 114. Harbor and river expenses Manitoba.. \$13,000

Mr. TROW. Are the Government in a position to dredge the mouth of Red River.