

by contract. I am not sufficient of an expert to contradict them.

Mr. AMES. If they need any lumber, or other supplies, is it bought by tender?

Mr. FISHER. They ask quotations from people in the neighbourhood who have lumber to sell.

Rivers Ashouapmouchouan and Peribonka—training dykes, &c., \$5,000.

Mr. FISHER. It is expected that by narrowing the channel the current will be sufficient to clear it out, and thus make the river navigable.

Mr. BERGERON. Navigable for what?

Mr. FISHER. Small steamers run on the Peribonka.

Mr. BERGERON. Will this complete the work?

Mr. FISHER. We will see what the result of this is, and if the work will permit of navigation further up we may do some more.

Mr. BERGERON. How much has been spent already?

Mr. FISHER. \$5,000 last year.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. What does the minister mean by 'dykes,' in this connection?

Mr. FISHER. Running a ridge of stone out from the river to force the water into the channel.

Rivière aux Renards—breakwater pier, \$8,000.

Mr. AMES. Will this finish the work?

Mr. FISHER. I may say that the work is completed, and I am going to ask that this vote be struck out.

Mr. AMES. The work was commenced in 1903.

Mr. BERGERON. Does the one-fifth that has been voted remain?

Mr. FISHER. I am afraid it will. It has passed through the House, but we will not spend it.

Motion agreed to, and item struck out.

Rivière à la Pipe—wharf extension and repairs, \$4,000.

Mr. J. D. REID. Is this to complete the work?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Rivière Batiscan—dredging channel at mouth.

Mr. AMES. Will this complete the work?

Mr. FISHER. Oh, no; that is dredging the mouth of the river.

Mr. AMES. Who has the contract?

Mr. FISHER. We have not yet called for a contract for this work. As soon as

the vote is passed I am going to call for tenders.

Mr. AMES. For this Batiscan river, is the contract renewed each year?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Mr. MONK. Is that river navigable?

Mr. FISHER. Oh, yes.

Mr. BERGERON. What is the general price for dredging in a place like that?

Mr. FISHER. We paid 13½ cents last year in this case.

Mr. BERGERON. Is that the average price?

Mr. FISHER. No; that is lower than we have had to pay. The average price is about 15 cents for soft material where there is no rock.

Mr. J. D. REID. Who has the contract?

Mr. FISHER. Nobody has it; last year Prendergast, of Montreal, had it.

Rivière du Loup, Fraserville—harbour improvements, \$15,000.

Mr. BERGERON. Is that the long wharf?

Mr. FISHER—Yes.

Mr. BERGERON. The harbour is behind that?

Mr. FISHER. I suppose the wharf is a part of the harbour; it is a protection to the harbour.

Mr. BERGERON. I would call the harbour the bay behind the big wharf.

Mr. FISHER. That is true, but the wharf is part of it.

Mr. BERGERON. How much money was voted for that at first?

Mr. FISHER. A very large amount of money has been spent on it. I see here that \$97,000 has been spent on it.

Mr. BERGERON. How much does my hon. friend intend to spend this summer?

Mr. FISHER. There is \$15,000 here. We cannot tell exactly; we have asked for this vote.

Mr. BERGERON. How much will be spent there, say, in four or five years?

Mr. FISHER. Last year there seems to have been \$5,000 spent, and the year before \$3,729.

Mr. BERGERON. The year before \$13,000.

Mr. FISHER. I think my hon. friend has the figures there.

Mr. BERGERON. How much will it all cost?