

*Dominion Day*

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Leader of the Opposition): I think, in fairness to all parties, the minister has overlooked the fact that according to the press reports this morning the reason was also given that there had not been ample time for the study of that report or the bill itself. I think it is well to bear that in mind as one of the reasons given.

## DOMINION DAY

REFERENCE TO LACK OF DECORATIONS AND  
OTHER MEASURES IN OTTAWA TO COM-  
MEMORATE CONFEDERATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. FRED JOHNSTON (Lake Centre): There is a matter of importance that I should like to bring to the attention of the house. The calendar reminds us that this is the first of July and I could not help thinking as I came up to the buildings this morning how little had been done in this capital city to commemorate the event of this day. Walking along the streets I saw scarcely a flag in evidence.

Mr. STIRLING: Oh, yes; there were.

Mr. JOHNSTON (Lake Centre): Very few. As one turns the corner at the Rideau club he finds the flag of the great republic of the United States displayed over the main entrance in such a way that he cannot help seeing it. I think that this building, the houses of parliament, should have been decorated to-day.

Mr. BLACKMORE: Hear, hear.

Mr. JOHNSTON (Lake Centre): We, as Canadians, do too little in that regard, though we sometimes criticize other people for doing too much of that sort of thing. According to the press, in the city of Kingston the national convention of fascists is taking place to-day, and it occurs to me that perhaps we have not done enough in the past to educate our youth to a realization of exactly what this confederation means to the young people of the country. I trust that when the first of July comes around next year, there will be in this capital city more evidence of our remembrance of Canada's national birthday.

## SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Harbours and rivers—New Brunswick, \$725,200.

Mr. STEWART: Would the minister give us some information as to the nature of the [Mr. E. Lapointe.]

work being done at Miramichi bay, \$75,500 for dredging, and at Tracadie harbour, \$40,000. As to the latter, I should like to know if that will complete the work at Tracadie harbour?

Mr. CARDIN: This is to provide for widening to a width of 200 feet and deepening to a depth of 22 feet at low water the present channel in the Miramichi bay.

Mr. BENNETT: What will be the complete cost?

Mr. CARDIN: The tenders which are in amount to \$63,000. That will complete the work.

Mr. BENNETT: The total of to-day's appropriation is \$725,000. What will it cost to complete the undertakings mentioned in the vote?

Mr. CARDIN: As I am informed, \$50,000 at the most will complete the work which is covered by these items. As regards Tracadie, this amount of \$40,000, including the revote of \$13,400, is required to complete the channel across the flats by dredging the channel for an approximate length of 3,750 feet to a depth of 9 feet at low water.

Mr. STEWART: Will this complete the channel? I know it was under consideration for some time.

Mr. CARDIN: I am informed that we have to expect a certain amount of maintenance. I understand there is some silting.

Mr. STEWART: Maintenance only? All right.

Mr. BENNETT: Every winter it drives back.

Mr. CARDIN: Yes.

Item agreed to.

Harbours and rivers—Quebec, \$2,479,150.

Mr. MacNICOL: I should like to speak briefly in reference to one item on this vote, namely that of \$400,000 for Richelieu river improvements. Since the amount asked for this year is only \$400,000, whereas the last two or three years it has been \$500,000 each time, I assume that \$100,000 has already been spent on these proposed—said to be—improvements. I shall speak briefly and I have no intention whatever of holding up the item, because I have no doubt it will pass readily, anyway.

What I have to say is by way of warning. I cannot help feeling that these so-called improvements on the Richelieu are akin to those which were made a number of years ago on a small river on works which were