

Mr. GEO. GORDON. I have a letter from the Board of Trade of New Liskeard asking me if anything has been done with regard to the building of a wharf in that town. It seems that the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway have agreed to build a track from the main line down to the bay as soon as this wharf is built.

Mr. PUGSLEY. There is no amount in the estimates for a wharf at New Liskeard and therefore I am not able to give my hon. friend any assurance that a wharf will be built during the present year; but I would suggest to my hon. friend whether, in view of the fact that we are retrenching in connection with the building of wharfs as well as other public works, the Ontario government, as owners of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, which is hauling in enormous quantities of freight, vast numbers of passengers, and is receiving enormous revenues as royalties from the development of that country, should not build these wharfs needed there for the purpose of giving terminal facilities, in connection with their railroad. Instead of coming to this government and asking us to give these terminal facilities, let them do what this government is doing in connection with the Intercolonial Railway. It is building terminal facilities, building wharfs, dredging harbours and giving all the accommodation which is needed to the Intercolonial Railway at the various harbours and various lakes touched by the Intercolonial Railway system. I recognize that in that northern country, upon Lake Temiskaming, the Montreal river and the Gowganda country, where thousands of people are going, the people should address themselves at this time to the Ontario government and get them to provide terminal facilities in connection with this railroad which is doing such an immense business as a result of the marvellous development taking place in that country.

Mr. GEO. GORDON. Am I to understand that great sums of money should be spent by the federal government in places where comparatively little business is done, and that in Ontario when places require wharfs if they are doing a large business, the minister would like the people to put up their own money instead of federal money. I do not think it is fair or right.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The province of Ontario is benefiting enormously in a financial way by this development.

Mr. GEO. GORDON. Does not the Quebec government benefit from the development there?

Mr. PUGSLEY. At all events there is nothing in the estimates for it.

Quebec harbours and rivers, and bridges—general repairs and improvements, \$48,500.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is the general vote.

Mr. PRICE. Will the minister give us some information about this?

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to make repairs to the various wharfs in the province of Quebec and improvements to rivers and harbours in respect of which there is no specific vote.

Mr. PRICE. How about bridges?

Mr. PUGSLEY. That expression is used generally all over the country but it applies more particularly, in fact entirely, to the repairs of bridges that would be called interprovincial bridges. There are several bridges across the Ottawa north of here. My deputy informs me that there is one bridge in Ontario, in Haldimand county, which was built by the government many years ago which we keep in repair.

Mr. AMES. Does the minister affirm that the government have built no bridges in Quebec?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Not that I am aware of.

Mr. AMES. Would he ask his engineer to examine the bridge between St. Francois de Salle and Terrebonne? The government spent \$20,000 in building concrete piers in a rapid running river upon which a bridge has been built.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Would that not be a case where the municipality utilized the wharf as a foundation? The government did not build the bridge.

Mr. AMES. The government built all the piers.

Lake St. Francis (Beauce)—wharfs, \$5,000.

Mr. PRICE. Is my information correct that there is no navigation on Lake St. Francis except for pleasure boats?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am informed that there is traffic in taking farm produce to market, but the principal passenger travel is in summer tourists.

Mr. PRICE. Considering the small amount of navigation on this lake it seems to me that an expenditure of \$8,000 for a wharf is a little too stiff.

Mr. BELAND. It is for two wharfs, one at the upper end and one at the lower end of the lake. Lake St. Francis is twenty-one miles long and is situated in the counties of Beauce, Megantic and Wolfe. There are three boats plying on the lake.

Mr. PRICE. What kind?

Mr. BELAND. One steamer and two gasolene.

Mr. PRICE. Large or small?

Mr. BELAND. The steamer is large enough to carry the produce of the farmers