

Mr. PUGSLEY. The first was for the isolated breakwater which had no connection with the shore. Subsequently it was decided to make connection between the breakwater and the shore so as to enable the breakwater to be utilized as a wharf and give better protection to the harbour.

Mr. DANIEL. Is there any revenue from this?

Mr. PUGSLEY. That would belong to the Department of Marine and Fisheries. So long as the wharf remains in the Public Works Department no revenue is collected. The transfer of this wharf was made some time last year.

Mr. DANIEL. What depth of water?

Mr. PUGSLEY. 18 feet at low tide.

Pink Rock wharf, Shepody bay, New Brunswick—extension of, \$5,500.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to complete work now being carried on under contract. It consists of an extension of the wharf of 47 feet, also the construction of a pier head 75 feet by 28 feet, also the construction of a detached breakwater, 100 feet by 25 feet, the object being to break the seas and protect the harbour. Amount of contract, \$10,440, and superintendence, \$560, making total estimate of \$11,000, of which we expect to spend up to the 31st of March this year, \$5,500. This will complete.

Mr. CROCKET. Did not the government make an extension of the wharf before letting the contract of which the minister speaks?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes, there was some work done of an extension of the wharf, I think about 70 or 75 feet, but it was found that that was not sufficient to give accommodation for the vessels going there, and I decided to do the additional work provided in the contract.

Mr. EMMERSON. I think that was under a former appropriation. The present work has very little to do with that except in so far as that completed a certain work, and this is additional and other work.

Mr. CROCKET. How much will this make the total expended by the government?

Mr. PUGSLEY. About \$15,000.

Mr. CROCKET. \$11,000 under the contract?

Mr. PUGSLEY. And \$4,479 previously.

Mr. RHODES. Does the government collect any revenue on the traffic over this wharf?

Mr. PUGSLEY. No, it has not yet been transferred to the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

Mr. RHODES. Is it the intention to do so?

Mr. PUGSLEY. When completed, it will be transferred to the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and they will collect wharfage.

Mr. CROCKET. This is the wharf concerning which I took occasion to say some days ago, when some other item was under discussion, that it was being built by this government for the exclusive benefit of the Albert Manufacturing Company and another company, of which Mr. C. J. Osman, a friend of the minister, is managing director. That statement aroused the minister to that indignation he so frequently displays.

Mr. PUGSLEY. My hon. friend said something more than that. He said he presumed this was the result of a bargain with Mr. Osman, under which the Albert company were to give land over at Hillsborough for a public building and get this improvement in return.

Mr. CROCKET. I made a very innocent statement, I thought. We were discussing an appropriation for a post office at Hillsborough the minister announced that Mr. Osman had generously donated the site. I remarked that perhaps Mr. Osman was doing that in return for the wharf.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Does the hon. gentleman call that an innocent statement?

Mr. CROCKET. I suggested simply that probably the honourable minister's friend was giving the site for the post office, in return for the wharf which the government was constructing for his benefit at Pink Rock. The minister characterized that suggestion as gross and vile concerning a man of the highest honour and integrity—expressions we hear so frequently from the hon. minister. I say that not only was the suggestion I then made that the wharf was built exclusively for the benefit of the firm of which Mr. Osman is managing director, absolutely true, but that the wharf is the property of the Albert Manufacturing Company. Furthermore, that a large portion of the expenditure was made by Mr. Osman under his own direction and control—he simply turned the bills in to the Department of Public Works, and some \$2,000 or \$2,100 was paid out of the treasury of this country to recoup Mr. Osman for this expenditure made by himself on his own wharf. So, when the hon. minister (Mr. Pugsley) seeks to discredit the hon. member for York (Mr. Crocket) by intimating that he makes suggestions very recklessly, the hon. minister at least will not be able to rely upon the suggestion made in this case, for I have the proof at hand