

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—*Con.*

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6726.

Do the government intend to do anything in the port of Quebec to repair the wall which fell down last spring?—6726.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—6728.

Has the main estimate for this year been taken?—6728. We will allow this to pass and have the discussion on the main estimate—6729.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—6727.

What penalties do these contractors have to pay for not finishing their contracts in time?—6727. I would suggest that tenders might have penalties attached that unless the contract is fulfilled—6728.

Repentigny wharf, \$15,000—7314.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—7314.

From whom did you purchase the new site, and what was paid for it?—7314. I will say that I understood an opportunity would be given this session for the discussion of this question of making Montreal a free port—7317. As to whether they will or will not bring in any legislation—7318. Necessary to call the attention of the government that the wharfs are so situated that it is almost impossible for vessels to come in without running aground—7319. It goes on to speak of the 'Tampican' running on the low ground immediately opposite the Sutherland wharf—7320.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7314.

This is to complete the wharf now under contract—7314. It seems to me that the construction of these local wharfs has tended to develop, to a large extent, trade—7316. Does not expect to-night that the government will make any declaration as to its policy with regard to Montreal—7317. I think they are of great use in developing the country—7318. It is the intention to remove that obstruction—7319. The work is under the control of the Harbour Commissioners, Montreal—7320.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—7314.

I think the time has come to restrict our policy of building new wharfs—7314. The problem of transportation had not reached the importance it has gained in the last four or five years—7315. A policy devoting all our money available for the improvement of our harbours and rivers to the immediate improvement of transportation generally—7316. I did not contend that the whole country wanted Montreal to be made a free port—7318. The government has built a wharf at the foot of the current—7319.

Richelieu rivière—dredging at Isle Ste, Thérèse, \$5,000—7376.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7376.

There cannot be much hurry for the work, since the money has been voted three

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times—7376. Is that done by contract or how?—7377.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (For Minister of Public Works)—7376.

This work is being done by a dredge belonging to the government. It is a revote—7376. Ten feet. Between St. Johns and Lake Champlain there are large boats—7377.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—7377.

What is the depth of water maintained on the Richelieu?—7377.

Rimouski—extension of pier and dredging tidal basin, including repairs, \$30,000—7320.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—7320.

The conditions which have made that expenditure on this Rimouski pier in the past necessary and valuable—7320-1. That is a large amount of money to spend for a wharf that has only local use—7322.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7320.

This is to make provision for continuing the harbour repairs already commenced—7320. I understand that there are no shipping facilities at Father Point—7321. My information is that it is loaded from the wharf—7322.

Rivière Batiscan—dredging channel at mouth, \$8,000—7322.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7322.

This is under contract, awarded to Mr. Poupore, the lowest, at 13½ cents per cubic yard—7322.

Rivière du Loup (en haut)—dredging and improvements at mouth, \$15,000—7325.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7325.

We had an amount of money voted the other day for that in the supplementary estimates—7325.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7325.

So far there has been expended \$21,000—7325.

Rivière du Loup (Fraserville)—harbour improvement, \$20,000—7323.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7323.

I know that a wharf was built there not long ago—7323. This new pier would then face the pier to Fraserville?—7324.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7323.

This is being done by contract—7323. I think it is about 70,000 feet from the road down to the river—7324. The \$20,000 we ask this year is a revote. If we use these \$20,000 it will make a total of \$32,000—7325.