

Harbours and rivers—Quebec—Anse à Beaufile—
Repairs to jetties, \$2,250.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Were the jetties in the storm too?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This is to complete the rebuilding of the east berth for a length of 135 feet, to renew the six-inch spreaders on the easterly face of the east jetty and to replace 100 yards of ballast on the west jetty. It is recommended by the engineer in charge.

Item agreed to.

Anse à la Barbe—Breakwaters, \$1,500.

Mr. LEWIS: If the minister would just give us a little information about each item as it comes along, that would save a great deal of questioning.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This is to build two small breakwaters, one on each side of the mouth of the river, 145 and 150 feet in length by a width of 12 feet, of round timber, ballasted with stone. It is recommended by the engineer. This is an important fishing station and these breakwaters are required for the protection of the fishing fleet.

Item agreed to.

Anse au Griffon—Wharf extension, \$2,200.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This is an expenditure to complete the construction of the open face crib work extension of round timber 100 feet long by 20 feet wide, well ballasted with stone and sheathed with deal. It is recommended by the engineer.

Mr. LEWIS: Is the deterioration in this woodwork due to the action of the water or storms or decay?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): It is due to storms and decay.

Mr. LEWIS: Is the lumber creosoted on all repairs?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): We use native timber there.

Mr. LADNER: Was the wharf of considerable value in its original construction?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): Yes.

Mr. LEWIS: It seems to me, considering that we are passing items year after year for repair work in connection with deterioration, it would be a good policy for the government to adopt that all timber work should be creosoted before it is placed on any wharf or embankment.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): That would be pretty expensive.

Mr. LEWIS: But it is not so expensive as deterioration and having the work repaired every year or two.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): In fresh water, the native timber stands pretty well for many years.

Mr. STEVENS: This is not affected by the teredo insect.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): I understand not.

Mr. STEVENS: Of course, where the teredo is, piling or crib work lasts sometimes less than a year. I have known it to decay completely in six months, being eaten away—a most extraordinary condition. This is a completely new work, just like a new wharf. Is this to be done by tender or day labour?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): I have not the recommendation before me, but the amount is comparatively small. The question whether the work will be done by day labour or contract will probably come up later.

Mr. STEVENS: What is the minister's opinion on this?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This is a very small work. I do not know whether there are capable contractors in the vicinity. If it can be contracted for and competitive prices received, I would be in favour of contracting.

Item agreed to.

Anse St. Jean—Wharf repairs, \$3,300.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This is to improve the slip and hoisting apparatus, renewing ten by twelve stringers and ten by ten cross-ties, and three-inch flooring, 15,000 feet. These repairs are required for the maintenance of the structure in good condition. Boats of the Canada Steamship line are scheduled to call four times weekly, but they have passed many times without stopping on account of the wharf being too small for their accommodation. Small schooners call there occasionally.

Mr. LADNER: Were any improvements made last year?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): I think not.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): When was the last money spent on this?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): I have not the information.

Item agreed to.