

I wish to say that I do not believe the Government could expend a dollar anywhere in the Dominion more profitably than they do on experimental farms. But when we come down to the matter of wharves and bridges, and that sort of public works, in the East, you never hear one word of complaint; the representatives from that part of Canada are always asking for more. I think it is about time that as much money was spent on experimental farms as is being voted for wharves and breakwaters.

Mr. COPP: My hon. friend is a little late in speaking about experimental farms because the appropriation for that purpose has been passed. Still if he wants to continue the discussion on it, I am prepared to do so. With regard to the items under consideration I am not asking for any more expenditures. I did not even ask the Minister of Public Works to insert in the Estimates the appropriations that are now being passed. I should, however, say to him that in so far as regards the public works that are now under way he might very well devote some of the money to establishing post offices here and there throughout the province of New Brunswick. That would be much more appreciated than the votes which have just been sanctioned. While I am on my feet I would like to ask the minister whether the works for which large sums have been voted will be carried out by contract?

Mr. J. D. REID: In the case of every expenditure over \$5,000 tenders must be called for.

Mr. CAHILL: Except in the case of ships.

Harbours and Rivers, Quebec, \$519,400.

Mr. GAUVREAU: Before proceeding with these items I want to draw the minister's attention to the fact that there is no provision made for the completion of the wharf at the western end of Isle Verte. May I ask that the Minister of Public Works will look into the matter and insert \$6,000 in the Supplementary Estimates for this purpose. Last session the then minister, Hon. Mr. Carvell, admitted the necessity for this work which is intended to help the islanders to transport their products promptly to the nearest market. These men are practically isolated and there is no means of transportation for them except by boat. Wharves have been started at both ends of the island, but at present it is impossible for the schooner which calls there to stop. The eastern wharf is

[Mr. Argue.]

under contract, and I was promised that the western wharf would be completed this summer.

Mr. J. D. REID: I have a great deal of sympathy for the people living on the shores and islands of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, who are far away from railway communication, and depend entirely upon navigation for facilities to carry their fish and other commodities to market. I know the place that my hon. friend refers to, and realize the urgent necessity for the work. I have a note to make provision for pressing this work forward when we are making out the Supplementary Estimates, and I promise the hon. member I will do my part with my colleague to have the item to which he refers included with the other Estimates.

Mr. GAUVREAU: If the other ministers do as well as the Minister of Railways I am sure I shall get the appropriation.

Ontario—harbours and rivers—North Bay—repairs to wharfs, \$800.

Mr. HARRISON: I would like to know if there is a possibility of getting anything in the Supplementary Estimates this year for the shore protection at North Bay, in connection with which, I understand, an engineer was sent up to report. The whole of our park and the property of summer residents in that section will be washed away unless some protective work is undertaken this year.

Mr. J. D. REID: I sent an engineer to North Bay to make a report, and he is still there. When I receive his report I will see if anything can be done.

Mr. FIELDING: Now, Mr. Chairman, I think we have done our eight hours' work and ought to be allowed to adjourn.

Mr. J. D. REID: Yes. I move that the committee rise and report progress.

Progress reported.

On the motion of Rt. Hon. Mr. Doherty the House adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

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The House met at Two o'clock.

PAPERS TABLED.

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