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*Pugsley, Hon. William—Con.*

of the river, 4214. The hon. gentleman seems to feel it his duty to protest unless a similar amount is put through for the Fraser river, 4215. He is seeking to give the idea that British Columbia is being discriminated against, 4216. We are endeavouring to treat the province of British Columbia as fairly as any other province, 4217. He complains of an item for improvements on our province, because there is no such item for another province, 4208. Is not the provincial tax in lieu of all other taxes, 4219. I am not aware that there is any discrimination, and there is no desire to discriminate, 4220.

*Taylor, J. D. (New Westminster)—4212.*

This designed to make an improvement on the Fraser river, which is denied them on the Fraser river, 4212. In the official report on this improvement there is not one word of improvement to navigation, 4213. Is this Richelieu river more important than the Fraser river, 4214. We in British Columbia are large contributors to the general revenue of the Dominion, our good money being spent elsewhere, 4215. The work at the mouth of the Fraser river does not meet requirements along the river, 4216. As a member from British Columbia, is not to be gagged by any misinterpretation put on his remarks, 4217. Was told they we not to ask for improvements, and now are asked to vote money for similar improvements, 4218. He is giving here a vote which he has represented to us that we need not ask in British Columbia, 4219.

Surveys of Richelieu and Yamaska rivers and their affluents to determine the cost of improved waterways between the river St. Lawrence and Lake Champlain—further amount, \$4,000—5720.

*Crosby, A. B. (Halifax)—5721.*

The whole thing would tend towards diverting the trade of the St. Lawrence to New York, 5721.

*Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—5720.*

Thought there might be some bigger object in view looking to a deep waterway connection with New York, 5720. Wants to know if that is what the money is being expended for, 5721.

*Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln)—5721.*

There is an objection to improving a waterway from Canada to New York, 5721. Should not spend the money of the people in improving such a waterway, 5722.

*Pugsley, Hon. William (Minister of Public Works)—5720.*

The object is better water communication between St. Lawrence and Lake Champlain, 5720. There is a proposition to

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cut through from near Montreal to the St. Lawrence river, 5721.

Three Rivers—deep water coal wharf at west end of harbour opposite windmill, \$50,000—4247.

*Emmerson, Hon. H. B. (Westmoreland)—4250.*

The deposits have been returned and the lowest tenderer need not take it, unfair to give the information, 4250.

*Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—4247.*

Asks if it is the policy of the government to build wharfs for every municipality that desires, 4247. Would like to know if this wharf is going to serve any general public purpose, 4248. Asks what work will be covered by the vote for Toronto harbour, 4250. Suggests that the channel at Toronto be dredged to 22 feet instead of 18 feet, 4251. The eastern entrance requires immediate attention and the breakwater needs repair, 4252.

*Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Public Works)—4247.*

Explains item for coal and also to afford protection to boats frequenting the harbour, 4247. Difficult to say what is a national port and what is not. The old government and the port of St. John, 4248. Enormous coal business at Three Rivers, no place where that business can be handled, 4249. Rather disposed to favour the lowest tenderer, now that it is decided to go on with the vote, 4250. Work at Toronto. No advantage to dredge to a great depth until the Welland canal can be deepened, 4251. To hold trade must make our harbours deep enough to accommodate the larger lake vessels, 4252. Has read the evidence; he put the words into the engineer's mouth, 4253. He took the capacity of a certain scow and assumed that that was the capacity of all scows, 4254.

*Sharpe, S. (North Ontario)—4252.*

Asks if there is any definite system of checking or inspection done, 4252. When was the scow system of inspection inaugurated? 4253, and the wages of inspectors, 4254.

*Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4249.*

Understood that the amount voted last year was so small that no tender was accepted, 4249. If the deposits have been returned there is no obligation resting upon any of the tenderers, 4250. You would have to deepen the canal as well, 4252. In one case an inspector was inspecting two dredges which were operating a quarter of a mile apart, 4253.

*Wright, W. (Muskoka)—4250.*

Asks the engineer's estimate, 4250. Calls attention to the application for a wharf at Beaumarais on the Muskoka lakes, 4254

St. André de Kamouraska wharf—extension, \$10,000—4228.