

I should like to see equality of treatment as between harbours and ports of this country. If the minister is prepared to go and do likewise for other ports and harbours that are badly in need of equipment and facilities, all very well and good. There are many places that want terminal facilities, but they have to pay for them. It does not do them very much good if they are hungry and thirsty in a terminal facilities sense, as they must provide for their terminal facilities themselves. It is the same with expenditures for post office facilities. I have no objection to the minister equipping Quebec harbour to make it fit for the business that will be done to-morrow, not only in an immigration sense, but a transportation sense, so that he will be able to take care of the great increase in navigation and general trade which will develop at the port in the near future. If the Government would extend the same treatment to other ports in the country and give them equality of treatment, I think such action would commend itself to the wisdom and judgment of the country generally.

Mr. LAPOINTE: May I say again to my hon. friend from Toronto that the only reason why this is being done by way of legislation is because it is the law. It would be much easier to have an appropriation in the Estimates, as is done for Toronto, than to bring down legislation which is closely scrutinized by the House. But the law requires this procedure, and that is the only reason why we are proceeding in this way.

Most of the discussion that has taken place has arisen through a misapprehension. I was very glad indeed to hear many hon. gentlemen speak of the magnificent harbour of Quebec and say that it possessed all the facilities that are required. For this to be said in the House of Commons of Canada is a good advertisement of the port, and I am glad for that reason. I must once again try to impress upon the members of the committee that these advances are not for the purpose of adding to the facilities which now exist at the port. They are not, as my hon. friend who spoke on the other side some time ago suggested, for the purpose of improving the harbour, but they are for the purpose of maintaining the present facilities. This money is required to keep in good order the present equipment. Perhaps I had better read some of the items on which it is proposed to expend the money which is the subject of the present resolution.

The first item is to cover the cost of operating the commissioners' bucket ladder dredge, for three seasons. The dredging to be done during the above period, will consist of widening out the entrance of the river St. Charles Basin, widening out the basin to uniform lines and grades, and removing materials that accumulate at the various berths, so as to maintain the standard depth of 35 feet at low tide.

An item of \$25,000 is required to cover the cost of alterations and mechanical improvements for Grain Elevator No. 2, in order to render the operations more efficient. Last year when the grain was sent to Quebec it all came at the same time, and the men had to work day and night. It was realized that some alterations were necessary to facilitate the work and make the operations more efficient.

Then there is an item of \$18,000 for a new floor at shed No. 26, as the present old floor from long use has become so worn as to render the work of trucking goods a difficult and costly operation.

An item of \$20,598 is required to cover the cost of laying down a 2½ inch tongued and grooved flooring in shed 19, and surfacing the quay front and open wharf at east end of shed with concrete. This work is required as the present shed and wharf planking is worn out and requires to be renewed.

For breakwater facing \$53,470 is required. This is to cover the cost of rebuilding the river face of the old breakwater, for a length of 880 feet. This work is rendered necessary owing to the fact that the wharf timbers from low water mark up to coping level have become decayed, and are no longer capable of retaining the filling materials in wharf.

Then \$20,000 is required to cover the cost of certain alterations and additions to the foundations of shed 29 rendered necessary by the uneven settlement, due to the varying depths of the sand filling on which the shed has been erected.

An item of \$30,000 is required to continue the work of reinstalling the long wharf at Indian Cove damaged by floods, and which work has already been approved to the extent of \$53,900.

Six new floating fenders, amounting to \$4,800, are required for the protection of vessels moored at pier No. 1.

Does my hon. friend want all the items?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: It would be just as well.