

Mr. FISHER. I am informed that she is a very good dredge and does effective work. She is a new dredge, and it happens that there was an accident which delayed her for a considerable time; but she is a very good dredge.

Mr. A. A. McLEAN. I know to the contrary. Whoever supplied the minister with that information has not supplied it correctly. If the department send an inspector down, they will find that the statement I make is absolutely correct.

Mr. FISHER. I certainly will inquire into it, because I am informed that it is not a correct statement of the facts.

Mr. J. J. HUGHES. I am quite sure the statement is incorrect, because I know that on some days she took out a thousand yards, which she could not do working only two or three hours.

Mr. LEFURGEY. Was there a scarcity of labour in regard to the construction of that breakwater?

Mr. FISHER. I said the contractors had found a difficulty to get labour and to get stone.

Mr. LEFURGEY. There is any quantity of stone on the mainland. Is there any limited time within which this contract is to be completed?

Mr. FISHER. The contract was to be completed on the 27th of July, 1907. This vote is for repairs. The contract was let by tender; three tenders were received. I have only the name of the successful tenderer. He was the lowest of the three. The contract was dated 11th July, 1905. This vote is not for the contract, but for repairs.

Campbellton—wharf extension, repairs, &c., \$15,000.

Mr. FOWLER. How much has been expended on this Campbellton work?

Mr. FISHER. \$15,000 last year. Out of a vote of \$24,800, \$11,000 was not expended.

Mr. FOWLER. There was some difficulty some time ago between certain people who used this wharf at Campbellton in connection with berths for vessels lying there. It seemed that the firm of Shives & Co., who formerly owned the wharf, or the bit of railway line from the main line down to the wharf, had certain privileges granted them by the government which were not accorded to other people who did business at this wharf, the other mill owners who loaded vessels with deals at this wharf. Has that matter been settled?

Mr. FISHER. The department does not know anything about that. The wharf is not a public wharf and we have no information as to the details of the berths there. I think that would be managed by the Marine and Fisheries Department.

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Mr. FOWLER. Does the Department of Public Works own the wharf?

Mr. FISHER. Yes, that new wharf. I believe we bought it from a man called Shives. The Railway Department uses part of it for its lines there and the Marine and Fisheries Department manages it.

Mr. FOWLER. Complaint was made the last few years. I know that papers were sent to me at the time showing that when steamers would come in this Mr. Shives, owing to some arrangement he had with the government, would get a preference. That statement was made at any rate and telegrams passed back and forth.

Mr. FISHER. As a matter of fact we expropriated the wharf and there was no condition at all. He may claim something of that kind, but he has no right to it.

Mr. FOWLER. I know a claim was made that other people had to wait, because I had a telegram from the Richards Company, which I think was a rival company.

Mr. FISHER. There are people in New Brunswick who make claims that they cannot substantiate.

Mr. FOWLER. I don't know of any. I think their claims are generally pretty well substantiated.

Mr. CROCKET. When is it expected that the work at Campbellton will be completed?

Mr. FISHER. It is expected this vote will complete it.

Mr. CROCKET. This \$24,800 will complete the work that is now going on at Campbellton?

Mr. FISHER. No, we are asking for \$4,000 more. Last year the estimate was \$24,800, of which \$11,000 was not expended, and we are asking for \$15,000, which means \$4,000 more.

Caraquet wharf—approach, ice-breakers, &c., \$2,000.

Mr. FOWLER. I notice that a great deal of money has been expended in this county where Caraquet wharf is situated. It is a pretty expensive county; it is represented by my hon. and genial friend from Gloucester (Mr. Turgeon) who sits on the government side. His county has more money expended in it than perhaps all the rest of New Brunswick put together. I must congratulate the hon. member for Gloucester on the great pull he seems to have either with Sir Wilfrid Laurier or with the government. He is something like the king, who when he was Prince of Wales, got the assistance of the present Canadian Prime Minister to get him into his present position. I notice that last year the county of Gloucester had