

Mr. PUGSLEY. The wharf apparently was built some 20 years ago and was owned by Mr. McAllister. Evidently it was affording a great deal of accommodation to the people of this district, and as I understand there was not sufficient profit in its operation to justify Mr. McAllister in putting it into thorough repair. The forwarders, the merchants and the farmers were all anxious for this accommodation, and finally it was determined that the Crown should purchase from Mr. McAllister for \$800; it had cost him \$2,500. In addition to the wharf the purchase includes a two-story shed in good condition, and the government is building a wharf of a substantial character at a reasonable cost. As to the revenue I do not know what it would be, but in the ordinary course I presume it would be transferred to the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The practice is not uniform in that respect, as many wharfs remain under the control of my department while a large number are transferred to the Marine Department. That has been the practice since confederation. The revenue will not be large, but I presume that whatever it is it will be devoted to keeping the wharf in repair.

Mr. PRINGLE. The upper wharf in the town of Cornwall is used, I believe, only by the Cornwall and Montreal Navigation Company, and was built for their accommodation. The wharf was constructed at considerable expense and is a great convenience to the community. I would like to know if that wharf is free or whether the steamers using it pay dues?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I will get the information to-morrow.

Colbourg—extension of breakwater, dredging, &c., \$45,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This work includes the extension of a breakwater.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. That is in connection with the Grand Trunk?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The Grand Trunk is establishing a car ferry there. This is an important work, and will be done by contract.

Colborne—wharf, \$15,700.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Is this the work that was promised during the election?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I have no knowledge of any such promise. How many years ago would that be?

Mr. J. D. REID. There was a by-election in the county not long ago, and one of the ministers went up there and promised this work to the people.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It cannot be the same; this vote was in the estimates last year.

Mr. J. D. REID. They purchased the timber when the election was going on

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and promised to build the wharf if the Liberal candidate was returned.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The money was voted last session of parliament, so that the hon. gentleman must be wrong.

Mr. LANCASTER. But the work was not done.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes. The contract was entered into on the 5th of July, 1907.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Just previous to the election.

Mr. LANCASTER. Then all I have to say is that this minister pretended to the electors that the vote had not been acted on, and that if the people elected a Liberal it would be.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The hon. gentleman should not believe all he hears.

Mr. LANCASTER. It is true I should not believe all that a minister of this cabinet says.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Mr. Cochrane, who represented the county, died last year, and in the by-election the Liberals promised this wharf would be built if the people returned a Liberal. The dock is a necessary work and should be built at once. The good people of East Northumberland proved to the government that they would not sell their votes, and they turned down the Grit candidate and elected Mr. Owen. Independent electors of that sort deserve to be encouraged, and I am glad this wharf is going to be built.

Collingwood harbour improvements, \$15,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to complete this very important work.

Mr. LANCASTER. How long has this work been going on?

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. From time immemorial.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is under contract.

Mr. LANCASTER. When will this work be completed? This item is a very old friend in the estimates, and I would like to know when we are to see the end of it. Collingwood seems to be getting a great deal of attention lately.

Mr. PUGSLEY. There is a very large shipping business done at Collingwood.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. This is a very necessary work if the money is properly expended, but it has not been properly expended always.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I have no information of that kind. The harbour is of rock foundation, and I should think it would be at least two or three years before the work necessary in Collingwood harbour would be completed. If the work in contempla-