

Mr. STEVENS: Was any work done last year?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): Yes. The expenditure last year was \$64,364 and we are re-voting \$22,000.

Mr. MANION: Will this complete the work?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): Yes.

Item agreed to.

Harbours and rivers—Prince Edward Island, \$84,100.

The CHAIRMAN: Is it the pleasure of the committee that the items in this vote be taken individually?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Yes.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): It might be convenient if that were done.

Alberton—Wharf repairs, \$1,100.

Mr. LEWIS: Perhaps the minister would save trouble by giving some information in regard to each item.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): Most of the items in this vote are for repairs. These works have been reported upon by the district engineer and his recommendations are now before the committee for consideration. There are one or two items which may require further explanation and I shall be glad to give the information in regard to any to which my attention is called.

Item agreed to.

Beach Point—Wharf, \$9,300.

Mr. STEVENS: An hon. member has already asked the minister to be good enough to give us a brief statement in regard to each item.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This is for the construction of a cribwork wharf of 238 feet, with an approach of 208 feet, the structure being 20 feet wide with a head block 30 feet square. The work is under contract with H. J. Phillips, of Charlottetown.

Mr. STEVENS: Was it let last year?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): It was let in October, 1923.

Item agreed to.

Belle River—Breakwater extension, \$9,000.

Mr. LEWIS: Was any work done under this item last year?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): No. It is proposed to construct an extension of 204 feet by 15 feet to the southern breakwater. This

is under contract with Messrs. Compton & Ross of Flat River, Prince Edward Island. The amount of the contract is \$7,828 and the contract was let on September 29, 1923.

Mr. LEWIS: No work has been commenced yet?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): No; it is under way now.

Mr. STEVENS: How many tenders were called for?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): There were two tenders, one from William Compton and Alexander J. Ross, and the second from Henry J. Phillips.

Mr. STEVENS: This is Belle River but it is not the same Belle River which we had under discussion on a previous occasion. In connection with the vote for Belle River, Ontario, I understand that the government has under contemplation the expenditure of a considerable sum in dredging there supplementary to the construction of a \$30,000 wharf or something of that kind. What is the programme?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): We are dredging the channel and an expenditure of \$30,000 is contemplated. The work is under way now.

Mr. STEVENS: Is that being done by contract? I understood the department was limited to \$5,000.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): The work is being done by departmental plan.

Mr. STEVENS: Is it contemplated that the total expenditure to make that channel navigable for the class of vessels mentioned in the original presentation of the case will cost in the neighbourhood of \$100,000? I am referring to the dredging of the channel which is necessary to make it suitable for navigation by boats such as it was reported would run from Detroit and Windsor to the place where this \$30,000 wharf or breakwater, or whatever it may be, is being built.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): That situation was thoroughly canvassed a few nights ago when I stated that it was not the intention of the government to suggest further expenditures at the present time.

Mr. STEVENS: Some information has come to me directly quite recently that in order to carry out the intentions of the government in regard to the channel, which would warrant the construction of this \$30,000 work, it would be necessary to expend