

Mr. STAPLES. What navigation is there?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Both sailing vessels and quite a large number of steamers. The navigation on Lake Winnipeg is getting to be quite important.

Lake Dauphin—lowering lake by removing obstructions from bed of Mossy river, \$7,000.

Mr. STAPLES. What is the nature of that?

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is a revote towards the construction and equipment and installation of the plant required for removing these obstructions. It is expected to carry on the work during the present year.

Mr. STAPLES. How much has been spent there?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Nothing has been expended yet.

Mr. J. D. REID. Does the government intend building a plant and doing the work itself, or is it to be by contract?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The government will do the work itself.

Mr. STAPLES. Who is going to do the work at Grand Marais Harbour?

Mr. PUGSLEY. We have not decided yet.

Winnipegosis lake—dredging channel at mouth of Mossy river, \$5,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This work will be done by the government dredge.

Mr. STAPLES. Where is that dredge working at the present time?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The dredge has been removed two or three times since the spring opened. I am not able to tell my hon. friend where it is working just at the moment.

Mr. STAPLES. I notice once more that there is no appropriation in the main estimates for the completion of the work that was begun on the harbour of St. Laurent on Lake Manitoba. Previous to the last election a wharf was built there and a dredge was sent up and for a time there was great activity; but the moment the election was over, the work ceased, the dredge was taken away, and nothing has been done since. The work that has been done is of utterly no value to the district until it is completed. The council of the municipality has sent a petition asking the government to make the necessary appropriation to complete the work. If the minister has not that petition, I have a copy of it. I have brought this matter up at every session of this parliament, and I have always been stood off with the promise that an item would be brought down in the supplementary estimates, but that has never been done. The work, if completed, would be of great value to the people of that dis-

trict. They could send wood and other products by boat to Winnipeg, but boats cannot get to the wharf until some further dredging is done. There will also have to be a road made to the wharf. At present produce cannot be taken to or away from the wharf. I would ask the minister if it is his intention to make any provision in the supplementary estimates for the completion of that work.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Is Lake Manitoba in the hon. gentleman's constituency?

Mr. STAPLES. Yes, in the northern part.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I had some information that the work was not regarded as very necessary, because there was not a very large population there. I may have been misinformed as to that, and I will look very carefully into the matter.

Mr. STAPLES. It must be of some importance when the reeve and council went to the trouble of drafting a petition and sending it down here. It is of the utmost importance to the people of that district. I think I know the riding and what is required there as well as the people who may have advised the minister. There is another place up there—Delta and Lake Manitoba. Is anything being done there?

Mr. PUGSLEY. There has been some dredging done at the Delta. If further dredging is required, it will be done, but I cannot say just now what will be done.

Old Man's river—diversion of stream into its original bed at McLeod (revote) \$8,000.

Mr. HERRON. Has the minister any information with reference to the damage done by the recent flood? I asked him that question the other evening.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I inquired in my department and find that we have no break-water there.

Mr. HERRON. There was an appropriation of \$8,000 for the work.

Mr. PUGSLEY. There was, but nothing is done, and we are now revoting that amount.

Mr. HERRON. Do the government propose spending sufficient money to protect the banks at that point?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The intention of the department is to make the work complete. If it should cost more than \$8,000, we shall do what is necessary.

Mr. HERRON. It is very important that some protection should be given.

New dredging plant—maritime provinces, \$100,000.

Mr. SPROULE. Are you building new dredges for the maritime provinces?