

\$1,268,000 in the main estimates of last year. All this work is most urgent, since only that urgent work is being done, and the instructions from the department are to carry it out at the greatest possible speed, because much of it is work which should have been done last year.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: Then I take it that the work will be commenced this summer?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes, it is the intention that everything in this list will be commenced this summer.

Mr. GEARY: I would like to ask the minister to carry his figures one step further and tell us how much of these estimates are new and find themselves placed here for the first time. They should be taken up separately, item by item, because it is no way to pass estimates en bloc.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the item carry?

Mr. GEARY: Mr. Chairman, I am not going to be shut off in that way. I have asked a question of the Minister of Public Works, and I would like an answer.

Mr. ELLIOTT: I might say that the total of these items voted last year in the main estimates is \$1,268,000, and the total amount voted in the supplementaries last year is \$1,196,335. That means that we have approximately \$2,500,000 of last year's estimates included this year.

Mr. GEARY: But I want to know how much of this vote is new?

Mr. ELLIOTT: The difference, including the legation and improvements in Ottawa, will be nearly \$2,000,000.

Mr. KAISER: May I ask the minister if the vote of \$5,000 for Oshawa is a revote or a new vote?

Mr. ELLIOTT: That is a new vote.

Mr. KAISER: It is no doubt more than we deserve, but I want to point out that twenty-six years ago the Liberals started to build us a harbour; and I understand it will take twenty-one years more, or in all fifty years to build a little pier.

Item agreed to.

Public Works—Saskatchewan and Alberta, \$36,000.

Mr. COOTE: I would like to draw to the attention of hon. members of this House, who

are always telling us how much Canada has done for the west, the difference between the size of this vote and the amounts voted for the other provinces.

Item agreed to.

Public Works—British Columbia, \$259,000.

Mr. DICKIE: I wish to say a few words in connection with this item. I do not wish to strike a discordant note at this stage of the session, but I am quite prepared to speak, if necessary, on the life history of the teredo and the barnacle, the injurious effects of which the minister knows. I have just one little matter to bring up for consideration. In the little town of Port Washington it has been recommended by Mr. Ford, the District Engineer, that \$3,500 be expended in the construction of a wharf or in the repair of the existing wharf. I know that amount is justified, and I do not like to see these people penalized because they may have made a mistake in the way they voted in the last election. I would like to have an assurance that this money will be expended, otherwise I will be compelled to talk for about two hours and a half on the life history of the teredo from the time it emerged from the primordial ooze down to the present.

Mr. ELLIOTT: I know my hon. friend does not intend to be unfair, but if I am correct, all these votes are in ridings which did not vote perhaps as wisely as they might have voted in the last election. In regard to the matter my hon. friend speaks of we have a certain general vote to take care of wharves and harbours. He mentions an item of \$3,500. That is a fairly large amount to be taken out of the general vote but if it is possible I would be glad to have the work done provided it is more urgent than anything else which needs attention.

Mr. BRADY: I do not intend to keep the minister more than one minute, but I feel that it is my imperative duty to draw the attention of the minister to the state of the Prince Rupert fishing fleet.

Mr. ELLIOTT: I think that is what my hon. friend spoke to me about before. I have it in mind.

Mr. BRADY: I have only one request to make and it is this—that by a happy, I will call it fortuitous, amendment, vote 452 was rescinded by the House half an hour ago and it totals \$13,560. Now if the minister would only transfer that \$13,560 to the task of caring for the floats at Prince Rupert, where