

a sum, not quite so large, in the Supplementary Estimates for the Red Point pier. I hope the present Government will, in that respect at least, follow the footsteps of their predecessors. Such grants would confer great benefit on the people of this part of the Island, who were justified in making those claims on the Government of the day. It must be remembered that the people of the Island have no direct or indirect interest in the money expended on the canal system of the Dominion, and other public works. They are cut off from communication with the rest of the Dominion for many months of the year, and, therefore, it is necessary that the few small public works on the Island should be kept in good repair. I may say, Sir, that the harbours of that province do not cost this Dominion a very large sum of money. Although they are numerous, they are very small, and the money expended on them is a mere bagatelle. I trust that the House and the Government will take this question into their serious consideration, and insert in the Supplementary Estimates a sum of \$2,000 for the Belle River breakwater and \$1,000 for the Red Point pier. I do not wish to detain the House, as it is nearly six o'clock, but this much at least is due to the little province from which I come. The fact that these works have not been taken over by the Dominion Government should not stand as a barrier in the way of these grants, because, if you look over the records of Parliament, you will find that moneys have been expended at different times on similar works, not only in the province of Prince Edward Island, but in many other parts of the Dominion. I again ask the attention of the Government to the matter, and I trust that they will attend to it in the interest of the people of that province, who are handicapped in many ways as compared with their fellow Canadians in other provinces.

The **MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS** (Mr. Tarte). All the papers connected with the case will be gladly brought down.

**Mr. HACKETT.** I wish to make a remark or two on the subject before the motion is declared carried, and to supplement briefly what has been so ably said by the hon. member for Queen's (Mr. Martin). I am well acquainted with that locality, and I know that the hon. gentleman, in putting forward his case, is not only doing his duty to his constituents, but that he is asking what is due to this part of the province. With regard to the hon. gentleman's remarks that these works, which are of Dominion importance, have not been taken hold of by the Government, I desire to say that there is in my county one pier and one breakwater which have been taken by the Dominion Government, and which are now badly in need of repairs. I was very glad the other day when I asked a question of the Minister of Public Works to find that

**Mr. MARTIN.**

he had provided for the repairing of two very important works in my province, namely, the breakwater at Tignish and the breakwater of Miminegash. There is, however, a small work taken over a few years ago by the Dominion Government and which has been allowed to fall into disrepair. I refer to the pier at West Point. This pier is of great importance to the people of that section of the country. Most of the inhabitants there are about twelve miles from the line of railway, and while they have every facility by means of water to transport their products, they are deprived of that facility, because of the want of proper accommodation which a pier would afford. They have to take their produce by land, a distance of ten or twelve miles in the most inclement season of the year when the roads are in poor condition, and the expense incurred in this way lessens, of course, the value of their products and the profits from their sale in the market. I trust that the Minister of Public Works will seriously consider this matter. The expenditure of \$2,000 at West Point would place that pier in such a state that it would be of great advantage to these people. It would afford them many facilities which they are now deprived of, and they would be able to transport their products from that pier to railway communication with the rest of the Dominion at Point du Chene, N.B. Those people instead of being obliged to haul their produce a distance of ten or twelve miles over land, could then ship it from West Point to Point du Chene, a distance of thirty miles, by water, and they would be enabled to take advantage of the markets of the Dominion, on an equal footing with their fellow-citizens who reside near railway communication. I know that my hon. friend from East Prince (Mr. Yoe) will corroborate me, when I say that the people residing around the shores of the Island of Prince Edward, are a hardy, active and intelligent race. However, they have for a number of years been placed at a great disadvantage. I will advocate as strongly as I possibly can the building of a railway to West Point, because I believe that the building of that branch railway would be a great advantage to the people of that district. I do not ask now for the building of a pier there, because part of the pier has already been built. I simply ask that it be repaired in such a way that the people should be able to take advantage of it. There is also another breakwater which has been undertaken by the people of the locality themselves. I refer to the breakwater at Brae. After waiting for a number of years the people there subscribed a sum of money for the building of this breakwater. After the money was subscribed and the work commenced, a certain amount was voted by this Parliament to complete it. It is, however, yet uncompleted, and a small grant