

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—*Con.*

Bureau, J. (Three Rivers and St. Maurice)—7330.

In this case they have to carry the dirt three miles which adds to the expense—7330.

Quebec harbour improvements, \$157,000—770.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—770.

How does the Quebec Harbour Commission stand with the government now?—770. What will the whole work cost when completed?—771. Who is responsible in parliament to the people for all the moneys that have been spent in the harbour of Montreal or the harbour of Quebec?—779.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—772.

How much has been expended on this work and during what years?—772. Five millions of money has been advanced to the Quebec Harbour Commissioners on which not a cent of interest has ever been paid—773. A department like the Department of Public Works ought to have the profiles at least all ready to be spread on the table—774. The House should insist on the Minister of Marine and Fisheries being seated along side the Minister of Public Works whenever these estimates are going through—776. The government have no confidence evidently in the Harbour Commission at Quebec, or they would let that commission have the spending of the money in its own waters—777. Is it true that after the advance of the \$5,000,000, these sums have been expended on the initiative of the Harbour Commission?—781.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—782.

Has the government a Bill before the House to nationalize the harbours of Montreal and Quebec?—782.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Minister of Public Works)—770.

This is for an enlargement of the Louise embankment at Quebec. See no reason why the harbours of Montreal and Quebec should be singled out and dealt with in a different way from other harbours—770. The harbour of Quebec has always been under the Marine and Fisheries Department—771. The total amount expended is \$195,000 for the years 1902-3, 1903-4 and 1904-5—772. The approval of plans and the advancing of money belongs to the Public Works Department, but the actual control of the Harbour Commission is vested in the Marine and Fisheries Department—775. Explains difficulty of fixing a line of cleavage between Marine Department and Department of Public Works—777-8. The management of the harbour is within the purview and under the control of the Department of Marine and Fisheries—779-80. These sums were expended on the initiative of and by the Harbour Commission under the control of the department—781. The Public Works Department has nothing to do with Harbour Commissioners of Quebec—784.

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Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—771.

Is not the harbour of Quebec included in the works which have been handed over to the Department of Marine and Fisheries?—771. Will this work in Quebec be under control of the Marine and Fisheries Department or under the control of the Quebec Harbour Board?—772. Will we have an announcement of some policy from the government during the present session in regard to the principal harbours—782. The government ought to nationalize our principal ports. A Bill stands for second reading in the name of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to amend the Quebec Harbour Commissioners' Act—783-4.

Mulock, Hon. Sir William (Postmaster General)—774.

Sir Hector Langevin was not always prepared to give here all the information that hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) is now asking for. We never had a Minister of Public Works who laid all plans of proposed buildings upon the table—774.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and County)—775.

This large amount of money is to be given to the Quebec Harbour Board, which is not responsible to the government of Canada. The government should have some well-defined policy with respect to all harbours of the country—775-6. The expenditure on the part of the government was really for the purpose of perfecting the terminal facilities of the government railway, and nothing beyond that—780.

Quebec harbour improvements, \$50,000—6724.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—6727.

How much have they already received all told on this contract?—6727. Are there in the contract any penalties for failure to fulfil the contract within a specified time?—6729.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6724.

What is the cost of this work?—6724. What is the matter with the Harbour Commission? If that is done in Montreal, why should it not be done in Quebec and everywhere else?—6726. And this amount is over the amount of the contract—6727.

Fielding, Hon. William (Minister of Finance)—6724.

This is the balance required for the close of the year on account of the construction of improvements in the harbour of Quebec—6724-5. That is a portion of the work which comes under the control of the Harbour Commissioners—6726. It was the excess of what we expected would be required under their contract in the present fiscal year—6727. Only \$150,000 out of \$400,000 and odd has been expended, so that is less than one-half—6728. Certainly, I shall be very glad to bring down the contract—6729.