

that a petition was sent from the inhabitants of Sandy Cove, accompanied by a subscription list asking for a grant. An engineer was sent some years ago to examine that place, and the inhabitants expected a very large and important pier would have been built, but the engineer reported that a large amount would be required, and the Government consequently did not proceed with the work. The inhabitants have since concluded that a small work costing a reasonable sum would be a great advantage to them, because they are now obliged to turn their attention to fishing; whereas heretofore they had larger vessels and were engaged in a different calling. I hope the hon. Minister of Public Works will see his way clear to making a small grant towards that work this year. There are also one or two important works at Church Point and Comeanville, which could be repaired at a small expenditure, and would be of great advantage to the people. I hope the hon. Minister will consider these suggestions and bring down grants for those works this Session.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. As to the first work mentioned by my hon. friend, I was not able to comply with his request, as the engineer reported it would entail too much expense; but after what the hon. gentleman has said, I may be in a position to examine the work again, but cannot make any promise. The hon. gentleman called my attention to the two other points, outside the House as well as in it, and I told him I would most likely have an examination made in order to put myself *au fait* with the position of affairs.

Mr. FORBES. A petition was sent in from Hunter's Point to which I never got an answer. The public works there were erected by the Local Government, and the people were trying to get a small grant from the Dominion Government to assist in completing them. I do not know whether it is the intention of the Government to send an engineer down this season to report on that work, though I think it was reported on some years ago. I would like to ask the hon. Minister when I may expect to receive the report of the engineers and the surveys that were made for the breakwater on the western side of the bay?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. As to the return, I have a list of the returns that have not yet been brought down from my Department, and have sent to my deputy pressing him to send the returns as soon as possible. I cannot do more than that. As to the other work mentioned by the hon. gentleman, I must ask a little patience on the part of hon. members. The Government have done all they could this year with what they considered the most pressing work. The hon. gentleman will, no doubt, remain in this House for several years more, and will be in a position to call my attention to this work again, should I forget it.

Mr. WOODWORTH. I wish to bring to the hon. Minister's notice the small sum allowed to King's county for the piers and breakwaters on the north shore of that county. These have been built by the people themselves, aided by the Provincial Government from time to time, and are indispensable to their trade. Under the fiscal policy so happily inaugurated and successfully carried out by this Government, these people have depended almost entirely upon Canadian flour. They import that in their vessels from Portland, Boston, and New York, in bond, and bring it down to the shore, and if these piers and breakwaters give way from force of the storms, it leaves them entirely unprotected, and unable to carry on their business. I have presented to the Minister of Public Works eight or nine petitions from the people along the shore, asking for grants to these respective piers and breakwaters, and stating that if relief was not afforded, they would probably go out during the present year. I think the sum of \$1,500 will be found to be entirely inadequate to accomplish what the people desire.

Mr. VAIL.

There are other piers and breakwaters in a dilapidated state, and I would ask the hon. Minister, during Recess, to look after them. A stitch in time saves nine, and perhaps \$300 or \$400 here and there, will save thousands of dollars to the Government.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I do not remember all these piers that are mentioned by the hon. gentleman, but if they have not been put on the list, it is because we could not do so this year. Of course there is always a certain latitude left to the Head of a Department in case of emergency, and if any very pressing necessity arises, I might be in a position to come to the relief of the locality, but I cannot do that for many piers.

355. Harbors and Rivers—Prince Edward Island.....\$7,250.00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The first item is to build the work at South River, already begun, deepening and extending the present channel so as to provide a straight channel fifty feet in width and eight feet deep at low water. The total cost is \$8,250, of which a portion has already been expended. The next item is \$4,000 for Malpeque.

Mr. DAVIES. We took last year a vote of \$3,000 for the breakwater at Malpeque, and I would like to know from the hon. Minister if anything has been done yet with that money. The breakwater is washing away at the end and it is of no use as it is now. The tide is undermining it and washing the work away, and unless something is soon done all will be lost that has already been expended there.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The intention is to expend this amount. The colleague of the hon. gentleman called my attention to the fact a short time ago and asked for another vote of \$2,000. I will consider the matter and see whether there are means of making it \$5,000.

Mr. DAVIES. The local members have called my attention to the same vote of last year, and they said that \$3,000 would not complete it, but that it would require a vote of \$5,000. I hope the hon. Minister will see his way clear to do that much for us.

356. Harbors and Rivers—New Brunswick.....\$26,000.00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The second item is \$4,000 for Mispick breakwater. It is also called Port Simons and is in St. John county. It is proposed to construct a breakwater 200 feet long and 25 feet wide. The total cost will be \$8,600, of which we only ask \$4,000 this year. The next item is for the construction of a wharf at Robby's Point in the county of Westmoreland, which is estimated at \$1,500. The item of \$4,000 is to construct a ballast wharf at Hope-well Cape, in Albert county, the total cost of which is estimated at \$9,000. \$2,000 is to complete breakwater as originally contemplated at Grande Anse. \$4,000 is to rebuild a portion of the work of Shippegan, which when completed will cost \$12,000. \$3,000 is asked towards the construction of a wharf at Buctouche.

357. Harbors and Rivers—Quebec .....\$46,900.00

Mr. DESJARDINS. Perhaps this is the proper time to enquire of the Government whether they have been able to consider, this Session, the representations made to them on several occasions, relating to the urgency of deepening the channel between Montreal and Quebec. I do not see as yet any resolution on the paper, or any amount in the Estimates to show that the Government have taken action. The question is a most important one, affecting the interests of the trade and navigation of the St. Lawrence. I hope the Government have come to some conclusion; and we are anxious in our district, at least, to know if immediate action will be taken on this matter.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I am not in a position to give a positive answer this evening to the hon. gentleman;