

Cape Bald — Repairs to breakwater pier, \$3,100.

Mr. COPP: What do you propose to do at Cape Bald breakwater?

Mr. CARVELL: An appropriation of \$4,000 is asked by District Engineer Stead to construct four large concrete caissons to be placed about the outer corners of the pier, to reinforce the work which is partly broken there, and ten smaller caissons to protect the face of the work. The estimated cost of the four larger caissons is \$400 each, and the total amount proposed to be voted is \$3,100.

Mr. COPP: Has the minister the names of the gentlemen who have charge of the work?

Mr. CARVELL: I could not give the name of any one except Mr. Stead, the district engineer.

Mr. COPP: You have not the names of the foremen?

Mr. CARVELL: No.

Richibucto Beach—breakwater—repairs, and improvements, \$800.

Mr. LEGER: Is this supposed to be for the North Beach breakwater or the South Beach breakwater?

Mr. CARVELL: That is not the "sawdust wharf" you are referring to?

Mr. LEGER: Sawdust? No, the South Beach breakwater.

Mr. CARVELL: I beg your pardon.

Mr. LEGER: That sawdust wharf belongs to the old order and I would not refer to it here to-night. I am surprised that it is mentioned by the minister.

Mr. CARVELL: This amount of \$800 is asked by District Engineer Stead who states that the ends of both breakwaters are being cut into by the ice and it is proposed to put in stone at a cost of \$600, and also to build some breastworks to protect the beach works. He says that the appropriation for 1917-18 was \$1,600. I do not think any work was done last year at all. Is this not the work that has been referred to so many times in this House as the "sawdust wharf?"

Mr. LEGER: The work is on the beach and it is three miles away from the "sawdust wharf." Are these the only items recommended by the district engineer for the county of Kent? The sum of \$800 seems to be a pretty small provision to meet the public works which have not yet been com-

pleted in that county. For example, Richibucto Cape, Buctouche Beach and Kouchibouguac Beach breakwaters yet remain unfinished. There is also Little Gully breakwater, for the construction of which a large sum was voted three or four years ago. A large amount of material in the shape of stone and timber and other stuff was hauled to the spot and left there. This winter part of the stone was hauled to Richibucto Cape breakwater, a few miles away, and the timber was hauled away for firewood. There are lots of works needing attention along the shore, and I hesitate to believe that the reason why these works have not received attention is because of the change made in the representation from the county of Kent. I prefer to think it is due to war-time necessities.

Mr. CARVELL: So far as I know, this is the first request that has been made to me or to the department for any further expenditure of money in Kent county. I am not in a position to state what the engineer may have reported, or what may have been stated to the engineer. I take the items as I find them, and this is the only item which I find for the county of Kent. I would, perhaps, take it that public works have been so well looked after in the county of Kent of late years that probably no necessity exists for making further expenditures at the present time. There is a general vote of \$40,000, which will cover small repairs for which necessity may arise during the season, and if any accidents during the winter have necessitated repairs I give the hon. gentleman the same answer that I have given to other hon. gentlemen to-night.

Mr. LEGER: I do not know what the expenditure on Richibucto Cape breakwater has been, but work on it was undertaken last winter and was in progress when I left in March to come to Ottawa. I agree with the hon. member for Inverness (Mr. Chisholm) that it is a poor policy to undertake such work in winter time; it is simply money thrown away. I do not think it is fair to limit the expenditure for work of this kind to \$800 for the whole county when there are sixty miles of shore needing attention, many of which remain uncompleted. If the Government have determined not to proceed with these works all well and good, but as the representative of the county, I consider myself justified in asking that something be done to keep them in good repair. I do not blame the minister for neglecting to take proper mea-