

wharf. We now expect to spend this amount of \$2,000, of which \$1,800 is a re-vote.

Mr. LEFURGEY. Will this complete?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Point Prim island, Prince Edward Island—wharf, \$5,000.

Mr. FISHER. This is under contract and will be gone on with this summer.

Rustico harbour, Prince Edward Island—breakwater on Robinson's island, south side of entrance to harbour, \$2,500.

Mr. A. A. McLEAN. Has the construction of these works improved the depth of water?

Mr. FISHER. The works are not yet finished and we cannot tell exactly what the result will be.

Summerside harbour, Prince Edward Island—breakwater, \$75,000.

Mr. LEFURGEY. How is this progressing?

Mr. FISHER. Pretty well, I think. It is difficult to prepare labour and stone.

Mr. LEFURGEY. There can be no such difficulty in Prince Edward Island. Have the specifications been changed in any regard?

Mr. FISHER. I am told not.

Mr. LEFURGEY. How much of the contract has been completed?

Mr. FISHER. The amount of the contract is \$113,942.

Mr. LEFURGEY. I understand that this breakwater is being built to deepen the harbour and create a current out to the lighthouse to carry away the sand. At the present time parts of the harbour are largely sanded up, and I would like to know if the department have arranged any schedule for dredging it in certain places.

Mr. FISHER. We cannot do any dredging until the breakwater is completed.

Mr. LEFURGEY. You can do dredging in Summerside harbour at any time. There is nothing in the building of the breakwater to prevent dredging. If a third boat is to be put on next winter it is very important that the dredging should be done this season. A request was sent to the minister from the Summerside Board of Trade to that effect.

Mr. FISHER. I will look into the matter.

Mr. LEFURGEY. I asked a question on December 3 regarding dredging in Summerside harbour and also in Alberton harbour. The minister replied that he had received requisitions for dredging there, but had no schedule rates at the time. The department

Mr. FISHER.

ought to know whether they are going to carry on that work.

Mr. FISHER. We have not arranged a programme for that at the present time.

Mr. LEFURGEY. What dredges have you available for that work?

Mr. FISHER. We have dredges at work in Prince Edward Island, and I shall be glad to see if one of them can be sent to Summerside harbour.

Mr. LEFURGEY. Will the minister consider the case of Alberton also?

Mr. FISHER. I will look into the matter and see what can be done.

Mr. J. D. REID. Is the dredge 'Fielding' any use at all? I understand that it is not.

Mr. FISHER. She is one of the best dredges built for certain purposes. She requires deep water. She could not go into Summerside harbour.

Mr. J. D. REID. I understand that she cannot take on board very much of the material she dredges, as she is not built high enough on the sides, and for that reason is an absolute failure. I have heard that from reliable men.

Mr. FISHER. Last year we had not a scow to go with the 'Fielding.' But this year there will be scows attending on her to carry off the material.

Mr. J. D. REID. She was built to do deep water dredging without scows, because when the water is a little rough scows cannot go alongside of her. It turns out from what the minister says that she has proved a failure for what she was built, as she is now to be used in the same way as any other dredge.

Mr. FISHER. No, the 'Fielding' was built for work in large harbours. She has been tried in localities for which she was not fitted. She was primarily constructed for St. John harbour, but she has not been able to go there yet, although we hope that she will be working there before next winter. This year there will be scows attending on her to take away the material.

Mr. J. D. REID. What about the dredge 'Montague'? Has not she been idle and also turned out a failure?

Mr. FISHER. She is working all right.

Mr. J. D. REID. Where did she work last summer?

Mr. FISHER. In Victoria harbour, P.E.I.

Mr. A. A. McLEAN. She was only working a couple of months, and did very poor work. She was under repairs nearly all the time she was there, and only worked two or three hours a day.