

throughout the winter. Work could have been carried on very easily this winter as it was quite open, but I understand that only four workmen have been employed throughout the winter. But there were two inspectors on the job all the time, and they had a truck driver and a truck at their disposal. This work was being done for the relief of unemployment and I think, therefore, a full force should have been kept on all winter.

Mr. CARDIN: I cannot answer the charge made by my hon. friend, but I am surprised that such a thing has happened. I shall be glad to make proper inquiries and remedy this situation if it exists.

Mr. BROWN: This item includes \$250,000 for harbour improvements at Hamilton. Is this to be part of a more comprehensive scheme?

Mr. CARDIN: This amount is to provide for an initial portion of a proposed development in Hamilton harbour as requested by the harbour commission. The whole scheme calls for the construction of a revetment wall 4,417 feet long, surrounding an area owned by the harbour commission north of Burlington street and east of Wellington street. After the wall has been completed the enclosed area is to be filled in, which will reclaim 2,159,500 square feet or 50 acres of land. It has been represented to the department by the harbour commission that the present pier is insufficient to take care of the traffic, and it is proposed to develop the facilities in order to reclaim land next to the present pier.

Mr. MASSEY: Is the \$125,000 for a breakwater at Toronto island to be earmarked for any particular work?

Mr. CARDIN: This is a revote to provide for the federal government's share of approximately one-half the cost of constructing a breakwater 6,408 feet in length, along the south shore of Toronto island from Ward's island to Centre island.

Mr. MASSEY: It is not part of the \$400,000 scheme that was suggested?

Mr. CARDIN: No.

Mr. MASSEY: Is there any time limit to when this work must be finished? Are there any strings attached to this vote?

Mr. CARDIN: I am informed that this work is under way.

Mr. MASSEY: Quite, but when does it have to be completed?

Mr. CARDIN: It will be completed this fall.

Mr. LOCKHART: I am told that certain breakdowns occurred in the harbour of Port Weller and Port Colborne on the Welland ship canal, and I do not see anything in this item to cover this work.

Mr. CARDIN: We have not received any report covering that.

Mr. LOCKHART: The hon. member for Welland (Mr. Damude) perhaps would be in closer touch with this than I am, but I understand that this work needs attention.

Mr. CARDIN: It may be that the matter my hon. friend refers to would come under the Department of Transport. The Department of Public Works has received no report on this matter.

Mr. LOCKHART: Would not harbour work come under your department?

Mr. CARDIN: It would be the Department of Transport.

Mr. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): I notice that the largest amount in this vote is for harbour improvements at Port Arthur, \$260,000. That is a large amount of money. Could the minister tell us what is the nature of the improvements to the harbour at Port Arthur?

Mr. CARDIN: The amount is to provide for work under contract. Of this \$260,000, there is a revote of \$153,000. The contract has been awarded to the Canadian Dredge and Dock Company Limited. It is part of a scheme of improvement of the harbour which was commenced a number of years ago. The following is the work under contract and the cost at contract prices: completion of 1,000-foot section of breakwater immediately south of New Central entrance. That requires 11,000 tons armour stone, \$38,500; 150,000 cubic yards of core stone, \$135,000; rectification of 1,200 feet of breakwater, 13,200 tons armour stone, \$52,800; and 1,200 cubic yards of core stone, \$24,000. That, with inspections, surveys, et cetera, represents the amount of \$260,000.

Mr. DAMUDE: In connection with the harbour at Port Colborne, I understand that estimates are in the Department of Transport to the amount of \$86,000.

Mr. LOCKHART: Mostly maintenance, I think. I happen to know something about the region of Port Maitland, and I notice there is only \$2,700 in the estimates for work to be done there. May I have some information as to just what that breakwater consists of? I was under the impression that there was considerable work to be done there.