

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Is there only one lumber company there?

Mr. PUGSLEY. There is the Dominion Lumber Company, and the residents of Grande Vallée have also requested that these repairs be made as rapidly as possible.

Mr. SPROULE. Has this been transferred to the Department of Marine, and if so, what income is there from it?

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is a breakwater and not a wharf. Of course, it serves the purpose of a wharf, but its primary purpose is that of a breakwater. It also creates a harbour of refuge.

Mr. SPROULE. Is it pile or cribwork?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Cribwork.

Mr. SPROULE. If it is cribwork and \$10,000 has been spent on it surely it could have been done quite as well by contract as by day work. It is the most ordinary kind of work that could be done in the shape of a breakwater. I do not see any reason why it should not be done by contract and you would be much more likely to get a full return for the money than by doing the work by day labour.

Mr. PUGSLEY. In repairing a breakwater it is pretty difficult to specify with any certainty the work which will have to be done. If we were to specify less than was necessary, in order to receive tenders we would be liable to be called upon to pay quite large sums in extras, unless we specified it so liberally that the tenders might be larger than the actual cost would be. It is very difficult to specify with any reasonable degree of accuracy in a case like this where different kinds of repairs have to be made.

Mr. SPROULE. I would say that in a case of that kind it would be. I infer that this is a wharf as well as a breakwater.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The primary object is that of a breakwater, but it is used for both. It is called a breakwater pier.

Grosse Isle quarantine station—repairs and extension to wharf, \$30,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is required to make repairs to the wharf at Grosse Isle and to make further provision towards the extension of the eastern or hospital wharf. This larger work has been applied for by my hon. friend the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) who has assured me that it was regarded as absolutely essential for properly carrying on the quarantine work there.

Mr. SPROULE. There was some money voted last year. Is it the same work that is being carried on?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Last year \$4,200 was voted simply for repairs, while this larger sum here is for the extension of the wharf.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Will this complete the work?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes, it is expected it will.

Mr. SPROULE. What kind of an extension do you propose to make, and how do you propose to do the work?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I presume it will be of the same character as the present work. It will be close faced cribwork, ballasted and sheeted. The object is that the ocean steamers may land there and discharge passengers who are to be placed in quarantine.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Should not cement or some permanent material be used in such a work?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It would cost a great deal of money.

Mr. SPROULE. Will this be let by contract?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes.

Mr. SPROULE. Will this complete the work?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes.

Harrington Harbour wharf, north shore, Gulf of St. Lawrence, \$1,500.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to build a very necessary wharf to be utilized in connection with the most valuable work which Dr. Grenfell is doing on the Labrador coast.

Mr. SPROULE. We do not know whether Dr. Grenfell is a blacksmith or a lumberman or a mason, or what work he is doing. However, this is a small amount; is this to complete the work?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes. I thought my hon. friend knew Dr. Grenfell's work. He has devoted his life to the people along the Labrador coast.

Mr. LENNOX. He is the man who brought out the reindeers.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes. Dr. Grenfell has done considerable himself in the way of giving accommodation at Harrington harbour, and this amount is required to complete the work.

Mr. SPROULE. Carried.

Ile Verte—repairs to wharf, \$1,500.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The estimated cost is \$2,500. We will have to ask for a thousand more later.

Kamouraska wharf—repairs, \$1,200.