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Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—*Con.*

the horse-power of this new \$250,000 hydraulic dredge?—805. The country has not been getting value for the money it has paid for dredging. Minister should advertise for honest tenders—811. The plans for the harbour of Port Arthur were drawn at a time when it was not contemplated that any great transcontinental road would be built to reach the harbour—813.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Minister of Public Works)—784.

This vote is for the purpose of continuing the work of dredging which has been in progress for a number of years. The harbour is being deepened 22 feet—784. The total estimate for the whole work of dredging is \$815,000—785. There are different prices for different kinds of work. It is all done to a standard—789. It is the policy of the department to increase its dredging fleet. Gives names of dredges, with owners—790. No contract has been made or arrangement of any kind, except after a report of the chief engineer—791. The department can do no work at Port Arthur or at Kaministiquia until such time as we get up-to-date dredges—792. At the present time we are building a new dredge on the most approved plans, and we hope to be able to accomplish some results with that dredge—793. I do not know of a single dredge of any capacity which is available in Canada for the works of the department that we are not using—794. We are gradually trying to equip ourselves with hydraulic and elevator dredges. Rises to point of order—796. The estimate of \$195,000 is based on the engineer's estimate of the amount of work to be done this year—797. There is an appreciable portion at the mouth of the Kaministiquia where we shall require practically continuous dredging—800. The department has sources of information which it has carefully considered in fixing the price at 15 cents—801-2. Explains different dredging rates of the department—806. If hon friend (Mr. Barker) will give particulars, I will be glad to have matter investigated—808. It is not fair that with one dredge working 10 hours a day and another working 12 hours the inspector on each dredge should receive the same amount, \$3—810. Hope to be able to visit Port Arthur with the chief engineer and be able to form some idea of any additional requirements of that harbour—813.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—808.

Where they charge for so much a day, and have by contract to take out a certain number of cubic yards per day, they sometimes do very irregular work—808. There should be a very reliable man on each dredge to see that the scows are properly filled—809. Owners of certain dredges get a great deal more than is a reasonable return for their labour—811. Whoever comes here and asks the House

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to vote money ought to be prepared to give such information to the House as to enable it to intelligently vote the money—812.

Port Colborne—harbour improvements, including eastern breakwater, \$150,000—815.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—815.

Is this for the purpose of making the harbour more secure against storms?—815.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—815.

How does the minister explain an expenditure of \$140,000 last year and \$150,000 this year?—815. Is the dredging under the same department as the building of the breakwater?—816.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Minister of Public Works)—815.

This contract is for \$179,000. It was let on June 8, 1904, and should be completed November 30, 1905—815. Until the work under the Department of Railways and Canals is completed, we cannot say exactly where the dredging work ought to be carried on—816.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—815.

What is the total expenditure, and how long will it be before the work is finished?—815.

Mulock, Hon. Sir William (Postmaster General)—816.

The breakwater will be a shelter for vessels, and will be the completion of a portion of the work—816.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—815.

What amount of money has been spent on the work, and in what state of advancement is it?—815. What depth of water will there be when the whole work is finished?—817.

Grosse Isle quarantine station—improvements in repairs, supplies, &c., \$8,000—6734.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6734.

We voted some time ago an amount of money for that same purpose—6734.

Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—6734.

The expenditures at Grosse Isle are under the supervision of the Public Works Office at Quebec—6734.

Montreal harbour (lower division)—improvement below St. Mary's current, \$90,000—814.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—814.

Is that the contract made with Malone & Poupore? Was the original work completed within the stipulated time?—814. What was the amount of the original contract, and what would be the total expenditure when completed?—815.