

hood of Winnipegosis, in addition to a large number of settlers around the lake, which is one of the largest we have in the whole Dominion of Canada. I trust that if the figure which is under discussion is not sufficient to put that dredge in operation during the coming summer the minister will see to it that provision is made in the supplementary estimates for a sufficient amount to keep it in operation so that the channel may be kept open.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): My hon. friend, both on this occasion and previously in conversations with me, has, I think, made out a good case in favour of his contention. I cannot assure him that we will make provision for it, but I will give his very strong argument further consideration.

Mr. VENIOT: Maritime province dredging, item 124, is \$149,200. Could the minister tell me where that money is to be expended?

Mr. PRICE: In item 116 I see an amount for Shippigan, \$25,300, which is in the constituency represented by the hon. member for Gloucester (Mr. Veniot). I cannot understand what his objection can be at the present time—

Mr. VENIOT: I am not objecting.

Mr. PRICE: —and why he is objecting to other expenditures in different parts of the province of New Brunswick. If ever there was an expenditure in New Brunswick which was not justified it is the expenditure at Shippigan, and here we have an item of \$25,300 to continue the work. We had previously an appropriation of \$80,000 for Caissie Cape, Kent county, a work which has cost now in the vicinity of \$100,000, and was never justified in the world, while other parts of the provinces were neglected under the administration of which he was a representative. No expenditure is allowed for repair of wharves at Pointe du Chene, and nothing for Barachois, one of the French Acadian districts. We have on record the hon. member for Gloucester criticizing, wanting to know how much was spent in this district of Barachois; the people of that district long have desired a wharf, a place to handle their lobster fisheries—

Mr. VENIOT: Order, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. PRICE: —a portion of the county in which no provision was ever made by the previous administration. I want to say to

the hon. member for Gloucester that under this present administration expenditures have been made to provide for these fishermen who have been duly shown to be justified in making the applications they have made. They have been provided for under the present administration as they never were provided for under the government which preceded it. And when the hon. gentleman, if he has the privilege in later years to go into those towns in Westmorland county and tell the good people along Northumberland straits what he told them in previous years with regard to what has been done for them, and criticizing the present administration, I want to tell him that he will meet with just the reception and the criticism he deserves. He cannot go to that district and criticize the present administration which has done so much for the fishermen of Westmorland, whom the previous administration never helped.

Let me say, Mr. Chairman, that many expenditures made by the previous administration cannot be justified. I might mention this item of \$25,300 for Shippigan, which is required to complete work that was begun by the previous administration. The facts are here; many unjustifiable expenditures were made in the province of New Brunswick simply for political purposes, while other constituencies such as my own have suffered simply because they were represented here by members who were in opposition to the government. I do not understand how the hon. gentleman has the nerve to stand up in this house and attempt to justify the expenditure of \$25,300 for Shippigan. The same thing applies in Kent county, where over \$80,000 was spent in order to construct a wharf and breakwater for about six or eight fishermen. That was the biggest steal ever put over in the province of New Brunswick.

Mr. VENIOT: I am somewhat surprised at the heat with which the hon. member for Westmorland has discussed an item which was passed about an hour ago. He should have been in his place then. I have not criticized, either during this session or any other session, the expenditure of money in the province of New Brunswick. I asked for information, to which I have a right as a member of this house. To-night I asked the minister for information with regard to the expenditure at Shippigan, which my hon. friend says is not justified. If that is so let him have his battle with the Minister of Public Works, because I never recommended that expenditure.