

Mr. PUGSLEY. The training pier is for the purpose of directing the current so as to keep the channel clear.

Mr. LENNOX. Why was this \$2,000 held over?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It was one of those works which we decided to postpone last year on account of a shrinkage in the revenue.

Contrecoeur—wharf—revote of \$1,000 lapsed, \$3,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to reconstruct the old wharf purchased from the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company. The estimated cost is \$7,000, and the cost of the old wharf is \$2,000. We spent, in 1908-9, \$2,000. We will require \$4,000 to complete the work.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Why did you buy the wharf?

Mr. PUGSLEY. We bought it because we thought it would be in the public interest that it should be owned by the Crown, and we were able to get it at a very low price.

Mr. LENNOX. What is this made of? Is it made of good substantial material, and not sawdust?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Sawdust is only a name. I hope that the hon. gentleman will not die anywhere within the next 50 years, and that when he does die the word 'sawdust' will not be found engraved on his heart.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I think it is more likely to be engraved on the minister's heart. Is the minister embarking to any considerable extent in the business of buying wharfs?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Not to a large extent. We buy them where we can get them very cheap, and where it is in the interest of the public to acquire them.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What representations were made to the minister to urge him to buy this wharf?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The member for the county, and also the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, both urged it strongly as being in the public interest. It is in the county of Chambly and Verchères.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. When was it acquired by the government?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It was acquired, pursuant to order in council dated April 1, 1909.

Mr. LENNOX. Do the Richelieu and Ontario Company continue to use it?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am informed by the Solicitor General that they use it. I would assume that they have an arrangement now by way of lease with the Marine De-

partment; if they have not, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries took authority last session to insist upon a rental. I am in error as to this. It has not been transferred yet to the Marine Department, and will not be until it is finished. It will require \$4,000 more to complete. The total cost will be \$9,000. We paid \$2,000 for the wharf.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What is the amount of revenue?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am not able to say. There is a large amount of traffic carried on in agriculture, fishing and manufactured products.

Mr. LENNOX. It was out of repair when the government bought it, I assume?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It required repairing. The resident engineer reported that the foundation was good, the part under water being sound and just as good as new.

Doucet's Landing—pile wharf—to complete, \$2,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to pay balances due on the work, and to complete repairs on the roadway leading from the highway to the wharf.

Mr. LENNOX. What is the total cost?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is expected that \$10,-587.10 will cover the cost, of which there has been paid \$8,587.10, leaving a balance of \$2,000. This is quite a large wharf, 163½ feet long with 12 feet depth of water at low tide. It is near the railway.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Is it a new wharf?

Mr. BUREAU. Yes.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Where is it?

Mr. BUREAU. It is at the terminus of the Grand Trunk railway running from Arthabaska. It is opposite Three Rivers. The Grand Trunk are the owners of a wharf there and they had to contribute to get on that particular wharf. This is to provide accommodation for the traffic which is increasing all the time on that side.

Mr. LENNOX. A pile wharf, is a cheap class of wharf, is it not?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It may be a little cheaper than cribwork, but a pile wharf may be a permanent construction. I think all the wharfs in the harbour of New York are pile wharfs.

Mr. LENNOX. Sometimes you build a pile wharf and sometimes a crib wharf?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It depends on the opportunity for driving piles. If there is a good foundation for driving piles it may be better to drive the piles rather than construct cribwork. In some cases you must