

fishermen enough water. It would not cost much to continue this work and thus afford a very much needed accommodation. At Cribbin's Point a small amount, \$1,000, required to complete repairs to the wharf has been dropped. At Delorey's Beach a small amount was voted to carry on a contract for the erection of a breakwater to cost \$14,000. The necessity of the work was clearly pointed out in the report of the engineer. But this is left where the present government found it. At Livingstone's Cove there is a provision of \$2,000, the second item in Antigonish county that has not been dropped. At McNair's Cove for the extension and repairs to the breakwater wharf there was a vote of \$5,400 but that has been dropped. This is an important port at which the subsidized steamer between Pictou, Antigonish and Inverness calls, and there is quite a good deal of fishing and trading done there, and the extension is a real necessity. Not even the appropriation made by the late government is however now available for improvements there. At Malignant Cove \$1,341 was to be expended to complete the extension of the channel piers, but that has been dropped. The piers that are there will simply be wiped out before the fall storms are over. At McAra's Brook \$991 was to be expended but this has been dropped. At Southlake, \$4,000 was to be spent. Some money has been spent there since the change of government, some stones and material provided.

What are they going to do with all the stone which the faithful have hauled there since September 21? This really is an important work and I cannot understand how this item was dropped from the estimates by the minister. It would only have cost \$2,000 or \$3,000, I would have supposed, to have extended the piers so as to give plenty of water for the fishing boats and for the steamer that calls there at times, and also to save the opening or channel in the beach from filling in. As far as the South Lake work is concerned, I cannot understand why the minister has dropped it out of the estimates. I would ask him to state whether he proposes to have an item in the Supplementary Estimates for it. It is rather significant that in the whole county there are only two items. The hon. member for Colchester (Mr. Stanfield) referred to Yarmouth and Digby, and I would ask the minister to institute a comparison and to observe the contrast. I looked over some of the counties represented by Conservatives, and I found that they are fairly well treated. I am not at all insinuating that they are treated too generously or that they are getting appropriations and advantages that they ought not to get, but I cannot under-

Mr. CHISHOLM (Antigonish).

stand the minister, finding these items in the old estimates and having no report from the engineer which would justify him in dropping them, no evidence to show that the work is not as necessary or urgent to-day as two years ago, dropping these votes without consulting somebody. If he does not choose to consult the representative of the county, he could consult those who give him advice in some other matters, for instance those who give him advice in the matter of dismissals. I would urge with respect to the items that I have referred to, that he make provision for them in the Supplementary Estimates. All I ask is that he shall procure a report from the engineer and I am quite satisfied that the engineer will tell him that these works are just as urgent as they were a year or two ago and that they should be completed at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. MONK. My hon. friend must not imagine that a minister must have the authority of the district engineer to enable him to go on with the work. The minister decides that himself from what he knows the government will authorize him to spend in a locality. The minister has a certain sum which he knows he can spend and he is obliged to divide it as equitably as possible. I did not follow all that my hon. friend has said, but he spoke about McAra's Brook—

Mr. CHISHOLM (Antigonish). McNair's Cove.

Mr. MONK. Not McAra's Brook?

Mr. CHISHOLM (Antigonish). No. I referred to McAra's Brook as one of the items that had been dropped.

Mr. MONK. Was that an urgent work?

Mr. CHISHOLM (Antigonish). I would not say that it was a particularly urgent work, but it is as urgent as it was a year ago. It would be a great convenience to the fishermen and the amount is very small.

Mr. MONK. The district engineer says in his report:

Application was made to Mr. Chisholm, M.P., for the name of a foreman to expend the amount voted, but as no name was given the work was not undertaken.

Mr. CHISHOLM (Antigonish). If a request of that kind was made on the eve of the election certainly I did not name any foreman because there was only five-twelfths of the grant available and the engineer was not desirous of going ahead with the work unless the whole sum was available. It would be a very unfortunate thing if, after an expenditure of five-twelfths had been incurred, no more work could be done for want of further funds