

to the request? I do not know how he expects us to sit to midnight again.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): We shall be through soon. It is only eleven o'clock.

Mr. MEIGHEN: The minister will not be through soon. He can make up his mind to that.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): I think we ought to get these estimates through. My hon. friend was complaining a few minutes ago that we had not gone on with these estimates.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Not at all. The point was raised that the minister had not time to call for tenders now, and we wanted to know why these estimates were not brought up long ago, instead of all sorts of material that certainly was in no hurry, and most of which had better not have been brought before the House at all.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): Could we not run through these few and let the rest stand?

Mr. MEIGHEN: Which few?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): The items pertaining to harbours and rivers, Quebec.

Mr. ROBB: If my hon. friend would consent to going through the Quebec items—

Mr. MEIGHEN: The minister wants to drive us past midnight every night. Last week we had two nights till nearly four o'clock. We have put through province after province, and the minister now wants to run through items totalling thousands of dollars at the end of the week, keeping us here past an hour when we should normally adjourn. There is no use being reasonable with the government if that is the attitude they assume.

Mr. ROBB: I admit we have worked very hard this week, but I am sure my hon. friend is as desirous as we all are to get through some time. We threshed out all these items in council, and spent two months getting them chopped down.

Mr. BUREAU: It is very unfortunate the axe should fall on Quebec.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Last time the minister rose in his seat it was to move that "repairs" should be struck out. The government had evidently put it in hoping that nobody behind would get jealous, and it turned out not to be repairs at all.

Mr. ROBB: We moved that the title of the item be changed.

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Mr. MEIGHEN: It was not repairs at all. I am prepared to meet the government by proceeding to the bottom of the page.

Cacouna—Wharf repairs, \$1,875.

Mr. STEVENS: What is the total expended on this up to date?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): \$56,133. This is to lay a platform in 2 inch flooring for a length of 650 feet by 12 feet in width, and a platform in 3 inch flooring for a length of 50 feet by 15 feet.

Mr. BUREAU: It is one of the most fashionable watering places on the St. Lawrence.

Mr. MEIGHEN: What county is it in?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): Temiscouata.

Item agreed to.

Cannes des Roches—Breakwater extension, \$3,500.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This is in Gaspé county. It is a revote required to complete the contract for the construction of an open-faced cribwork extension 100 feet long by 20 feet wide.

Mr. STEVENS: This is a contract?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): Yes.

Cap à l'Aigle—Wharf improvements, \$2,050.

Mr. MEIGHEN: This is an entirely new item, what is the reason for it.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): The vote is to renew the frame work of the hoisting apparatus, renew the movable slip, repair the coping and the steel plate at the southwest corner and construct a waiting room in the freight shed.

Mr. STEVENS: Does the minister consider that this item will finish what he has outlined, or is it simply the beginning—just to edge it in like a previous item of \$1,875 where \$56,000 has been already spent.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): That expenditure was from the date of the commencement of the work up to the present.

Mr. STEVENS: Is this starting something new or is the vote for the purpose of completing the work?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): I have already given the information as to what is to be done. The vote is to carry out the work I have described.

Item agreed to.