

ocean point, expend your money there in sufficient sums to give us what we really need, and cease to expend money at the other place. But if we are going on at the rate of \$25,000 a year at each of these places, that is not a sufficient sum for either, and it is too much for the one that is not to be used.

Mr. LEMIEUX. I think some dredging will have to be done this summer, and it will take one or two years at least to complete the work at Father Point.

Mr. BERGERON. I understand that the longer the wharf the greater the quantity of sand that gathers around it. If that is so, we are likely to have trouble there. Why could not the mails be taken from the steamships on tenders instead of bringing the steamships to the wharf? Would it not be better to land the passengers and freight on tenders, as is done with the Royal Mail Steamship Companies?

Mr. LEMIEUX. The steamer does not stop at the wharf but unloads upon a tender drawn up alongside of her. But even last summer the tender was unable to approach the ship on two occasions because there was not sufficient depth of water.

Grande Rivière de Beauport—wharf, \$3,500.

Mr. MORIN. I would like to ask the minister where that wharf will be built.

Mr. FISHER. The lot on which it is to be built was bought from Mr. Joseph Coté, at the mouth of the Rivière Beauport.

Mr. MORIN. It must be near the old wharf, I suppose. You cannot build a wharf at the mouth of the river.

Mr. FISHER. We bought the old Morel wharf, and are going to rebuild it. The cost will probably be about \$10,000. For the old wharf we paid \$1,200, and \$300 for the land adjacent to it. Sea-going ships now have to load in the roadstead from lighters. The lighters now have no place to load, and they will come to the wharf.

Mr. MORIN. At low tide the water is 800 feet from the wharf. It rises 15 to 20 feet.

Grand Méchins—breakwater, \$30,000.

Mr. FISHER. A contract has been let for \$26,900. It is expected that the total cost will be \$30,000.

Mr. BERGERON. When was the first money voted?

Mr. FISHER. \$20,000 was voted last year, and this is a revote. The contract was let to John J. Collins of Ottawa, last October. Practically no money has been spent there up to the 31st of March last.

Mr. BERGERON. I find by the Auditor General's Report that some money has been spent there. You bought a piece of land from Mr. Bell.

Mr. FISHER. That was in 1904, before tenders were called for. It was spent in the purchase of timber for the construction of a breakwater.

Mr. BERGERON. How much property was bought?

Mr. FISHER. There was \$3,000 paid.

Mr. BERGERON. There was more than that; there was \$3,714.16 by the Auditor General's Report. That was spent during the election of 1904.

Mr. FISHER. I cannot say as to that.

Mr. BERGERON. Yes, I have it here in the Auditor General's Report. It was in October, 1904.

Mr. FISHER. Does the Auditor General say it was spent in an election?

Mr. BERGERON. No, but the Auditor General says that the money was spent in October, 1904, and I know it was during election time.

Mr. FISHER. You should make a distinction between a quotation and your own assertion.

Mr. BERGERON. I see there was an amount of money paid to a notary. What had a notary to do with that?

Mr. FISHER. I suppose it was in connection with the buying of the site.

Mr. BERGERON. There was a piece of land bought from Mr. Verrault.

Mr. FISHER. The approach to the pier for the sum of \$50 was bought from Pierre Verrault.

Mr. BERGERON. What is the size of the land?

Mr. FISHER. I do not find a description of the land. It probably was not very large if it only cost \$50.

Mr. BERGERON. Who is Mr. Verrault?

Mr. FISHER. I do not know.

Mr. BERGERON. What was paid for advertising?

Mr. FISHER. I cannot tell.

Mr. BERGERON. I can; \$208.50.

Mr. FISHER. Then do not ask me.

Mr. BERGERON. There is a large amount of money spent in advertising. Of course, I understand the object of it. It is just given to a lot of little papers all over the country. It starts with Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Halifax and Kingston and then it goes to all the weekly papers all over the Dominion.

Mr. FISHER. No.

Mr. BERGERON. I have seen an advertisement in a little paper published forty miles outside of Montreal for works to be