

ince of Quebec. I want to assure my hon. friend that in making up the Estimates, the question of whether this or that province was getting more or less appropriation never entered into our minds for a moment; it was purely according to what we considered the transportation necessities of the country.

Mr. EULER: I would regret very much if the minister felt that I was indulging in criticisms on the ground that other provinces were receiving an undue share of the public appropriations, because that was not my intention. I brought the matter up so that it should be decided purely on its merits, and for no other reason. I do not understand, however, from what the delegation announced when they interviewed the minister, and from other information in my possession, that the amount of \$6,000 would put the harbour temporarily into condition, but in that view I may be wrong. If investigation has been made, and that amount of money will serve, we will certainly be all the more satisfied.

Mr. CARVELL: That is what our engineers report.

Mr. EULER: Then I will not go behind that report. I do not think it was the intention of the delegation to ask the minister now to expend the amount of money that would be required to put the harbour permanently into the condition in which it should be, but that something should be done this year to make use of the facilities that we would have, through the railway in question, to import coal. So far as other ports on Lake Erie are concerned, I do not think that for the importation of coal into the manufacturing centres, they are of any particular value. I think practically all the coal that now comes in comes across the bridge at Niagara Falls.

Mr. CARVELL: I think my hon. friend is correct. The delegation, according to my recollection, asked for the expenditure of about \$70,000.

Mr. EULER: About \$60,000.

Mr. CARVELL: Well, about \$60,000, or \$70,000.

Manitoba—Harbours and rivers generally—Repairs and improvements, \$15,000.

Mr. CAHILL: What is this item for?

Mr. CARVELL: It is a general vote for the province just the same as has been voted for all the rest of the provinces. If any unforeseen expenditure becomes necessary, we
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have this small vote out of which to pay the expenses.

Mr. CAHILL: I hope the minister is not asking for this money just because it has been voted before, but because it is absolutely necessary. There does not seem to be any great number of harbours and rivers in Manitoba.

Mr. CARVELL: There are important wharves and works upon the Red River and upon Lake Winnipeg. I am not a judge of exactly how necessary those works are, but they must be kept in repair. If an accident happens unless we have a vote of this kind we have no way of meeting the expenditure.

Mr. CAHILL: Was the amount voted last year spent?

Mr. CARVELL: No, last year only \$2,805 was expended.

Saskatchewan and Alberta—harbours and rivers generally—repairs and improvements, \$20,000.

Mr. CAHILL: Can the minister state how much money was spent last year?

Mr. CARVELL: The sum of \$2,377 was spent last year.

Mr. KNOX: In view of the size of the territory covered, have the points been defined where this money is likely to be spent?

Mr. CARVELL: No, it is just a general vote taken for the purpose of safety. We hope that it may not be necessary to expend the money.

British Columbia—Fraser River (Lower)—Improvements, \$21,500.

Mr. STACEY: The term "Lower Fraser" has a varied interpretation. Sometimes in certain circles it means that portion of the river below New Westminster city, and sometimes in other circles and under other circumstances it means that portion of the river below Hope. What interpretation does the department give, and how much of the Fraser river is actually covered by the vote?

Mr. CARVELL: This is what is called the "snag" vote, and the stretch to which it applies extends to Chilliwack above New Westminster.

Dredging—New dredging plant—Ontario and Quebec, \$6,000.

Mr. DuTREMBLAY: Will the minister explain this item?

Mr. CARVELL: This is for what is called the shipyard in Ottawa, the place at the