

Mr. MACKENZIE. I do not think that the vote should go on at all, as there must be some mistake. I do not wish to delay the Committee, but I think that vote should be struck out.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I am certain there is no mistake, as the vote was taken last year, and repeated this, after consideration.

Mr. MACKENZIE. But really there is no explanation possible.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The hon. gentleman should not allow himself to prejudge the case. There may be a very good explanation, as I have no doubt there is.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. The hon. gentleman knows that when he was Minister of Public Works he constantly aided railways which were not Government railways. He gave them infinitely greater facilities than this small amount to a railway company to extend their wharf accommodation. As the hon. gentleman set the example over and over again, of giving public money for the assistance of railways, I do not think that he should say that this is starting a new principle, or that it is not a right and proper expenditure. I take it for granted that this railway company required assistance, and instead of giving it, as the hon. gentleman did, to place rails on the road, it is given to assist in extending their wharf accommodation. This is a perfectly right and proper thing, and is entirely in conformity with the policy which the hon. gentleman himself pursued, and for which he asked and obtained the support of this House.

Mr. MACKENZIE. The hon. gentleman is entirely mistaken. I never aided any railway by vote. The giving of rails to existing branches was a different thing, and I took a vote of the House for it, but this is for an extension of a wharf. It is assumed by the vote that it is a Government work, whereas the Government have no railway on that side of the harbour at all. I do not think that the hon. gentleman is so much in love with the company that he should build a wharf for them without telling them that he intended to do it.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. This vote is for the purpose of encouraging and probably purchasing from that company the property they have there, and to give facilities for a winter port. It is part of the arrangement in connection with the western railways on that side of the harbour.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Then it should be worded differently, and called wharves and wharf accommodation. This looks as if the Government owned the wharf already.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The Carleton Branch Railway Company own the wharf, which is 1,600 feet in length, and capable of extension, so as to make it the finest wharf accommodation in America. It is required for the purpose of affording facilities for loading and unloading freight.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Does the Government buy the land?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. It is proposed to buy the land and afford accommodation there.

Mr. MACKENZIE. What accommodation?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. For the railways coming there.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Which railways?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Those coming through from Montreal. One is by crossing the bridge on the eastern side and this is on the western side.

Mr. MACKENZIE. There is the Grand Southern and the Canada New Brunswick, which is to have the wharf presented to them?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. If the arrangements are made which are contemplated, to have a through line from Montreal to St. John, then the New Brunswick Railway Company have leased the road from the boundary of Maine to St. John, including the Carleton Branch, and the Carleton Branch Railway owns this railway and the 1,600 feet frontage on the western side of the harbour; and this is for the purpose of affording facilities there for the discharge of cargoes and for the erection of elevators or anything else that may be necessary for the handling of freight.

Mr. MACKENZIE. When was this project gone into?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Last year.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Was Parliament asked last year?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The Government were asked to afford the facilities, and the Government complied with the request.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. They do not appear to have spent any money.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. No; because a satisfactory arrangement could not be made, and therefore it is asked to allow the matter to stand over until next year.

Mr. MACKENZIE. The Government have no Bill before Parliament authorizing them to engage in such a work.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Perhaps the hon. gentleman will find, before the House rises, that there will be Bills before the House which will enlighten him on this subject.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Perhaps there will. I know that when I pointed out similar acts in the past, Bills have been introduced, and perhaps this will be done again. But there has been no sanction of Parliament given to this connection. The hon. gentleman is not able to tell which of the railroads is to obtain this money, or if it is to be paid to them and on what terms. I am very sorry the whole Government are not able to give us some explanation.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. How much money will be wanted?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. It is just possible, if the business which is hoped for is obtained, that an additional sum may be required, but this is all at present.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Will the Minister of Public Works bring down any correspondence or Order in Council in respect to this? Of course I cannot move for them at this period of the Session.

Mr. GILLMOR. Will the Grand Southern Railway have a right to use that wharf, in the event of the Government purchasing it?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Of course, the Government will be very glad to afford facilities to all lines to connect with it.

HARBOURS AND RIVERS, QUEBEC.

New Carlisle—Municipality having voted \$1,000	\$ 4,000 00
Trois Pistoles—To complete	750 00
Rivière du Loup (<i>en bas</i>)—To complete	14,000 00
River Saguenay—Improvement of channel below Chicoutimi—To complete	4,500 00
Baie St. Paul—Local authorities furnishing \$3,000—To complete	5,000 00
River St. Lawrence—Removal of chains, anchors, boulders, &c.	5,000 00
River Nicolet—Harbour of Refuge	9,000 00
River Yamaska	15,000 00
St. Zotique—To complete	1,250 00
River du Lièvre	6,000 00
Etang du Nord—To continue work	6,000 00
St. François, Island of Orleans	4,000 00
115 Quebec—Marine Hospital Wharves—To complete	1,500 00
Berthier (<i>en bas</i>)	4,500 00
River St. Louis	5,000 00
Lanoraie—The locality furnishing \$1,500 ..	4,000 00
Percé	5,000 00