

appropriations for Cape Breton amounted to \$8,300, of which Inverness County received \$5,500. Last year Prince Edward Island received \$53,850. Hon. members will at a glance see the great disparity, and Cape Breton is the most important portion of Canada, according to its size. Our waters teem with the finest of fish. The soil is as fertile as any in the maritime provinces, our rivers are full of the finest salmon and trout, we have an almost inexhaustible coal supply, also gold, silver, copper, iron, manganese, marble, limestone, gypsum, plumbago and other minerals, which are all awaiting development. If the island received greater attention from the Government these resources would be developed and become a source of wealth not only to Cape Breton but to the Dominion at large. I think I have said enough to convince the Minister of the necessity of establishing a harbour of refuge at North Pond, Aspy Bay in the county which I have the honour to represent, without delay. I am willing that it should be called after the hon. Minister if he likes—Harbour Tarte would sound well—and in that way his name would be perpetuated during the ages to come. If he carries out these works for the county of Victoria, I am satisfied the people there will call him blessed. This subject is one of importance to my county and I earnestly hope it will receive the Minister's attention; in fact I am satisfied it will, because I am convinced the hon. gentleman is inclined to do what is right and just.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I have listened with a great deal of interest to the remarks made by my hon. friend from Victoria, and it will be my pleasant duty to give his observations every attention when I consider my Supplementary Estimates.

Mr. KAULBACH. While on the subject of harbours, I desire to offer a remark or two with respect to the county I have the honour to represent. For some years we have been asking for repairs to be made at a place known as Sawpit Wharf, a work that should have received the attention of the Government some time ago. There has been no lack of appeals made by myself in regard to it, but it now needs the attention of the Government. It is a work that is much required, for the wharf is of great convenience to persons coming and going to the town of Lunenburg. It is only about three-quarters of a mile from the town, and they very often are compelled to go a distance of something like twenty miles around the arm of the bay, and to go into ruffled water in order to get into the harbour. It necessitates not only that distance of travel but also the dangers of the open ocean. It would not cost more than \$250 to repair that structure. I have been previously answered by the Govern-

ment, that the reason for not giving the grant, was, that there was no transfer of that property from the local Government to the Dominion. That is no fault of mine. I have made the request several times, and nothing has been done by way of obtaining that transfer. Another structure placed somewhat similarly, is known as Young's Landing, it is about two miles from the town and is of as much importance as the wharf previously referred to. It is in the Back Bay of Mahone, commonly known as Mastine Brook, and in the winter time the town can be reached from no other point conveniently, except by going out or around that immense peninsula, and into ruffled water which entails many risks. That is another convenience to the public that I am asking for and it is somewhat similar to Sawpit wharf. That structure is also claimed by the local Government, and a request has been made that a grant be given by the Federal Government for the necessary repairs which would cost like that of Sawpit wharf also about \$250. These amounts are very small, and there is no reason why these repairs should not receive attention and the necessary grant given. I would ask the hon. Minister of Public Works to make immediate inquiry, and if it is possible for him to do so, I should be much pleased if he would make the grant. While I am on my feet, I might draw the attention of the Government to another matter in connection with our harbours. The harbour of Lunenburg is more frequented than any other harbour of Nova Scotia, except that of Halifax. We have no less than 130 or 150 sailing vessels independent of steamers belonging to this port. With the exception of Halifax, we have as large an export as is to be found in the province, the export of fish more particularly, and we also export very largely of agricultural products. We find the depth of water in that harbour a very great inconvenience for vessels at low tide. The tide is only six feet rise and fall, but still, the waters are so shallow that at certain seasons of the year—particularly in spring when the westerly winds blow stronger than at any other time, and drives the water from the coast—that it very frequently occurs, that steamers are unable to reach the piers and are compelled to remain in the mud until the tide permits them to come further. This has been a request of mine for some years, and a definite promise was given me three years ago that a dredge would be sent there. It has not been sent yet, and I would urgently appeal to the Minister that this work shall receive his very earliest attention. It is a matter of greater importance than the dredging of any other port in the province. The Minister will find on inquiry, that my statements are correct, and he need have no scruples in granting the request I make. I will therefore ask that these public works should receive his early attention.