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areas, or areas that have not been designated should have priority in an accelerated program of public work projects. I do not mean large scale projects, but those coming within the range of \$1,500 to \$15,000 for which local contractors and labour would qualify.

Before putting several questions to the minister, I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the officials of his department who, within the confines of their responsibility, have been most receptive to and considerate of requests I have made.

I do not expect the minister to give me a detailed reply tonight, but if he can let me have the information later I will be satisfied. With respect to the sum of \$4,600 for exhibits, advertising, films, broadcasting and displays, I should like to know whether tender advertising is included and, if so, would the minister provide me with a breakdown of the moneys spent on such services by district in each province, for public works construction, public buildings accommodation and maintenance, harbour facilities, construction, repair and dredging.

Mr. McLraith: Mr. Chairman, the item does not include advertising which covers tender notices. It includes the kind of displays the department might put up, for example, at a meeting of the Royal Architectural Institute. However, I shall be happy to provide the hon. member with the detailed information he has requested.

Mr. Loney: Under which item does tender advertising come?

Mr. McLraith: It comes under the vote for general expenditure for projects, depending on whether it is for harbours and rivers, building construction or other headings. There is no advertising item as such. I have noted the hon. member's question and I shall provide the information in full to him.

Mr. Herridge: Mr. Chairman, as usual under these circumstances I shall be quite brief. I have always been interested in this department because I have been closely associated with it since the beginning years of this century. I have supervised the building of miles of highways, wharves, other things of that sort, and so I know something about this type of work.

I shall never forget when we had the first wharf on the Arrow Lakes. We did things formally in those days. We had a dinner in a backwoods village, where there were no roads, nothing but black tar. In passing, may

[Mr. Loney.]

I say that sometimes I wish those days would return again.

As a result of the building of the dams on the Columbia River, naturally a number of communities will be flooded out, and wharves will be needed in other locations. I should like to ask the minister what proposals are being made for the relocation of these wharves when this project is completed, and who will bear the cost of relocating them along the lakes and along the river?

I should also like to ask what amount is available this year for the maintenance of the wharves still being used and operated? What plans has the department for the maintenance of a supervisor in Nelson, and of a headquarters office? If the minister cannot supply the answers now, I shall be happy to get them from him later in writing.

Mr. McLraith: I shall be very glad to give them in writing.

Item agreed to.

• (7:30 p.m.)

25. Construction or acquisition of equipment, \$1,161,500.

Mr. Keays: Mr. Chairman, would the minister give some consideration to the purchase of more plant and equipment for the dredging operation. As I mentioned some time ago a good deal of our dredging operations can be conducted only during the fall when the fishing season is over. With more plant and equipment, I wonder whether it would be possible to get this work done at the proper time of the year.

Mr. McLraith: Mr. Chairman, I would be very glad to consider that suggestion.

Item agreed to.

40. Construction, acquisition, major repairs and improvements of, and plans and sites for roads, bridges and other engineering works provided that the amounts within the Vote to be expended on individually listed projects may be increased or decreased subject to the approval of Treasury Board, \$6,400,000.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Chairman, contained in this item is an amount of \$4 million toward Canada's share of the cost of constructing highway No. 6 in the counties of Matane and Gaspé North, Quebec. Would the minister explain this to us, tell us how it arose, and what is involved?

Mr. McLraith: I will have that information in just a moment. I remember something which occurred in that part of the province last year when I was in another department, but I hesitate to give an answer of which I am not sure at the moment.