

taken to ensure a proper expenditure of the money.

Mr. FIELDING: May I be permitted to renew a request which I made of the minister some days ago? This list of repairs, so far as it goes, is all right, but it is quite obvious that the list is inadequate and incomplete. It was prepared some months ago, and since then later reports of the engineers covering damage during the severe winter, have been received by the department. I should be obliged if the minister would see that the later reports of the engineers are examined, and if additional urgent works and repairs are found to be needed, that—on the strength of the engineer's report, not because I ask it—the work be done.

Mr. CARVELL: That is a reasonable request. I am informed by the deputy that some works have been so reported on, and if it be found on investigation that the \$60,000 voted for harbours and rivers generally, is not sufficient, I will ask Parliament in the Supplementary Estimates to make the necessary provision for the additional expenditure. Without some protection it is impossible for fishermen to carry on their vocation, and I am much in sympathy with the maintenance of these small public works. While I should not care to promise that any large sums of money will be expended, I will have investigation made and will ask Parliament to vote such additional sums as may be really necessary.

Prince Edward Island—Harbours and rivers generally, repairs and improvements, \$14,000.

Mr. JOSEPH READ: I assume that the minister will make the same promise with regard to Prince Edward Island that he has made with regard to Nova Scotia?

Mr. CARVELL: Most certainly. If it be found really necessary to do so, I will not hesitate to ask Parliament to grant money for the maintenance of the present services or the making of needed repairs.

Mr. JOSEPH READ: Who is doing the dredging at the new Port Borden? Is that under the Public Works Department or the Railway Department?

Mr. CARVELL: That is under the Department of Railways and Canals.

Miminigash Harbour—Repairs to breakwaters, \$2,000.

Mr. JOSEPH READ: What are they going to do at Miminigash? My information is that the breakwaters there are [Mr. McKenzie.]

in pretty bad shape. I do not know what the repairs will cost. Have you had a report from the engineer lately?

Mr. CARVELL: The report which we have comes from the district engineer, Mr. Hyndman. He says that \$2,000 is asked for repairs to the south breakwater and to reconstruct the inner portion of the northern breakwater. He states that the greater portion of the Miminigash breakwater is of very old and indifferent construction, going back to 1878. There are various items, such as covering planks, piles, timber, floor stringers and things of that kind.

Mr. JOSEPH READ: Is that a recent report?

Mr. CARVELL: Yes, as late as January 30, 1918.

Summerside—Repairs to breakwater, \$750.

Mr. JOSEPH READ: What are you going to do in connection with the Summerside breakwater?

Mr. CARVELL: This is to repair damaged and worn portions of the outer block, which is exposed to running ice—hardwood sheeting, piles, iron bolts, and some other items.

Mr. JOSEPH READ: What is the date of that report?

Mr. CARVELL: I do not seem to have the date in my notes.

Mr. BUTTS: Would the minister put into the Estimates a small allowance for a wharf that was destroyed at Sydney mines in December or January? It was built a few years ago. It is in the constituency of my hon. friend from North Cape Breton (Mr. McKenzie) but it is very near my house.

Mr. CARVELL: I will settle this right off—we will build it.

Mr. BUTTS: Repair it.

Mr. CARVELL: Yes, repair it.

Mr. BUTTS: That will do.

Mr. McKENZIE: I might remind my good friend, neighbour and constituent that we dealt with that this evening.

Mr. BUTTS: I was not in.

Mr. McKENZIE: I am glad to remind my hon. friend that I did not forget his front lawn while he was outside.

Mr. CARVELL: You see, I was over-generous.