

must be a number of them. He does not ask for the construction of a dock as is done in many of these cases but he simply says: Private capital having constructed docks there and there being a big and growing business established we should have the harbour properly dredged. This paltry \$10,000 is not going to be a flea-bite on the work the hon. gentleman has shown is necessary. Surely it would be better to do work of this kind properly by putting in a substantial amount rather than to fritter away \$4,000 or \$5,000 here and there for these little docks. I am glad the hon. gentleman has confined himself to what is a right public user of money for dredging purposes. I hope his influence will prevail and that he will get a sufficient grant for the purpose.

Mr. AMES. I would like to say a word to endorse what my hon. friend from East Simcoe (Mr. Bennett) has said. Sometimes we on this side are considered as making frivolous objections and as objecting to every item of expenditure proposed. But it is only when we consider the money to be practically wasted, the expenditure for purely political purposes, wharfs built for which there are no vessels and where there is practically no water or traffic, that we object. But here you have the case of a thriving seaport at one of the termini of two railways, where there is an international steamship line, and which is a port of call for a number of local steamship lines—any expenditure to make that harbour what it should be, we are not at all prepared to object to. But let me call attention to these two expenditures side by side—one at Scotch cove, White Point, \$10,000, and the other at Yarmouth harbour, \$10,000. Scotch cove is a tiny fishing village at the extreme northern end of Cape Breton, only three or four miles away from a good harbour, but where a hook of land comes around and makes it possible for a few fishing boats to hang on when the wind does not blow from the north. It is proposed to spend a lot of money here making a breakwater. And a much larger place like Yarmouth is getting exactly the same amount. The opposition has taken a patriotic stand when they advocate expenditure when there is really need for it and where it will be a benefit for more than a small locality. To such expenditure we have no objection when it is wisely and honestly made, and if the minister had asked a considerably larger amount for Yarmouth we would have had no objection.

Mr. FISHER. The work of dredging at Yarmouth has been going on a number of years and will probably continue. This \$10,000 does not necessarily limit the work to be done in Yarmouth harbour because we have also a general dredging vote for the maritime provinces from which the government dredges are paid. It is expected

that the dredge 'Canada' will spend most of the coming season in Yarmouth harbour, and she will not be able to do that on \$10,000 but will have to be paid out of the general vote as well. With regard to Scotch cove, the work to be done there, when completed, will be done once for all. It is not a continuous work as at Yarmouth, and therefore it is not fair to make a comparison between the two.

Mr. DANIEL. Where is the dredge 'Fielding' at work?

Mr. FISHER. She has not begun the season's work yet. She has been at Pictou all winter.

Mr. SPROULE. Is this work to be done by contract?

Mr. FISHER. Our own dredge 'Canada' will do it.

Mr. SPROULE. Then there will only be a charge to pay the wages and running expenses.

Mr. FISHER. The amount now voted I estimate will run the 'Canada' a certain time.

Mr. J. D. REID. Do the government feed the men on their dredges as well as pay their wages?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Mr. J. D. REID. The 'Canada' was only charged \$14.36 worth of provisions last season. That may account for the government dredges doing so little work. If these men were only on the 'Arctic' they would fare differently.

Prince Edward Island—Higgin's shore pier—part reconstruction of and repairs to pier, \$1,500.

Mr. LEFURGEY. Will this finish the work?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Mr. LEFURGEY. What length of wharf are they putting up there?

Mr. FISHER. We are not adding to the length of the wharf but repairing it.

Mr. LEFURGEY. Was it not repaired last year?

Mr. FISHER. Yes, but the work was not completed.

Miminegash harbour, Prince Edward Island—extension of northern breakwater inwardly and repairs, \$2,000.

Mr. LEFURGEY. Was there not a recommendation to the department to extend that breakwater out southerly?

Mr. FISHER. This is for extending the piers.

Mr. LEFURGEY. There was a contract?

Mr. FISHER. Yes, for \$2,375 and that was completed. There was also \$500 spent on the roadway over the sand beach to the