

land lakes that are not taken under the control of the federal government?

Mr. PUGSLEY. By the terms of the British North America Act the federal government has control of navigation. It is quite within the power of the federal government to exercise control over matters relating to navigation in any lake. There is no such a thing as taking over control of navigable waters.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. What towns are on this river?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is a newly developing country. The country along the shores of Lake Nipissing is rapidly developing, principally owing to the rich mineral discoveries being made.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. What minerals have been discovered along the Blanche river?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Quite a number. The people are coming in there, and require this improvement.

Blanche river—improvements of navigation on south branch, \$3,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This also is for the purpose of removing obstructions to navigation caused by trees, roots and snags.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. In what riding is it?

Mr. PUGSLEY. In the county of Nipissing. I may say that Nipissing is improving very rapidly. The population of Nipissing county to-day, I believe, is about 70,000. Hon. gentlemen will see how rapidly that northern country is developing.

Mr. BLAIN. This work was commenced in 1904, and why does it take so long?

Mr. PUGSLEY. This work is being done from year to year with the plant which is provided by the government for work in all those rivers. Last year the total expenditure was about \$4,000.

Blind river wharf—dredging, &c., \$6,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is in the county of Algoma. It is to complete the extension of an L to the present wharf, 100 x 30 feet, at a cost of \$1,250. It will cost \$1,050 to clean up the slip around the pier at the mouth of the river. It is also for the purpose of enlarging the channel at the mouth of Blind river. We propose to expend this year \$3,700.

Bronte harbour—repairs to piers, &c., \$1,000.

Mr. HENDERSON. Would the minister say what damage has been done to the pier at Bronte which requires \$1,000 for repair? I would like at the same time that the minister should tell the committee how much money has been spent on the pier and approach at Bronte?

Mr. SAM. HUGHES.

Mr. PUGSLEY. From 1900 up to the 31st of March, 1907, the total expenditure in Bronte harbour has been \$30,923. This vote of \$1,000 is not required entirely for repairs, but it is to complete a new crib to connect the same with the northern pier, and also some repairs to the old crib work.

Mr. HENDERSON. Is any portion of this to be applied to further dredging?

Mr. PUGSLEY. No.

Mr. HENDERSON. Is it the intention of the minister to do any more dredging in Bronte harbour?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I have not considered that.

Mr. HENDERSON. We will see when the supplementary estimates come down. From the wording of the motion 'repairs to piers, &c.,' I was wondering how much was for repairs, and how much for the &c., and I thought perhaps the minister intended to do some more dredging. I would say to him that I think it would be a mistake to extend the dredging. I do not think at the present time any more dredging is required.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is for the repair of the pier, and connecting the pier with the northern pier.

Mr. ALCORN. Will there be an item in the supplementary estimates for dredging Picton harbour?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am unable to inform the hon. gentleman what will be in the supplementary estimates.

Burlington channel piers—head block at east end of south pier, \$6,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is a revote. The work is under contract. The total probable cost is \$10,500.

Chute à Blondeau (county of Prescott)—wharf, \$4,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is for the purpose of constructing a public wharf on the south side. The work is under contract. The object of the wharf is to afford proper landing and shipping facilities for the river traffic in the locality.

Mr. J. D. REID. Is there any recommendation by the engineers that the government should undertake this work?

Mr. PUGSLEY. There was a numerously signed petition presented by forwarders on the river, by merchants and others doing business along the Ottawa river, which was transmitted to me by my hon. friend representing that county (Mr. Proulx).

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. How far is this from L'Original?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I do not know; it is in the same county. It is sufficiently far