

said I was doing work at Midland and some at Grenville, some at Whitby, some at Bowmanville, some at Newcastle. We have quite a number of applications.

**Mr. SPROULE.** In order to know how much money the Minister requires, it is necessary to know how much it costs per day to keep these dredges running. I think the Minister said there were nine dredges in Ontario and Quebec. If we knew how much it would require to keep them working, we would be able to say about how much money he would require to use. My information is that it costs about \$25 a day to keep a dredge running, or \$20 if you supply the wood. I think \$20 or \$25 is a fair thing. If we had this information we would know whether the amount the Minister asks is enough or too much to keep these dredges employed for a reasonable length of time. I think the Minister could easily give us the information, because he has his engineer at his hand.

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** It is out of the question to say what the working expenses of a dredge will be. The working expenses of a small dredge like the Nipissing, for example, would amount to between \$50 and \$60 per day, including fuel, a tug and two scows. Dredge No. 9 will cost a great deal more than that, between \$60 and \$70, as the engineer tells me.

**Mr. MONTAGUE.** The hon. gentleman says that there are nine dredges in Ontario and in Quebec. In what harbours are they working now?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** The "Nipissing" is now at Whitby, the "Queen" at Belleville.

**Mr. HUGHES.** Is not the Whitby harbour owned by a private corporation?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** I think it is, but the dredge is not yet at work there. But if we refuse to allow the dredges to work in every harbour which is not owned by the Government, it might lead to serious trouble. Some of those private harbours which belong to corporations could not be dredged except by our own dredges. The dredge "Ontario" is now at Amherstburg, we have one dredge at Midland, and the No. 9 is on the Kaministiquia River.

**Mr. McNEILL.** The hon. gentleman speaks of private harbours. The harbour of Southampton is not a private harbour, it is a harbour of refuge. The hon. gentleman's attention was directed to that matter, I think, frequently, long ago. Has anything been done there in the way of dredging of late?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** I hope that when the Supplementary Estimates come down, my hon. friend will see that I have not forgotten the representations he has made to me.

**Mr. TARTE.**

**Mr. MONTAGUE.** Is the dredge at Whitby working?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** Not yet.

**Mr. MONTAGUE.** Is the dredge at Midland working?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** I think they are not working now.

**Mr. MONTAGUE.** Is the dredge at Amherstburg working?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** No.

**Mr. MONTAGUE.** The dredge on the Kaministiquia?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** Yes.

**Mr. MONTAGUE.** The dredge at Belleville?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** The dredge there is under repairs, it will be ready in a short time.

**Mr. MONTAGUE.** So there is only one dredge working in Ontario, and that has no hull.

**Mr. HUGHES.** In his statement, does the hon. Minister take into account the dredge "Otonabee," on the Trent waters?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** That belongs to the Department of Railways and Canals.

**Mr. HUGHES.** Has he put in a sum for clearing the Scugog River from Lindsay to Lake Scugog, which belongs to his department?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** I am not yet in a position to answer my hon. friend.

**Mr. HUGHES.** Are there any negotiations pending in regard to the sale, leasing or transfer of the Kingston dry dock?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** None whatever.

**Mr. HUGHES.** Has any proposition been made to the Minister?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** No.

**Mr. BERGERON.** Where are the dredges intended to be employed in the province of Quebec?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** The "St. Louis" and another dredge are working on the St. Lawrence, and one will be taken to Yamaska River. No. 1 is working near Pointe aux Trembles.

**Mr. BERGERON.** Is there any dredge on the Chateauguay River?

**The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.** No.