

same right to go there as the vessels belonging to the brick company. And that is a public wharf.

Mr. BLAIN. What property?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The new basin.

Mr. BLAIN. I was directing attention to one point—that the minister took the public money and dredged, not the harbour of Port Credit, but Lake Ontario immediately in front of the property of the brick company. He does not deny it, but he says that the wharf there is open to the public. Does not the agreement that he has in the department apply to the other dredging?

Mr. PUGSLEY. No.

Mr. BLAIN. I shall be very much surprised if it does not?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Where was the other dredging done?

Mr. BLAIN. Immediately in front of the property owned by the same brick company.

Mr. PUGSLEY. In the old Port Credit harbour.

Mr. BLAIN. No, the hon. minister knows very well that the brick company does not expend money in the old Port Credit harbour, but they would expend it on their own property, and they did. And I venture to state—and the minister will not contradict me—that the money expended, both that by the government and that by the brick company, was not expended in the privately-owned harbour at Port Credit.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The 'privately-owned harbour' of which the hon. member (Mr. Blain), speaks is the harbour to which he is so much attached, and in which he wanted dredging to be done, although it is privately owned. My information is that the dredging done by the brick company in exchange for the use of the government dredge was done in the harbour owned by the Port Credit Harbour Company, what we call the old Port Credit harbour. The other dredging that was done by the government dredge was in front of and to make a channel leading to the new basin which was created by the brick company and to which under the agreement with the Department of Public Works, all vessels have the same right to resort free of charge.

Mr. BLAIN. I shall not continue the discussion because my hon. friend is not clear on the point.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am as clear as can be.

Mr. PUGSLEY.

Mr. BLAIN. No. Who suggested to my hon. friend that the money should be expended immediately in front of the property owned by the brick company? There was no such suggestion in the House when the money was voted.

Mr. PUGSLEY. When I looked over Port Credit harbour and saw the very poor accommodation which even with a considerable amount of dredging would be given to vessels and saw this new basin which was being excavated so as to give splendid accommodation and perfect shelter for vessels, I thought it would be in the public interest to have that new harbour created there, with a fine breakwater in front of it. I was asked by the president of the company to dredge a channel leading from the lake towards this basin. I said I would not do that unless they would make that a public harbour so that all vessels would have the right to go there and use it free of charge. The company agreed to that. Then in addition to that their dredge went into the old Port Credit harbour owned by this Port Credit Company to which my hon. friend refers, and did dredge it to a greater value than the dredging that was done by the government dredge. If my hon. friend doubts me let him call at the department and the deputy will show him the return and the contract.

Mr. BLAIN. I am not doubting my hon. friend. At least the policy the minister has laid down so frequently in the House and does not adhere to it, that no money shall be expended out of the public treasury on a private owned property, is set aside by this unheard of agreement.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Did not my hon. friend ask me to do this dredging in this private harbour at Port Credit?

Mr. BLAIN. Yes.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Owned by the Port Credit Company, and did I not do dredging there through the dredge that we exchanged with the Brick Manufacturing Company. Did I not do the dredging in the old Port Credit harbour?

Mr. BLAIN. I say not.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I say we did.

Mr. BLAIN. I must not detain the committee, but I will ask my hon. friend to bring down the correspondence and agreements.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I will be glad to do that on the main estimates.

Mr. BLAIN. Did my hon. friend ever make such an agreement with another private company since he has been minister?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I think the agreement that we made with the company that has