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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—*Con.*

greatest economy of space and where they are under supervision, be carried out?—768.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Acting Minister of Public Works)—765.

This is a vote for the purpose of erecting a building to connect the Department of Customs in the Western Block with the Department of Inland Revenue—765. The estimated cost of the building is \$90,000; heating, \$8,000; electric wiring and fixtures, \$5,000; fittings, furniture and contingencies, \$12,000; about \$115,000 altogether—766. While we are not really housing any of the outside departments, we are preventing the renting of any other outside buildings by providing for officials of these three departments—768. The work of the Public Works Department is very onerous, and the increase in the number of clerks does not at all correspond with the increase in the work—769.

Public buildings; Owen Sound—public building, \$10,000—9547.

Blain, R. (Peel)—9548.

Would rather see more money expended on the site and less on the building—9548.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—9548.

Advises following the United States rule of having a space around public buildings—9548-9.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Minister of Public Works)—9547.

The estimated cost is about \$75,000—9547. The site must be convenient, and you may not be able to get a convenient site of the requisite dimensions—9548.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—9547.

This is for post office and custom-house?—9547. They really need a good public building, but I doubt if we can get a good site—9548.

Port Arthur and Fort William—harbour and river improvements, \$195,000—784.

Barker, Sam. (Hamilton, East)—805.

Criticises rates for dredging of the Public Works Department—805. Can minister (Mr. Hyman) tell us how, in the middle of December, twelve hours of honest work can be devoted to service of the country?—806. It seems a little singular that the inspector charges per hour just the same number of hours for his inspection as the dredge is employed—807. When a man gets \$3 a day and 30 cents for each additional hour of work credited to the dredge, he is tempted to certify more—810.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—787.

What is the principle upon which the department acts in this dredging business?—787. Compares different contracting

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dredging rates—788. How many of these dredges have been built at Sorel?—795.

Blain, R. (Peel)—799.

What is the condition of the breakwater at Port Arthur?—799. When does the minister expect to have the present breakwater thoroughly repaired and completed?—800. Quotes page 3824 of 'Hansard' of 1902. How is it government has not enough dredges, and cannot say when they will have?—804. Are the United States authorities doing any dredging at the present time at Port Arthur?—812.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—785.

Will the minister (Mr. Hyman) give us an idea of what is being done there?—785. Is the work done directly by their own dredges or under contract?—787. How many dredges are employed at Port Arthur and Fort William?—790. Could the minister give the committee an idea of the size, capacity and value of each of these dredges?—791. For the same purpose, the minister could have bought the whole of these dredges for one-half or one-fourth of this sum—792. Would you not have to consider the cost of the dredge and the cost of operation afterwards?—793. Why is it not much better for the department to pay so much per cubic yard for the material actually removed than to pay \$10 an hour for the dredge?—798. Where is the new dredge now being constructed by the Polson Company, of Toronto, to be employed?—799. It is not wise to make the remuneration of the inspectors' increase proportionately to the increase in the number of hours which they allow to the dredges—809.

Chairman, The (Mr. Oliver)—796.

Hon. gentleman (Mr. Sam. Hughes) will have to consider he is out of order—796.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—785.

Does the material which has been taken out silt back or fill up in any way?—785. Has the minister anything which would show the cost of operation of the dredge 'Kingsford' for twelve hours?—801. Were any tenders called for for the dredging at Port Arthur?—802.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—785.

Has it struck the minister that the breakwater of Port Arthur harbour is altogether too near shore for a great harbour?—785-6. My hon. friend (Mr. Hyman) cannot expend a million of dollars in dredging behind the present little breakwater in that harbour to any proper advantage—787. Quotes amounts expended. What are the names of the other two judges?—790. Was there a contract at the mouth of the Kaministiquia river?—797. Where is the material put that is dredged out?—798. This work has not been properly done—799. Quotes Auditor General's Report for 1904, page V—294—803. Has the minister a statement of