

probably. It is not done by contract, that would be almost impossible.

Mr. J. D. REID. Who has charge of these works ?

Mr. LEMIEUX. Mr. Bertrand.

Murray bay—wharf, renewals and repairs, \$5,000.

Mr. J. D. REID. How much has been spent here ?

Mr. FISHER. \$52,000 has been spent here since confederation. \$507.99 was spent last year.

Mr. J. D. REID. I see that last year there was a sum of money spent for linoleum and mats. Was that for repairs of the wharf ?

Mr. FISHER. I think that must have been for the waiting room, where a large number of passengers are accommodated.

Notre Dame du Portage wharf—to complete, \$2,400.

Mr. FISHER. It is expected this will cost \$21,363, including this amount.

Percé wharf (North cove) \$9,000.

Mr. AMES. Where are Lyons & White, who have this contract ?

Mr. FISHER. At Ottawa.

Mr. AMES. How many tenderers were there, and who were they ?

Mr. FISHER. I cannot give the names of the other tenderers.

Petites Bergeronnes—removal of boulders, \$1,500

Mr. FISHER. \$904.71 have been spent.

Mr. BERGERON. Who owns the saw-mill there ?

Mr. GIRARD. It belongs to Mr. King, of Quebec.

Mr. BERGERON. According to the Auditor General's Report, there is a sum for the removal of boulders in September and October, 1904 ; but it appears that work was not completed.

Mr. FISHER. No, the amount expended in 1905 was \$898.50. We spent more when there was no election than when there was.

Mr. BERGERON. The work was commenced during an election but it was finished afterwards. How much do you want to take away these boulders ?

Mr. FISHER. We are asking for \$1,500 this year. I do not know if it will complete the work.

Mr. GIRARD. There are about three miles covered with boulders, the work can be done only at low tide and it will take a long time.

Mr. FISHER.

Pointe aux Trembles (county Portneuf) \$15,000.

Mr. J. D. REID. Will this finish it ?

Mr. FISHER. No, I understand that the contractor has failed and that we have to make a new contract.

Mr. J. D. REID. I see that last year when th's item was up—Pointe aux Trembles, \$10,000—my hon. friend the member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule) asked :

Will that finish the wharf ?

Mr. HYMAN. The contract will finish it.

Mr. BLAIN. Are any of these votes for new works, or for continuation of works already begun ?

Mr. HYMAN. They are mostly revotes for continuation of works begun. It will require \$2,000 to complete the work at Pointe aux Trembles.

At that time \$10,000 would complete the work ; now there is \$15,000 more and still the minister says that it will not complete it. Will he give us an explanation of that ?

Mr. FISHER. The original contract was for \$33,775. The total estimated cost of the wharf is \$38,000. Up to the beginning of this fiscal year there has been actually expended nearly \$23,000 and we are asking for \$15,000 which will make up \$37,949, or practically \$38,000. That is the \$15,000 that we are asking for here.

Mr. J. D. REID. Well, this will not complete the wharf ?

Mr. FISHER. Of this, \$5,000 is a revote. When I say it will not I do so because the contractors have failed and have given up the work.

Mr. MONK. Who are the contractors ?

Mr. FISHER. Dussault & Pageau, of Quebec.

Mr. MONK. Have they failed ?

Mr. FISHER. They have given up the contract.

Mr. BERGERON. There is the danger of giving it to the lowest tenderer.

Mr. FISHER. This is not an Ottawa firm.

Mr. J. D. REID. I think the government should be protected either by the deposit of the contractors or by keeping back a certain percentage of the progress estimates.

Mr. FISHER. So we are.

Mr. MONK. Is this firm of Dussault the same firm which is executing government works in the harbour of Quebec ?

Mr. FISHER. No.

Mr. MONK. Do I understand my hon. friend to say they have failed ?

Mr. FISHER. I do not say they have failed. I mean they have failed in this contract.