

Mr. J. D. REID. Was there not some complaint about this wharf not being required?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The chief engineer says there has been some complaint, but it has not come to my notice.

Mr. J. D. REID. The wharf was never required, the people petitioned against the wharf being built, it was forced on them and now they want it taken away.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I was mistaken. I saw the chief engineer bow his head when you were speaking, but he says there has been no complaint to the department in regard to the work not being necessary.

Rondeau harbour—improvements, \$50,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The total probable cost of the works is about \$130,000. The works consist of the construction of two breakwaters each 500 feet long, dredging of the site of the breakwaters to a depth of 23 feet, dredging and approach to the depth of 22 feet, dredging the turning basin in the inner harbour, repairs to piers, &c. The dredging is under contract to the Canadian Construction and Dredging Company whose headquarters are at Toronto. I think Mr. Bertram is president or manager.

Rossport—wharf on north shore Lake Superior, \$5,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is a coal dock or wharf in connection with the Canadian Pacific. It is in Thunder Bay and Rainy River district.

Sault Ste Marie wharf—dredging approaches, \$30,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The dredging contract has been given to the Great Lakes Dredging Company.

Severn river—improvement of waterway at McDonald's chute No. 1, \$1,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This may be dropped.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. Item dropped.

Southampton—repairs to Chantry island breakwater, \$3,500.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This will finish the work. It is by day labour.

Toronto harbour improvements, \$90,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is a revote.

Mr. TAYLOR. Is it under contract?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The dredging is under contract to the Western Dredging Company and the protection work is also under contract.

Victoria harbour—improvements, \$56,200.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Prior to 31st March, 1908, we expended here \$10,331.33. We contemplated much more work this year. This is under contract to the Canadian Dredging and Contracting Company.

Mr. OWEN. Reverting to the item of which I spoke I have found the newspaper clipping. It says:

Mr. J. G. Sing, chief engineer, from the Public Works, Toronto, and Frank L. Wood, Liberal candidate for the House of Commons for East Northumberland, were here (Brighton) on Tuesday when the chief engineer made an inspection of the wharf for the purpose of making a report to the government as to the advisability of taking over the same. Our wharf should be repaired and extended, and we sincerely hope the government will grant the prayer of the large petition recently presented to them.

I asked the minister the contents of that report. This is dated May 27. I gave the name of Glass instead of Sing in speaking before.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Mr. Sing is the resident engineer in Toronto. I have no doubt he has made an inspection of the wharf, probably when visiting at Colborne, but I will take occasion to see if there is a report from him and if not to get the result of his examination.

Mr. J. D. REID. Did Mr. Sing go there on instructions from the department or on his own responsibility?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I will have the files looked up to ascertain.

Mr. J. D. REID. Surely the chief engineer will understand something of the matter?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The chief engineer says he has no recollection of sending Mr. Sing there.

Winnipeg river—improvements, \$10,000.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. What is the nature of these improvements?

Mr. PUGSLEY. These are at Miller's rapids, north of Kenora, and Throat rapids to improve a stretch of navigation of 16 miles to the crossing of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Mr. MORIN. I wish for some information about the wharf which is to cost \$13,000 on Lake François in the county of Beauce.

Mr. PUGSLEY. What does my hon. friend want to know?

Mr. MORIN. I will give the minister some information, because he is new in his office and I don't think I should blame everything on him for that reason. There was money voted two years ago for a wharf there and the wharf was built, and like the other public works throughout the country I presume it was left to the member for the county to look after the building of it. I do not know whether the government sent an engineer there or not, but if they did they might as well send an old grandmother. Do you hear that,