

Mr. HUGHES. I thought the minister was using concrete wherever it was possible below water.

Mr. PUGSLEY. We are beginning to use concrete.

Juniper island, Stony lake—wharf—revote of \$1,470 lapsed, \$3,400.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Juniper island is in Stony lake, and I believe is quite a centre. During the summer season two or three thousand people live there, or in the vicinity. Juniper island is a distributing point.

Mr. HUGHES. Does the minister know who owns the island?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I think it is owned by an association of people, and they are giving to the Crown a conveyance of a site for a wharf.

Mr. HUGHES. I will give the minister a splendid site for \$1, if he will build a wharf there of \$3,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. But Juniper island is a very central island.

Mr. HUGHES. Not half as central as my island; it is on the same water.

Mr. SAMUEL SHARPE. Surely a wharf should not be constructed on this island if it only serves the owner of the island.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It serves about 3,000 people.

Mr. SAMUEL SHARPE. My information is that it is owned by a private individual who has his summer residence there, and it will only serve his private convenience. There is no hotel there. How could an island in Stony lake be a distributing point for other islands? The lake is studded with islands owned by private individuals who erect summer residences there. I understand the hon. member for West Peterboro (Mr. Stratton) owns this island.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The information given to me by the gentleman who formerly represented that constituency was that there are three steamers passing Juniper island every day. Juniper island is essentially a central point of distribution for the people of hundreds of islands. There are 2,000 or 3,000 people in that vicinity who will be inconvenienced by this wharf. The request for the wharf was strongly endorsed by both Mr. Hall and Mr. Finley, who were representatives of the two constituencies bordering upon that lake.

Kensington wharf—additions and repairs, \$3,300.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I was impressed with the observations which were made by the

hon. member for Algoma (Mr. Boyce) with regard to Kensington wharf. He said he had been informed by the owners that they were not desirous of selling, from which I took it for granted they are prepared to improve the wharf themselves; therefore, I prove to strike out this item.

Mr. BOYCE. I would like to know what the situation is. I think the owners want to come to some understanding with the government. I would like to see Kensington wharf put in proper shape, but the owners say they object to the government taking hold of their wharf and spending \$3,300 upon it without some understanding with them. This is not a private wharf in the sense of serving only the interests of private individuals, but it serves a settlement that is tributary to it. If the government will consider the advisability of taking over that wharf as they have taken over Fort Finley wharf above it, it would be a very suitable arrangement. But I think it would be objectionable to spend \$3,300 upon a wharf which is entirely a private wharf without any arrangement with the owners. I hope the minister will see his way clear to take over this wharf as a public wharf.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This wharf belongs to the Hiawatha Land Company, and some time ago I was urged to make provision for improving it. I took it for granted that the owners were not in a position to put it in repair, and were willing to convey it to the government. But my hon. friend has stated that the Hiawatha Land Company are not prepared to convey it to the government, and, as under this vote, we would have no power to purchase the property, I could not think of spending money upon it unless the title is vested in the Crown.

Mr. BOYCE. Would you take into consideration the purchase of this wharf?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I could not if we struck out the item.

Lion's Head—wharf repairs, \$5,000.

Mr. SPROULE. What repairs are you doing there?

Mr. PUGSLEY. We are renewing the superstructure of the old wharf. It is all right below the water line but above the water line it has decayed and we are putting in a concrete superstructure.

McGregor's creek—to complete sheet pile protection work on south bank of creek, \$3,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This work is necessitated by reason of dredging work done by the government.

Mr. HUGHES. Where is McGregor's creek?