

of the hon. member for York, what took place was that Mr. Osman furnished the accounts showing the material and expenditure on day labour, item by item.

Mr. J. HAGGART. Do you mean to say that the Auditor General had any knowledge that he was paying over money that had been expended on this man's own wharf?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It just shows that my hon. friend has been entirely misinformed as to the ownership of the wharf. If my hon. friend will look at the agreement which is on file in the Department of Public Works he will see that the right to the wharf and the right to collect wharfage on this wharf, which was built by the Albert Manufacturing Company, was taken over by the Crown and that the Crown owns all this extension which was made to it. This is the property of the Crown and the work was done properly in connection with this Crown wharf.

Mr. J. HAGGART. But there was no agreement by which moneys were being expended under the direction of the owner of the wharf.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This wharf is not owned by Mr. Osman. It is owned by the Crown.

Mr. J. HAGGART. It is the extension that he owns.

Mr. PUGSLEY. No. Under the agreement on file all the rights of the Albert Manufacturing Company in this wharf, except the solitary right to have their own vessels lie there, were transferred to the Crown. The right of way of the public and everything connected with it are vested in the Crown and this was an extension of a wharf owned by the Crown.

Mr. J. HAGGART. I do not understand it.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Of course you do not, because the hon. member for York has not explained it.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. The hon. member for York has the floor.

Mr. J. HAGGART. I beg the hon. gentleman's pardon.

Mr. CROCKET. I was going to deal with that question. I made the statement that it appeared that that extension was built for the benefit of the Albert Manufacturing Company, of which Mr. Osman was the managing director, and that the first year's expenditure was made by him without any direction at all from the Public Works Department and that the money was paid out of the public treasury to pay his bills before there was any foreman representing the government or any inspector or anything else. In addition to that fact it ap-

Mr. PUGSLEY.

pears that this property is not the property of the Crown, and if the minister made that statement this afternoon, he states what is incorrect. This wharf was the property of the Albert Manufacturing Company. It is quite true that there was a sort of sham agreement entered into to give this thing some colour, an agreement with Osman that he would graciously allow His Majesty the King to charge wharfage on all vessels other than his own, when the fact is that the wharf is so situated that there never had been and never will be any other vessel there, but the vessels of the Osman concern. That agreement that the minister speaks of is quite transparent, and any one reading it will see that it is of absolutely no avail. The minister stated in answer to my hon. friend from Algoma in reference to another proposed wharf extension in Ontario, that the government could not extend the wharf or make any expenditure upon a wharf without first acquiring a title to it. He made the same statement this afternoon before this item was reached that my hon. friend would understand of course, the government could not do such a thing unless it had acquired a title. In this case they have not acquired the title and there is no other agreement except the one I have named which amounts to nothing at all except that it provides that Mr. Osman will allow the King to charge wharfage, but the property remains in the Albert Manufacturing Company just as it did at the beginning, so that this is an absolute case of the public moneys of the country being used for the improvement of the private property of companies and of private friends of the Minister of Public Works. I referred the other night to the matter of the work at Dalhousie. These are only two samples; this thing is going on I have no doubt in the other provinces of this Dominion.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Mr. Chairman I must ask you to see that my hon. friend confines himself to the item under discussion. We will come to Dalhousie later, and I will be glad to discuss it with my hon. friend to his heart's content.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. I do not think the reference so far to Dalhousie is out of order, but a prolonged discussion would be.

Mr. CROCKET. I can quite understand that the minister does not want to hear more than one thing at a time.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It tends to a clearer discussion and to coming to an issue.

Mr. CROCKET. I wish I had the time to give a series of the things of this kind that are going on in New Brunswick, but I ask the House and the committee to consider this as a sample of what is going on. It is time for the Committee of Supply of this House to shut down on this