

Mr. CAMPBELL. I would suggest that some dredging be done in the first place, so that boats can get up to the wharf, and I would suggest that the wharf be continued on to hard and dry land. If these two things were done the wharf could be utilized. At present, the case is exactly as stated by the hon. member for Macdonald (Mr. Staples)—\$15,000 of the peoples' money has been absolutely thrown away unless a few thousand more is spent to perfect the work. When perfected, as my hon. friend has stated, the wharf would be utilized for shipping fish, grain and cordwood. It would be a work worthy of the greatest consideration by the minister, but, as it now stands, it is a monument either to folly or to what might be called political crassness.

Mr. HENDERSON. I presume that this matter is disposed of. I wish to draw the attention of the minister to another subject, not involving \$15,000 but of somewhat the same character as that brought to the minister's notice by the hon. member for Macdonald. The hon. minister will remember that about five or six weeks ago I sent him a communication from William Sargent, of Bronte, in the county of Halton, drawing attention to the fact that the wharf at Bronte was sadly in need of repairs. Mr. Sargent is the chief shipper at that wharf, and has been obliged himself to do some replanking in order to make the wharf safe for him to go upon. The letter also draws attention to the fact that some dredging is necessary to enable a vessel, even of light draught, to get into the harbour. Since the present government came into power, they have expended about \$33,000 in the construction of that wharf and in dredging the harbour. But, unless some slight expenditure is made now, that property will be of no value. I do not think it will cost very much to do some replanking and a slight amount of dredging. The vessel which this man uses will bring in about 500 tons of coal. He found it necessary to allow the vessel to lie outside until partly unloaded, which was very inconvenient. I am sure that the minister, for all that it would cost, is willing to meet the case. I do not know what the expense would be, but I think if the hon. minister would refer the matter to the resident engineer at Toronto, he would quickly give an estimate of the amount, and I do not think the minister would hesitate to do what was necessary in repairs and dredging at this harbour.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I will make inquiry as to a report from the resident engineer. If the hon. member (Mr. Henderson), will be good enough to call my attention to it

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when the main estimates are going through I will give him the answer.

Mr. HENDERSON. Do I understand the minister to say that, after he received my letter, he—

Mr. PUGSLEY. Sent it to the chief engineer.

Mr. HENDERSON. Then, he may have the engineer's report. If I am in the House when the main estimates come up, I will draw his attention to it.

Mr. PUGSLEY. And if the hon. member (Mr. Henderson), should not be here I will ask the deputy minister to inform him what the engineer's report is.

Mr. CAMPBELL. I did not catch the answer of the minister to the few remarks I made with regard to that wharf. I would like to know from the minister, assuming the matter to be as I have stated, whether he would perfect the work so that it can be used.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The most I can say is that I will ask the deputy minister to look into the matter again for further consideration, of course, always keeping in mind the report already sent by the resident engineer.

Mr. CAMPBELL. If the report of the resident engineer is looked at, I think it will be found that what the member for Macdonald and I say is borne out. If that is the case, can we depend on having the work completed?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Let me ask my hon. friend this: Was not there some understanding, when this work was laid out, that the Canadian Northern were going to build a spur or branch down to the proposed wharf?

Mr. STAPLES. The Canadian Northern have always been prepared to extend their spur to this wharf as soon as the government shows any sign of completing the work. But a railway would go wrong, in my opinion—and, I think, in the opinion of any man of business—to build a line to a work of this kind before the work was completed. I have been told by the people there that the Canadian Northern has always advised the municipality that they were prepared to do their part of the work provided the government would do theirs.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The deputy minister informs me that the Canadian Northern have never made any such communication to my department.

Mr. STAPLES. I do not remember the wording of the petition to which I re-