

purpose. But I noticed it was not in the present estimates and I trust it will not be forgotten. If the amount is not revoted in the supplementary estimates the work cannot be gone on with this year.

Mr. MONK. I will give this matter full consideration. A number of large items for Nova Scotia as well as for other provinces, and in many constituencies irrespective of politics were cut out. The Minister of Public Works must bring his report to council where the whole thing is considered by his colleagues. As I have said, a number of reductions were made in the estimates I brought down—very properly, no doubt. We had estimates for dredging that we had to reduce by half. Those whose demands are not satisfied must not lay the blame wholly on the Minister of Public Works.

Mr. SINCLAIR. I understand that. But this is the most important expenditure on that coast for a hundred miles. While other works might be dropped without great injury, this certainly should not be dropped.

Mr. MONK. I will consider it. But I notice a tendency on the part of members of the House to regard as the most important in the Dominion, the work that has been left out. It does not matter who the member is, that is what they tell us. It shows a praiseworthy zeal.

Mr. CARROLL. What is this extra amount at Burke's Head, northern Cape Breton, required for?

Mr. MONK. That is to complete a contract, to continue the breakwater now under contract at Burke's Head, as petitioned for by the residents.

Mr. PUGSLEY. There would seem to be a printing or clerical error here as the amount of the revote is stated to be larger than the vote now taken.

Mr. MONK. That must be an error made in the Finance Department.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I presume the experience of the minister has been not unlike that of previous ministers that it is easier to get through council items which pertain to counties where my hon. friend has supporters than where he has opponents.

Mr. MONK. Sometimes it is. But I must say to my hon. friend with absolute sincerity that there are cases where counties are represented by our own friends where it is very difficult to get what is thought sufficient.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Still my hon. friend used to condemn that very strongly. He

used the words 'that there should be no question of party favour so far as public works are concerned.'

Mr. MONK. I think there ought not to be.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The hon. gentleman is an excellent fighter and I suppose would present that very strongly to his colleagues and have that principle applied absolutely in reference to these estimates.

Mr. MONK. I would like to.

Mr. STANFIELD. Look at the difference between Pictou and Yarmouth.

Mr. CHISHOLM (Antigonish). It is pleasant to hear the minister admit that politicians may have had some influence on the government in the allotment of these works, but we are glad to hear of his desire not to have politics enter into such matters because we all know that he is eminently fair and magnanimous. However evil associations have undoubtedly influenced him. When I look at the long list of items dropped in the county of Antigonish then I must conclude that the minister felt that other counties had a stronger claim upon him and upon the consideration of the government and therefore those good Conservative friends in these various districts who have been expecting these works begun by the late administration to go on will have to take the stone instead of the bread and will have to be content with nothing this session. I admit that in new work the minister may have good reasons for delaying undertakings until some more opportune time when the 'hungry horde' is first satisfied, but when you have works already begun and practically completed, it would surely be a wise policy to spend the small amount of money required to complete them. The amounts for these little places in Nova Scotia amount in the aggregate to trifling sums in comparison with the large expenditures on other matters. The minister should be a little more generous in preparing his estimates in reference to these small matters. In the estimate for last year we found a number of works that were not new but works on which a small amount had been expended from year to year to maintain them and improve and make them more useful and these have been dropped. I shall read some of them. I have mentioned Bayfield where \$15,000 was voted last year, none of which was utilized because as I said before, only five twelfths of the appropriation was available. At Breen's Pond some work was done but it is not of much practical use without a slight extension. I have no doubt there is a report from the engineer that a slight extension would be required to give the