

Moved in amendment—

- “That by a Return of the House of the 16th February, 1877, dated 1st March, 1877,—and also by a Return to an Order of the House of the 19th March, 1877, and dated 20th March, 1877, for copies of all tenders and contracts, plans and other correspondence, relating to the Ingonish Harbor contract, in Nova Scotia, it appears :—
- “That on the 10th of May, 1873, the contract for building Ingonish Harbour was awarded to F. W. McKenrie, for the sum of \$78,208.60; that in pursuance thereof an agreement was entered into, on the 22nd July, 1873, between F. W. McKenrie and the Minister of Public Works; that under the terms of the agreement, afterwards renewed between Ross and McKay, to whom the contract was transferred by the said F. W. McKenrie and the present Government on the 5th February, 1874, it was stipulated, that any change which the Government Engineer deemed necessary to be made in the original plans, should be so made by the contractor; and if extra expenses were entailed by such changes, the contractor should be paid extra for them; but should the change lessen the original expense, then such should be deducted from the amount of the contract;
- “That by the said contract, the said Ross and McKay were bound to build a Breakwater 700 feet long, and were to make good all damages it might sustain during its construction; that they were to dredge a channel into the harbour 200 feet wide, and fifteen feet deep; that the contract was to be finished on or before the 31st December, 1874; that the contractor was liable for any salary or wages due the person superintending the work, in behalf of the Government, for any time he might serve in so superintending beyond the 31st December, 1874;
- “That on the 30th September, 1875, Mr. Perley, Government Engineer, six months after the work should have been finished, recommended extra work, estimated to cost \$2,000;
- “That it appears the said Breakwater was not taken off the hands of the contractors before the 17th February, 1877; that at that time there was but 565 feet of the Breakwater the contractor was to construct completed—or 135 feet less than allowed by the terms of the contract;
- “That it does not appear that the channel has been dredged 200 feet wide and 15 feet deep, as per terms of contract, and as recommended on the 26th January, 1876, both by Mr. Perley and Mr. Baillarge; but on the contrary, the papers go to show that it has been dredged only 60 feet wide and 12 feet deep;
- “That it appears the sum of \$1,975 was paid one Angus McLeod, superintendent on this work, in behalf of the Government, for attendance subsequent to the 31st December, 1874, the time at which the work should have been completed;
- “That notwithstanding the reduction in the length of the Breakwater, and that the dredging was not done to the width of 200 feet, and to the depth of 15 feet, but only to 60 feet wide and 12 feet deep, and the extension of the time for building it to over two years, the Government paid the full amount of contract, \$78,208.60; and also extras to the amount of \$3,643, without deducting therefrom the allowance for the Breakwater being less in length, and the dredging less in width and depth as aforesaid, and without deducting the \$1,975 paid for the services of Superintendent after the time allowed for the completion of the contract.
- “That, in the opinion of this House, there was paid to the contractors a great deal more than ought to have been paid, causing serious loss to the country.”

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After debate, motion in amendment (*Mr. McDonald*, Cape Breton) negatived on division. Yeas, 49; Nays, 98.....

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Building Societies Law Amendment Bill [BILL 55]—

Read the third time and passed (*Mr. Gibbs*, South Ontario).....

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Montreal Building Association Bill [BILL 71]—

Read the third time and passed (*Mr. Holton*).....

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