

works they remain under consideration for a very long time, although I am certain that many of them are far more urgent than the building of a new wharf at this place, to facilitate the business of one private enterprise.

Mr. PARENT: For the information of my hon. friend, I may tell him that for a number of years I have represented the constituency in which this particular wharf is situated. It was then in the county of Montmorency. For years I have made representations to the government at the request of the electors of this constituency, and particularly the people of this parish, recommending the construction of a wharf there for various purposes, the main one being for the accommodation of the smaller craft and sail boats which come there from all parts of the north shore of the St. Lawrence and which would have appreciated a shelter of some kind.

Mr. LADNER: Is this the same wharf as mentioned here?

Mr. PARENT: Yes. It is also necessary to accommodate the shipping of pulpwood, which comes away back from the mountains in the seigniory belonging to the Seminary of Quebec.

Mr. LADNER: How long has that been going on?

Mr. PARENT: Right up until the war started. The war was given as a reason for not going on with this wharf. Another reason given was that there was not sufficient industry in the district to justify its construction. Since then a big industry has started in that parish, employing about one hundred and fifty men, making high-grade bricks, and the people naturally want to see this industry developed. The industry undertook that if a wharf was built at this point they would increase their production by at least 50 per cent, and on the strength of this undertaking the government consented to build a wharf, provided the company would pay one-third of the cost. That has been done and construction is now being proceeded with. The wharf is pretty nearly completed now. Such is the information I have as a member representing an adjoining constituency.

Item agreed to.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Is the government proposing to take up more estimates to-night? This is Friday night, and we have sat late every night this week.

[Mr. Ladner.]

Mr. KING (Kootenay): Could we not clear up these few items?

Mr. MEIGHEN: We have carried an awful lot to-night.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): We are not making very much progress.

Mr. MEIGHEN: We have done a page and a half since private bills.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): Perhaps we can get through the Quebec items. They are mostly small repairs.

Mr. MEIGHEN: There is one here for \$75,000.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): That is for general repairs. It is the only large item, I think.

Mr. MEIGHEN: There is all the next page.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): There has been a very substantial reduction in the vote this year.

Mr. MEIGHEN: On the next page there is an increase of about \$75,000.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): Oh no, there is a considerable decrease.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I beg the minister's pardon. The totals are \$623,000 as against \$551,000 last year.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): You are wrong.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Look at the bottom of page 39.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): The total is \$626,000 this year as against \$1,027,000 last year.

Mr. MEIGHEN: That is on the following page again.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): There is nearly \$400,000 less this year.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I have heard some rather startling rumours about supplementaries, but we will come to that later.

Mr. ROBB: I can give my hon. friend the assurance now that the supplementaries will not be—

Mr. MEIGHEN: Will not be what?

Mr. ROBB: Will not be large compared with the supplementaries my hon. friend himself brought down.

Mr. MEIGHEN: The minister is qualifying now. Is the minister not going to accede