

done there during the present season. It is not a large work, but it is a very important one.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I am very sorry to have to inform the hon. gentleman that we have no dredges. There are hundreds of calls made upon us which we cannot comply with, for the want of sufficient equipment.

Mr. CLANCY. I understand that the dredge that has been engaged in that work is going to do some work at Port Stanley. I hope the hon. gentleman will see the importance of having this work done.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I will give my attention to the remarks of my hon. friend.

Mr. SPROULE. Has the hon. Minister any idea of what it will require to finish the dredging at Owen Sound harbour?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. About \$50,000.

Toronto Harbour—Works at eastern entrance \$20,000

Mr. CLARKE. I would like to ask the hon. Minister of Public Works if any changes have been made in the plans for the works at the eastern end of the island? Has any appropriation been made for the protection of the western end of the island? I understand that deputations waited on the Minister and pointed out to him the necessity of taking some means by the construction of groynes or otherwise to protect that part of the island. Is it the intention that this sum shall be devoted entirely to the extension of the works at the eastern end, or will there be a further sum in the Supplementary Estimates to provide for the protection of the western end?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. As my hon. friend says, a deputation waited on me a few months ago and urged the construction of groynes. The plans submitted to us were not altogether accepted at the time. I do not know whether there will be groynes, as suggested; but we are bound to do something and my chief engineer is now giving his best attention to that question.

Mr. CLARKE. I may say that the work now being performed at the eastern end of the island unless supplemented by other works further west, will very seriously affect the western end. Heavy seas are being diverted to the south-western part of the island, which is not at all protected.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. A pretty large portion of this sum will be employed for dredging. My attention was called last year to the necessity of building groynes to protect the western end of the island, but we have not yet made up

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our minds as to the kind of work that is required. I understand that it is a pretty difficult matter.

Mr. CLARKE. Can the hon. Minister give us any idea of what further sum will be required to complete the works at the eastern end of the island?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. About \$80,000 in addition to this.

Goderich Harbour..... \$53,000

Mr. FOSTER. What is the whole cost of this harbour to be?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. This sum covers the whole cost of the work, which is now under contract.

Resolutions to be reported.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright) moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to, and the House adjourned at 12.25 a.m. (Friday).

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, 21st May, 1897.

The **SPEAKER** took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

BILL WITHDRAWN.

Bill (No. 66) respecting the Canadian Power Company.—(Mr. Gibson.)

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright) moved:

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, the 25th instant, at three o'clock p.m.

Mr. BRITTON. Is it understood that Thursday of next week will be a holiday, and that there will be no session of the House on that day?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. Thursday is Ascension Day, and is, therefore, I think, of necessity a holiday, and has always been observed as such.

Mr. WALLACE. Is Thursday a statutory holiday for this House?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. It is a statutory holiday. This House has sometimes disregarded statutory holidays, as the hon. gentleman knows; but