

with shrinking revenues and a demand for an endeavour to make revenues meet expenditures, this and other works were not proceeded with.

Mr. GRAY: Mr. Chairman, I submit that this is a much more important centre, and that the work should have been proceeded with at the port of Sarnia before proceeding with the warehouse at Wallaceburg. Is there any chance of including in the supplementary estimates an amount for this purpose? We do not ask anything from the government with respect to trackage. If the minister will assure me now that the warehouse will be erected upon the dock, without any extension of the dock, he does not need to worry about the track. I will undertake to look after the trackage if he will look after the warehouse.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): I am sorry that I cannot give my hon. friend the assurance he desires that the warehouse will be built this year.

Item agreed to.

British Columbia

Essential undertakings—

Columbia river (below Burton)—improvements to diversion work, \$2,000.

Comox—float extension and wharf repairs, \$11,600.

Deer park—wharf reconstruction, \$12,500.

Fraser, Skeena and Naas rivers—operation and maintenance of snagboats, \$37,000.

Fraser river—repairs to Woodward's Training Wall, \$14,000.

Fraser river—North Arm—dredging, \$39,000.

Port Clements—wharf repairs and improvements, \$6,500.

Sidney—breakwater, \$4,200.

Stewart—wharf repairs, \$11,000.

Victoria—dredging, \$6,000.

Harbours and rivers generally for maintenance of services, no new works to be undertaken, \$100,000.—Total, \$243,800.

Mr. REID: I notice there is an item of some \$39,000 for dredging in the north arm of the Fraser river. That is very good, but where is the appropriation for the dredging that is being carried on at the present moment?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): It is in item 124. This year, as in past years, the expenditure has been made from that general vote, and will continue to be made from that vote.

Mr. REID: Is there a sufficient amount in item 124? I see the appropriation is the same as last year, but the dredging that is being done in the main channel of the Fraser is practically new work. I was wondering why the minister could segregate the \$39,000 for the

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north arm and not put down anything for the main channel of the Fraser, which is practically new work and will probably cost around \$50,000 or \$60,000.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): The north arm work is an undertaking that would naturally be done under contract, whereas the work in the main Fraser, as my hon. friend knows, is done with our own dredges and paid for out of the general vote.

Mr. MUNN: In my riding of Vancouver North, there are perhaps thirty or forty steamboat landings, wharves and floats. When this government took office in 1930 these wharves and floats, generally speaking, were in good repair. I would like to take the hon. minister for a trip in that country, and I do not think he would be very proud of the condition in which he would find the wharves at the present time. This government took charge of a property on which the people in my riding had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, and they have not even taken care of the ordinary, necessary repairs. If for instance the wind blows a door off a farmer's barn he fixes it up, but they have not even taken that much trouble to keep things in repair. I have written several letters to the hon. minister, and I must say he answers the letters promptly and gives me a very polite reply, but I never get any action. Every year I have been asking, not for new work, but for reasonable repairs; and even taking into consideration the hard times there is no reason in my opinion why this government as guardian of those properties should not take care of them by making the required repairs. There are hundreds of men on relief in British Columbia, many of them living right alongside these wharves and floats, and if there had been any cooperation, any common sense used, this work could have been done without cost beyond that of taking care of these men who are unemployed. At the present time several of the wharves are entirely out of commission. From little villages here and there where the wharves have been out of commission on account of storms or reasonable repair work done, people have to go perhaps in a rowboat or along the road or trail to some other landing at great inconvenience. I do not think it is fair that these people should be treated in that way. The hon. minister should give my riding some little consideration. I have had mighty little, practically none since I have been here. I assure him that when the