

Mr. J. D. TAYLOR. I would like to know where Bic harbour is, and the nature of the traffic carried on there.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is in Rimouski county. There is a lumber business there, and it is a very popular summer resort, and also the centre for the pilots of the St. Lawrence.

Mr. J. D. TAYLOR. The reason I ask is that I find in the annual report of the Minister of Public Works that some very extraordinary works were carried on at Bic during the past year. In deference to the remarks of the hon. member for Jacques Cartier, I wish at the outset to absolve myself from any desire to make an attack on any body's race or religion or nationality. I simply wish to know whether we can have in the district I represent the same kind of expenditures as are made in this fortunate district of Bic. I read in the report of the chief engineer that Bic is a favourite summer resort, and that it has a harbour that affords good natural shelter for vessels. For the year covered by this report there was an expenditure of \$7,103 at Bic, and that expenditure was carried on by day labour between September 22 and November 30. It is only a coincidence, of course, that the general elections were going on during the same period. The dates are September 22 to November 30. While this place is most famed as a summer resort, the expenditure in that year was carried on after the summer resort travel had disappeared and at a most unfavourable season. In fact, there is an apology in the report by the engineers for doing the work at the season when it was done. Here is something to which I would call the attention of the minister, because I would like to secure in the district of Chiliwack some expenditure of this precise nature, because of course, when the department made it at Bic, they cannot will dney it at Chiliwack.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. Wait until the elections are on.

Mr. J. D. TAYLOR. No, we want it before the elections. We did very well at the last elections and are entitled to some reward. Here is a description of some of the work done at Bic:

A good deal of work was also done to improve the roads leading from the village to the wharf. A large quantity of rock was blasted, and the roadway was finished by the addition of a layer of sand six inches thick. Ditches and culverts were built where found desirable.

I would point out that the government wharf at Chiliwack is what might be termed a moveable feast. Owing to the lack of dredging there, we often have to move the spot of gravel which is called a wharf a

Mr. PUGSLEY.

mile further out than where it is located in favourable seasons, and it is very difficult to get teams out there for freight and passengers. Would the hon. minister say whether we might expect at Chiliwack a liberal expenditure for an approach to our wharf or if not why one locality should be favoured and not another.

Mr. PUGSLEY. There has been no application, since I have been minister, for an approach to the wharf at Chiliwack. If there should be, it would receive due consideration. This work at Bic was done very properly for the purpose of giving a suitable approach from the village to the wharf. The land around Bic is very picturesque, but somewhat hilly, and it was difficult to make the road, and I have no reason to suppose that the road cost more than was absolutely necessary. When the Crown builds a wharf, it is not unreasonable that it should build an approach from the public highway to that wharf. If the case at Chiliwack is as strong as that at Bic, I shall give it proper consideration.

Mr. LEMIEUX. If my hon. friend from Quebec West (Mr. Price) were here, he could assure my hon. friend from New Westminster that this work was much needed. As my hon. friend probably knows the member for Quebec West is at the head of the very important firm of Price Brothers.

Mr. J. D. TAYLOR. I am not opposing the work.

Mr. LEMIEUX. I am simply explaining the circumstances. Price Brothers practically own the whole of Rimouski county. They carry on large lumbering operations there and Bic is one of the chief places. If the hon. member for Quebec West were here, he would say that this work was much needed.

At six o'clock, House took recess.

After Recess.

House resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS.

DOMINION MILLERS' ASSOCIATION.

House in committee on Bill (No. 111) respecting the Dominion Millers' Association—Mr. Harris.

On section 2 as amended—powers to hold real estate.

Mr. LENNOX. This is the matter to which I called attention the other night. I do not know who takes charge of this Bill on behalf of the government, but I urge again the point I mentioned. Instead of 'for the purposes of their business,' it