

friend the Minister of Railways and Canals will be prepared to give him a satisfactory answer.

Mr. PRICE. In case the Minister of Railways and Canals finds that it does not come under the Transcontinental Railway, I suppose I will have an opportunity of asking the Minister of Public Works a question?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes.

Red river improvements—St. Andrew's rapids, \$600,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This amount is to continue the work of building the locks on the Red river. St. Andrew's Rapids on the Red river are about thirty miles north of Winnipeg. The expectation is that this will give lake navigation from this very extensive lake which is 300 miles in length, right to the city of Winnipeg. It is expected that \$600,000 will be expended during the present year on locks and gates and that this will complete the work.

Mr. BRADBURY. Would the minister inform me whether that includes the bridge or not?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes.

Mr. BRADBURY. I would like to know whether there has been any arrangement made for the completion of the connection between the bridge and the highways? There are very important settlements on both sides of the river and I have a communication from the municipality of St. Andrew's calling my attention to the fact that the present contract does not provide for connection with the highways on both sides of the river. Consequently, the bridge would be useless as far as traffic is concerned. This is a very important matter to these people. During the late campaign a great deal was made of the fact all along the river that the government had provided the people there with a bridge that will cost \$600,000 and which will be used for traffic purposes. The municipalities inform me that it has come out lately that the present contract does not provide for approaches to the bridge. Does the minister intend to carry out the wishes of the people in that respect?

Mr. PUGSLEY. In connection with the lock it will be necessary to have a service bridge. But, for the accommodation of the municipality the department decided to widen that bridge so that it could be used as a public highway. The view is held in the department that as the bridge is being provided for the accommodation of the municipality by way of widening our service bridge the very least we could ask the municipality to do would be to provide the approaches. There is no bridge at the present time, and there was no bridge

there before this work was undertaken. It seems to me that if the government is willing to allow the people to use the bridge in connection with the lock and is going to the expense of widening it, the municipality, at the very least, ought to be prepared to bear the expense of the necessary approaches to the bridge. I have never been asked to provide the approaches, but I would suppose that the view which I now present is one which would commend itself to my hon. friend and to the people of the municipality and that they would not hesitate, where they are saving the cost of the building of a bridge which is ordinarily borne by the municipalities in Manitoba as well as in Ontario, although it is different in the province of New Brunswick where the provincial government builds all the bridges without any expense to the municipalities, to provide the approaches. My hon. friend says that the Liberal candidate promised that the government would build the approaches. I am not aware that any such promise has been made. There is in my department no record that any such promise was given to anybody.

Mr. BRADBURY. I am to understand then that the late candidate had no authority for promising that the bridge would be completed at both ends?

Mr. HUGHES. What candidate?

Mr. BRADBURY. Mr. S. J. Jackson, my opponent.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am not aware that he made any such promise.

Mr. BRADBURY. That promise was made by my opponent and during the campaign that was held out as an inducement all along the river why the electors should vote for Mr. Jackson. It was stated that the government had generously voted \$600,000 to give them a bridge. There is a large settlement on the east side of the river.

Mr. PUGSLEY. \$600,000 is not simply for the bridge; it is to complete the lock and dam.

Mr. BRADBURY. I think that the fact that they built the bridge increased the cost to \$600,000 and it was represented that they would provide approaches for the accommodation of the people of St. Andrew's. This matter has been before the people for the last two years, the people expect that bridge and if the minister takes the position that they are not going to build it I want to know it.

Mr. BARNARD. May I ask the minister what this work is and what is contemplated as a result of it?

Mr. PUGSLEY. This work consists of the building of a lock with a movable dam