

is such a thing as carrying economy too far, especially at this time, and I think Manitoba has suffered just a little more than it should. However, I have done my duty in drawing this matter to the attention of the minister, and I sincerely hope that the amount for dredging will be increased so that the dredges on these two lakes in Manitoba may be continued as in the past. If that is not done certainly it will mean a very serious setback to the fishing industry of that province. It must be remembered that the amount for which Manitoba is asking is a very small sum in comparison with the amounts which already have been voted for the other provinces.

Mr. HANBURY: What dredges are owned by the government in British Columbia? I am referring particularly to tidewater.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): We have four—Ajax, Mastodon, King Edward and Fruhling.

Mr. HANBURY: Will all this equipment be tied up or will some of it be used?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): The appropriation will not be sufficient to keep these dredges in operation unless it is supplemented in some way. The probability is they will all be laid up except the King Edward.

Mr. HANBURY: There is need for dredging in British Columbia and the equipment is available. The government is spending money on these dredges and the equipment; it pays watchmen for the purpose of looking after them. We have men looking for work and I would suggest increasing this amount in order to keep the equipment in operation and provide work, which is badly needed. Depreciation is going on to an extent greater almost than if the dredges were operating, and I cannot agree with a policy which would tie up government equipment under the present circumstances.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): I ought to inform the hon. member that the Ajax has not been in operation for several years, and the Mastodon has also been idle for a considerable time. Of the remaining two it is proposed to lay up one.

Mr. FRASER (Cariboo): What amount of money has been provided for dredging on the Shuswap lake in the interior of British Columbia?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): No specific amount is provided for that work and it is not really proposed to operate there this year.

Mr. MacLEAN: The vote is largely reduced and I take it for granted a number of dredges

will be laid up. What is the program for Prince Edward Island dredging in connection with work at Egmont bay, where a new wharf was constructed the year before last for the benefit of fishermen? A dredge was operating there last season and did part of the work but was removed before the work was completed. Is it possible to carry on that work this year or in the near future?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): Our program for dredging in Prince Edward Island is under consideration and we are seeking to adjust it to the funds available so as to produce the best results.

Item agreed to.

Ontario—Sarnia—harbour improvements—under contract, \$63,000.

Mr. GRAY: In connection with this item of \$63,000 for Sarnia, is this for harbour development proper or it is for the public dock at Sarnia?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): This amount is required to provide for work now under contract with the Detroit River Construction Company for the construction of a wharf and to provide for paving in and around the existing warehouse, and to construct a warehouse for the general use of the public.

Mr. GRAY: Have any representations been made to have the length of the wharf as originally planned extended.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): Yes. We have had that under consideration, but we do not propose to proceed with the extension just now, even though we think it would be well justified.

Item agreed to.

Quebec, \$1,100,500.

Mr. POWER: I see an item of \$7,900 in connection with wharf repairs at Grindstone. What does this item represent and what is the report of the engineer?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): This item is required to take care of certain construction work at this point for urgent repairs to the outer end of the wharf which was seriously damaged by a storm on October 26, 1930. The money is required for renewal of stringers, and other necessary work. The traffic is heavy, amounting to over \$1,000,000 annually, and the population is 3,000.

Mr. POWER: What is the necessity for the expenditure of \$4,800 at St. Francois Sud?