

Supply—Harbours and Rivers

Mr. BENNETT: It will not make it a second Montreal, but will make it a competing port.

Mr. CARDIN: Yes, in the course of a few years.

Item agreed to.

Harbours and rivers—Ontario, \$2,202,658.57.

Mr. STEWART: Would the minister explain the rather large expenditures on the Grand river improvements, \$300,000, and the Hamilton harbour improvements, in the same amount?

Mr. CARDIN: The Grand river project is a conservation scheme. The hon. member possibly knows better than I do the situation in connection with that river.

Mr. BENNETT: It is in cooperation with the province?

Mr. EULER: And the municipalities.

Mr. CARDIN: Yes, and the municipalities. The work is to be undertaken by a commission which has been appointed by the Ontario government.

Mr. BENNETT: Any relation to the penitentiaries commission?

Mr. CARDIN: I think not. The item for Hamilton harbour is to provide for the carrying out of work in Hamilton harbour which has been strongly urged by the harbour commission. A contract has been let to the Russell Construction Company for the construction of a steel sheet pile wall 2,000 feet long, with sand filling, this being the initial section of a large reclamation scheme proposed by the harbour commission north of Burlington street. There is some dredging to be done in the main channel in front of the wharf and plant of the Steel Company of Canada, and the reconstruction of the easterly face of the James street slip of the harbour commission.

Mr. MASSEY: What work is to be done in Toronto harbour? Is that the extension of the western gap?

Mr. CARDIN: Yes.

Mr. MASSEY: That is to accommodate the new air port.

Mr. CARDIN: Yes.

Item agreed to.

Harbours and rivers—Saskatchewan, \$27,000.

Mr. COLDWELL: What dredging is to be done at Waskesiu lake?

Mr. CARDIN: This amount of \$12,000, including a revote of \$9,400, is for the deepening

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of the enclosed harbour on Waskesiu lake in the Prince Albert national park by the removal of approximately 15,000 cubic yards of material.

Mr. PERLEY: Has the contract been let for the dredging?

Mr. CARDIN: Yes. Four tenders were submitted.

Mr. PERLEY: Who got the contract?

Mr. CARDIN: The contract has been awarded to Macaw and Macdonald of Winnipeg.

Item agreed to.

Harbours and rivers—British Columbia, \$359,435.

Mr. BARBER: I should like an explanation of four items in this vote. The first has to do with the dredging at Harrison river, for which an amount of \$16,800 is being asked. The next covers wharf repairs and improvements at Harrison lake, for which \$4,500 is being asked. In this connection I should like to know if this work is being done on the government wharf or some other wharf on the lake. Then I should like an explanation of the protection work being done on Nicomen island. Is this to replace work that has gone out, or is it to be new work? Then in connection with the work at McIvor's landing; what federal district is that in?

Mr. CARDIN: McIvor's landing is in New Westminster. In connection with Harrison river, an amount of \$16,800 is being provided for dredging the river channel for a distance of 3,200 feet, a width of 80 feet and to a depth of four feet below low water level, and removing bars and raising banks on dredging work done during 1937 and 1938. Also to clean out the channel connecting Harrison lake with Little Harrison lake, all on the Harrison river water course. The amount of \$4,500 for wharf repairs and improvements at Harrison lake is to provide for renewal of decking on approach and substitution of level platform 42 feet by 32 feet, and inclined landing platform 112 feet by 32 feet for the existing float and gangway.

Mr. BARBER: Is that in connection with the wharf built by the government, or the old wharf that was there?

Mr. CARDIN: The residents of Harrison lake district requested that the site of this landing be changed to a more protected one about 1,000 feet away. The district engineer advises that a wharf can be constructed at the new site for the amount submitted in the estimates.