has been done although you informed me that according to a conversation you had with the engineer of the Public Works Department, this work would have been commenced last August. As you are aware during the low water season, we are unable to land our boats there without danger of going on the shoals or reefs which are in close proximity to the dock in its present condition. We have also had trouble with the government booms swinging out beyond the end of the wharf and blocking the channel so that we were prevented from landing. I trust you will bring this matter to the attention of the government and endeavour to have the work completed at the earliest moment possible as this is an important point for landing supplies and men for the military camp, the settlers and the lumbering interests on the Petewawa river.

Yours truly,
GEORGE SCHMIDT,
Manager and Secretary Treasurer.

I would like to impress upon the minister the necessity of undertaking this work as soon as possible. During the season of low water it is almost impossible to get up to this dock with boats. It is a very important point on the Ottawa river at the present time.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Of course, nothing could be done until parliament voted the money. We are getting along pretty late in the season and not much can be done this year. But my attention has been called to the wharf at Petawawa, and it has been intimated to me that the wharf really is not necessary in the public interest. I have directed an inquiry to be made, and I can say to my hon. friend that the matter is still under consideration.

Mr. WHITE. The wharf in its present condition is practically useless at low water.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is not positively decided that this large amount of money will be expended there. I am not sure it is in the public interest.

Port Burwell—improvement to harbour, $90,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Up to the 31st of December there was $8,769 expended. Then there was an estimate for a further expenditure up the 31st of March. The dredging work is under contract.

Port Hope—repairs to pier and dredging, $15,000.

Mr. WARD. What has been done at Port Hope this year ?

Mr. PUGSLEY. We propose to do some dredging at Port Hope. It was commenced in the fall of 1907, by Mr. Phin of Welland. We hope to do quite a little dredging work this year.

Mr. WARD. Will there be any repairs to the piers ?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes, we propose to make repairs to the pier, also to do some dredging.

Mr. WHITE.

Port Stanley—harbour improvements, $38,000.

Mr. WM. JACKSON. Is this all for the outside breakwater in Port Stanley ?

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is for the outside breakwater, and for dredging. The work is under contract.

Mr. WM. JACKSON. When will that work for the outside breakwater be completed ?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I think it will take another year.

Mr. WM. JACKSON. Who is the inspector ?

Mr. PUGSLEY. My memorandum does not say, but I can get the name.

Mr. WM. JACKSON. I know the inspector has been changed, and I wanted to know the reason. I wrote the minister in connection with the inside breakwater six weeks or two months ago. I called his attention to the condition of the inside breakwater on the east side of the east pier. Unless that breakwater is extended 150 feet to the northeast, practically the work that has been done in Port Stanley will be useless. The lake is breaking in on the north side of the breakwater, and is cutting into the harbour.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I will have the matter looked into at once.

Rainy river—improvements at Long Sault rapids, $50,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. In reference to that, we were obliged to get the consent of the United States government, because it might be a matter for the Waterways Commission to settle. At their suggestion we have referred the matter to the American government.

Mr. BENNETT. In connection with a similar matter, is any expenditure being incurred by the department in keeping a patrol tug or tugs at a point called the Lime Kilns, near Windsor ?

Mr. PUGSLEY. My engineer tells me no.

Roche's point wharf, $3,200.

Mr. BENNETT. What is that dock costing at Roche's Point ?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The total cost is $3,212. That has been paid for.

Mr. J. D. REID. I understand the people in that vicinity never wanted that wharf, and they are now asking the government to take it away.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Well, they have not come to the right source to get it done, because they have not communicated with me on the subject.