

Mr. FISHER. There was some \$800 spent in the year 1905-6 so that the purchase must have been made before that.

Mr. CROCKET. What is the reason for the increase in the vote from \$2,000 to \$3,100?

Mr. FISHER. The estimate was that \$2,000 would do the work. That was not spent last year, and very much for the reason that I have already explained in some other instances and in view of the complete survey it will cost \$1,100 more than was expected.

Mr. CROCKET. Is there not already a wharf at this point?

Mr. FISHER. No public wharf there.

Mr. CROCKET. Does the minister know the population of Marble Mountain?

Mr. McLENNAN. There are two wharfs at Marble mountain; one owned by the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, a wharf they have kept busy day and night—in fact they have even a night shift on during the season of navigation—the other the property of the Bras d'Or Line Company which they also keep quite busy day and night during the season of navigation. The public cannot get near these wharfs. This is a settlement of about 18 miles in extent and this is the only public wharf built or proposed to be built in the near future for the whole settlement.

Mr. FISHER. There is a large lime quarry and the combined companies employ about 800 men.

Mr. CROCKET. I find by reference to 'Hansard' for 1905, that the Minister of Public Works stated that the population of Marble Mountain was 350.

Mr. FISHER. It has been increased by the introduction of a large number of labouring people.

Mr. McLENNAN. The Dominion Iron and Steel Company have 500 men employed there.

Middle Country harbour—wharf, \$3,000.

Mr. FISHER. This is a revote and the work is under contract.

Mr. BARKER. This seems to be another of these long protracted cases which began in 1905 and has continued with votes and revotes. There does not seem any particular hurry about it. I see very little west of Isaac's harbour. How far west is it?

Mr. SINCLAIR. By a straight line it is five miles west of Isaac's harbour. There is a strip of land between.

Mr. BARKER. I understand this wharf is to be built seven miles inland?

Mr. SINCLAIR. It depends on where you start from. You can take the largest

Mr. CROCKET.

ship in the British navy up to this wharf. It is built on the waters of Country harbour, one of the finest harbours on the Atlantic sea board; it is the fear of Halifax harbour. If the hon. gentleman will read the report of the Transportation Commission, he will see this harbour referred to as one of the great harbours on the coast of Nova Scotia.

Mr. BARKER. Where this wharf is to be built?

Mr. SINCLAIR. Yes.

Mr. BARKER. What business is to be done there?

Mr. SINCLAIR. It will be a shipping port for an inland district with a large population.

Mr. BARKER. Are you trying to create population by building wharfs?

Mr. SINCLAIR. There are some small wharfs in the vicinity where business is being done, but they do not afford sufficient facilities.

Mr. BARKER. You are building wharfs inland at the expense of the Dominion?

Mr. SINCLAIR. This is not inland.

Mr. BARKER. The report says it is seven miles inland.

Mr. SINCLAIR. That is a mistake. It may be seven miles from the entrance to the bay, but it is in deep tidal water where there is ample draught for the largest ship.

Mr. BARKER. The report says: \$3,000 was voted during 1905-6 for the construction of a wharf at Middle Country harbour, seven miles inland.

Mr. FISHER. Read on.

Mr. BARKER. Certainly; it says: Or one mile below the head of navigation, for small vessels.

Mr. FISHER. Hear, hear.

Mr. BARKER. Is the Dominion going to construct wharfs all over Nova Scotia seven miles inland?

Mr. FISHER. My hon. friend is doubtless unintentionally in error; but if his remarks were let go uncontradicted, they would create the idea that this wharf is built seven miles away from the sea. The fact is that this is a large inlet of the sea which extends more than seven miles into the country; it is really a great harbour.

Mr. BARKER. Is there any other wharf there now?

Mr. FISHER. There are wharfs on the same inlet, but not at this particular point. Moose harbour—breakwater, \$1,200.

Mr. AMES. Where is this?