

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. Wood.

Mr. FOSTER. Are you building the hull in Sorel to send up to Kaministiquia?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. No. I made a mistake in that. The hull will be constructed at Port Arthur.

Mr. HUGHES. Where is the \$21,500 tug to be built?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. In Sorel.

Mr. BENNETT. Where are the old boiler and engine of the tug "Trudeau"?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. They are still at Midland.

Mr. HUGHES. What became of the dredges employed at Owen Sound harbour, a year or so after the general election in order to recoup a number of friends of the Government?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I do not understand what my hon. friend means.

Mr. HUGHES. The Minister of Public Works employed a dredge pumping water there, where it was doing very little work, in order to recoup some political friends who were buried at the last general election. One came from away down in my county—a lawyer engaged in dredging at Owen Sound. Is there a dredge there yet?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. Yes, the same as was there before.

Mr. HUGHES. Does the Government own it?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. No, we hire it by the hour, as has always been done.

Mr. BENNETT. With reference to the boiler and engine of the tug "Trudeau," is it intended to place these in a new dredge?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I am asking a sum of \$3,500 for a new boiler. As to the machinery in the old tug, we will use that as much as possible.

Mr. BENNETT. Is it intended to bring up the hull to Midland and place the machinery in it there or take the machinery down to Sorel?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. These are details on which I cannot give information just now. The chief engineer will have to decide all those details.

Mr. BENNETT. When the machinery was removed from the "Trudeau" last fall at Midland, were any offers made by any persons there to build a tug?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I do not remember receiving any. My offi-

cers do not remember receiving any either, but it may be that there were some.

Mr. BENNETT. I must say that the Minister has been hardly fair to the ship building industry of Georgian Bay. There have been very large steamers built on the shores there, and yesterday a very large tug was launched at Midland 140 feet in length, and it seems rather out of the way, with the machinery of the old tug lying on the shore, that you should not have built the hull there for it, where it could have been built just as cheaply as at Sorel. If the machinery has to be shipped from Midland to Sorel, that will be a large bill of expense. And if the new hull is to be towed from Sorel by way of the Welland Canal and up Lake Erie to the Georgian Bay, that will entail a large amount of expenditure which might be avoided. I have reason to believe that certain parties at Midland were very anxious to build a hull for the machinery.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. We are fairly equipped at Sorel to build dredges, and so on, and we take advantage of our own equipment to build our own dredges. I would have been very glad to build elsewhere, if it had been found practicable, but as we have a ship yard of our own in Sorel, we build there as much as possible.

Mr. HUGHES. There is \$10,000 machinery for the Kaministiquia dredge. Where is that to be built?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. In Sorel.

Mr. MONTAGUE. Where do you get the boiler?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. We generally ask for tenders for the boiler.

Mr. MONTAGUE. Are you going to ask for tenders in this case?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I suppose so, unless I can buy in a better way.

Mr. HUGHES. Is the hon. gentleman fitting up this dredge with machinery and boiler by some private concern down in Sorel?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. No, we have a ship yard of our own in Sorel and we do the work ourselves.

Mr. MONK. There is no boiler-making in the ship yard?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. No.

Mr. MONK. In that case, it would be far better for the Minister to pledge that tenders will be called for the construction of these engines. It is unfair that work of this magnitude and cost should be entered into without calling for tenders.