

has had none of the public works that I have asked for.

Mr. LEMIEUX. What about the wharf at Point Claire?

Mr. MONK. I owe that to a different man from what you are.

Mr. LEMIEUX. I rise to a point of order. This is not the language for this House.

Mr. MONK. It is the language that suits you.

Mr. LEMIEUX. I am asking the hon. gentleman a courteous question. And I wish him to apologize now.

Mr. MONK. Oh, indeed?

Mr. LEMIEUX. Yes. And I will ask the chairman's decision.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. The language, as I understand it, is not in accordance with the rules, and I hope the hon. minister will explain or apologize. At the same time, I will make the remark that the debate has been conducted from the beginning with too much of such language from one side as well as from the other.

Mr. MONK. I accept your ruling, Mr. Chairman, absolutely. Let me say to my hon. friend (Mr. Chisholm, Antigonish), that I will give the matter consideration. The work has been begun. I was stating a moment ago that I had been asked for post offices and other works in my own constituency under circumstances which seem to give justification for the demand. But the government have not been able to meet all demands. I will read in 'Hansard' what my hon. friend has said and will ask a report from the engineers.

Mr. CHISHOLM. (Antigonish). I have no doubt that when the report is made the hon. minister will see that the work is necessary.

Mr. KYTE. I would like to ask as to the work to be carried on at Little Anse. The contract was awarded last September, but I do not see an item in the estimates now before us. I presume that in cases in which a contract has been given the money will be provided for in the supplementary estimates. I should be glad if the minister could tell me that my understanding of the matter is correct.

Mr. MONK. I cannot say from memory whether the contract was awarded or not. But where a contract has been awarded and the work begun, the money will have to be provided whatever may be the opinion of the government.

Mr. KYTE. The work was not actually commenced, but I am given to understand that the contract is in existence.

Mr. MONK.

Mr. LEMIEUX. What is the policy of the minister in regard to advertising for tenders in connection with these works?

Mr. MONK. Where the work is to cost over \$5,000, tenders are usually called for. But where the district engineer reports that the work can be done better by day work, that plan is followed. In the case of breakwaters even it is sometimes found better to deliver the material during the autumn and winter and to complete the work in the spring.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The work is sometimes more economically carried on in that way.

Mr. KYTE. I have a question to ask also with regard to an item in last year's estimates for a breakwater at Port Richmond. I asked the minister a question with regard to this a few days ago. I was told that the contract was not awarded, and in answer to the question: Is it the intention of the government to proceed this year? I received the answer: No; no amount is provided in next year's supplementary estimates. I would like to know if any report has been received by the department within the last few months having reference to the importance or otherwise of this undertaking?

Mr. MONK. I understand that we had a report, but I do not now believe that there was any allegation of urgency. If my hon. friend wishes to see the report, we will get it for him. The hon. gentleman must remember that I am not the supreme arbiter in these works. The officers make suggestions, and I bring my estimates to the government. But it is the government that finally decides on the estimates.

Mr. SINCLAIR. There is a similar case in Guysborough county, at New Harbour. The sum of \$10,000 was provided in the estimates passed before the holidays for the extension of the breakwater there. And if I recollect rightly, tenders were advertised for, though I am not certain of that. It is a very important work. Prior to the erection of the present breakwater it was difficult to carry on fishing at all on that stormy part of the coast. But after the breakwater was built, a number of fishermen collected and built houses, and a thriving fishing village has grown up along that breakwater. The number of fishermen increased so rapidly that the breakwater was soon too small to shelter all their boats in a storm. I visited the place last year. There were about thirty boats there, only about half of which could get in behind the breakwater whilst the rest had to seek shelter elsewhere. I think the minister will find that the engineers were favourable to the extension, and that \$10,000 was placed in the estimates for that