

Mr. FISHER. I do not know that there is, but that comes under the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

Mr. J. D. REID. Your department builds the wharfs and repairs them and then hands them over to the Department of Marine and Fisheries?

Mr. FISHER. Yes, we do not deal with the revenue.

Doucet's landing—pile wharf, \$5,000.

Mr. BERGERON. Why is there a re-vote here?

Mr. FISHER. The vote was given too late last season to have any work done.

Mr. AMES. Is this wharf used by the Grand Trunk Railway?

Mr. FISHER. No.

Mr. AMES. What use is there for the wharf?

Mr. CHARLES DEVLIN. The wharf is immediately opposite Three Rivers and is for the convenience of the people of Ste. Angèle de Laval and that portion of the county. It is at a terminal point of the Grand Trunk Railway, but was not built for that company because they have their own wharf but for the convenience of the people generally. Tenders were called for and six or seven were submitted, and the lowest was accepted. The wharf is now under course of construction.

Mr. BLAIN. Is it expected there will be any revenue?

Mr. FISHER. There may be when it is handed over to the Marine and Fisheries Department.

Mr. BLAIN. Is not that always considered in these large expenditures?

Mr. FISHER. What is mainly considered is the convenience of the public.

Mr. BLAIN. Do I understand that there will be no revenue?

Mr. FISHER. I do not say that, but we consider the convenience of the public not the revenue when deciding on these wharfs.

Mr. BERGERON. My hon. friend from Peel (Mr. Blain) is reading the 'Hansard' of years ago when putting that question.

Mr. AMES. Is there any real demand or has there been any for that wharf? Is not the wharf of the Grand Trunk Railway quite sufficient? And has that not been used for the ferry? What possible use can there be for a second wharf alongside the other?

Mr. CHARLES DEVLIN. As a matter of fact this is for the convenience, not only for the population of Ste. Angèle de Laval but of that whole portion of the county. It is

an agricultural section and the farmers send their products across to Three Rivers. The object is to provide facilities for the farming community as well as the people who cross to Three Rivers.

Mr. AMES. Is it not duplicating facilities that already exist?

Mr. LEMIEUX. No. The wharf already in existence some fourteen years or more is monopolized by the tracks of the Grand Trunk Railway and no vehicle is allowed to pass over it. In the short time I was a member for that county, I saw Mr. Wainwright and other leading men of the Grand Trunk Railway and asked them to make repairs so as to allow vehicles to cross but they refused. If the government made the necessary repairs, they would be spending money on a private property. My hon friend knows what traffic there is between the north and south shores at that point.

Mr. BERGERON. How much money will be expended?

Mr. FISHER. \$5,000. The contract is for \$4,911.

Escoumains pier—extension, \$20,000.

Mr. FISHER. This is under contract to James B. Charleson, of Ottawa, and the amount of the contract is \$24,045. Tenders were invited and the contract was given to the lowest. This will complete the work.

Mr. J. D. REID. How much has been spent there already?

Mr. FISHER. This is an extension to the wharf.

Mr. J. D. REID. If the hon gentleman is letting the contract for \$12,000, why does he ask \$20,000?

Mr. FISHER. We seem to have got a tender very much lower than we expected. I might cut the item down \$5,000.

Mr. J. D. REID. Why not cut the item down to the amount of the tender?

Mr. FISHER. We have to make allowance for superintendence.

Mr. J. D. REID. In 1905 this wharf was practically being built by the Saguenay Lumber Company as there is no other concern there. The government spent \$13,078 up to 1905. When Mr. Brodeur put \$8,000 in the estimates for this wharf, he said that it was to provide for building a public pier which was under contract and that the cost altogether would be \$11,478, and the usual amount for superintendence and contingencies, \$1,552. I cannot understand why \$20,000 more is asked for now.

Mr. GIRARD. It is quite true that the Saguenay Lumber Company is operating at that point on a large scale, but this wharf is to be used by three other parishes besides Escoumains, because this is the