

Mr. HAGGART. What amount has been expended upon this undertaking and will this finish it?

Mr. FISHER. It is finished and this is for the payment. The government have paid \$25,000 and the coal company was to have spent about \$13,000 more.

Mr. HAGGART. Do I understand the minister to say that this finishes it?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Mr. HAGGART. That is \$38,000 altogether?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Mr. HAGGART. But there has been a far larger sum than that expended on Glace Bay.

Mr. JOHNSTON. Not by the government.

Mr. HAGGART. Oh, this is an expenditure on a private undertaking?

Mr. JOHNSTON. That is the explanation; that is right.

Mr. HAGGART. In whose name is the wharf?

Mr. FISHER. The wharf belongs to the Dominion Coal Company but there is a contract with the company that as the government paid this \$25,000 the wharf and its approaches shall be made public so that the public may use it.

Mr. HAGGART. Has the coal company contributed anything towards the expenditure?

Mr. FISHER. About half as much as the government in addition to all the work which was there before.

Mr. HAGGART. They built the work that was there before and for the work that has now been completed they have contributed one-half.

Mr. FISHER. No, the government contribute \$25,000 and the whole work cost about \$38,000.

Mr. BLAIN. What about the future in respect to repairs?

Mr. FISHER. That is for the future to decide.

Mr. BLAIN. As I understand it the government has expended \$25,000 and the Dominion Coal Company, \$13,000?

Mr. FISHER. \$13,000 now.

Mr. BLAIN. Making a total of \$38,000, which completes the work?

Mr. FISHER. Which completes the work, but this is not the whole work because the Dominion Coal Company spent large sums before the government did anything.

Mr. FISHER.

Mr. BLAIN. I understand that the government spent something before the Dominion Coal Company?

Mr. FISHER. No, this is the first expenditure by the government.

Mr. BLAIN. The government having an investment of \$25,000 in a private enterprise, with the exception that the minister has given that it is open to the public on certain conditions which practically give a monopoly to the Dominion Coal Company, has the company control of the wharf under the contract that has been entered into with it by the government? What about the future?

Mr. FISHER. The government is under no obligation as to the future.

Mr. BLAIN. Are we to understand that the government do not spend any more money?

Mr. FISHER. I am not prepared to say. I do not know what the future may bring forth.

Mr. HAGGART. Do I understand the minister to say that the government have only expended at Glace Bay, \$25,000?

Mr. FISHER. As I am informed.

Mr. HAGGART. That is under the new arrangement, but, before that, surely the government expended some money?

Mr. FISHER. I am told not.

Mr. JOHNSTON. Not at Glace Bay.

Mr. FOWLER. Have there been any complaints from any people resident at Glace Bay who want to use these works but who have been prevented from doing so by the coal company?

Mr. FISHER. I do not think so.

Mr. JOHNSTON. No.

Mr. BLAIN. I would like to hear from the hon. gentleman representing the county as to whether the citizens of the town and surrounding country are perfectly satisfied with the agreement which has been entered into between the government and the Dominion coal company?

Mr. JOHNSTON. I have on three or four former occasions assured my hon. friend that the citizens generally approve of this scheme.

Mr. BLAIN. No complaints whatever?

Mr. JOHNSTON. Well, there may be two or three Bourbons who are opposed to this as they would be to any other movement, but I have only to assure my hon. friend that a gentleman who is so keen to give him information does not know very much about what the citizens of Glace Bay desire. This scheme is perfectly acceptable to the people of Glace Bay. It was approved by them as