

Mr. MONK. I appeal to the hon. member for Maissonneuve (Mr. Préfontaine) who is familiar with that portion of Montreal, to bear me out in the statement I now make. At Pointe Claire there is the remnant of an old wharf abandoned by the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and the establishment of a new wharf would require but a small expenditure by the Government. I trust that the Minister will see his way to erect a wharf there.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I understand that the cost of a wharf at Pointe Claire would be \$5,000 or \$6,000, but still I quite recognize the importance of Pointe Claire, and I hope that my hon. friend (Mr. Monk) and myself will be able some of these days to rejoice over the building of a wharf there.

Mr. PREFONTAINE. I can bear out what the hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) has stated. If any place on Lake St. Louis should have a wharf, it should be Pointe Claire. I can well understand why it was not properly treated by the former Conservative Government, because it is one of the most Liberal parishes in the county of Jacques Cartier.

Mr. MONK. That is perhaps an additional reason why the Minister of Public Works should build the wharf.

Mr. MARCOTTE. (Translation.) I am glad to see that the hon. gentleman is asking for a larger vote this year, still, if we consider the damages suffered by the farmers along the river Ste. Anne, I think something more than mere repairs is required, but considerable protection works are needed. I thought my duty to call the attention of the hon. gentleman to that fact, and ask him to send out an engineer from the department to find out what repairs are required and to see to it that protection works be carried out along the river Ste. Anne. Those protection works are of high importance for that village, which is all the time liable to suffer serious damages from the water. Now, I hope the hon. Minister of Public Works will do all within his power to protect the village from those dangers, both on the east side and on the west side. I wish also to ask the hon. gentleman whether the outlay has exceeded the amount of \$3,000 that was appropriated last year, or whether he is going to pay the arrears due in this connection out of this appropriation of \$5,000?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS (Mr. Tarte). (Translation.) In reply to the hon. gentleman, I may tell him that not a cent over the appropriation was expended; so, at least I understand from the report of the officials of my department. As to the additional \$5,000 asked for, we shall try to apply that

sum in the best way we can. The hon. member should not forget that these are not purely Dominion works, therefore, I think the people of Ste. Anne are also bound to look after their own interests. However, the Government, in view of the considerable importance of those works, have thought it fit to ask Parliament for this appropriation. But still let the hon. gentleman not forget that these are not purely Dominion works.

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Mr. FOSTER. As a number of the Ontario members are not present to-night I would suggest that the vote for Collingwood Harbour and Rainy River, which are new votes, should be allowed to stand, and that we pass the others.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. Very well.

Mr. REID. I understand that the Government have been making a survey at Prescott, and it is generally reported that they intend building a new breakwater there. Is that the case?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. We are now dredging at Prescott, but I may say it is not the intention to build a breakwater. We think that by careful dredging we can give all the accommodation that is required at present.

Mr. REID. That is my own opinion, and so far I agree with the Minister. At the same time it was reported that they were going to build a breakwater.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I do not intend to do so now.

Mr. REID. Did not the Minister receive a deputation about the breakwater?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. Yes.

Mr. REID. I see that the Government tug is there now. Is it the intention to have the dredge to do some dredging?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. That is going on now.

Mr. REID. It is a very important work, and I am glad he is doing some dredging there, because the large vessels which go to Port Arthur go into Prescott.

Mr. CLANCY. I desire to call the attention of the Minister of Public Works to the promise made last session with regard to the improvement of the river Sydenham, between Wallaceburg and Dresden. The port of Wallaceburg stands fifth in the list of ports trading with American ports, and this traffic is very much impeded for the want of this necessary work. I see nothing in the Estimates so far, and I wish to ask the hon. gentleman if we may expect that something will be