

Mr. CARDIN:—with a view to providing employment, and by developing harbours and rivers and all facilities for trade, the country is doing practically the same thing. It provides employment for the people residing in these localities, and gives them opportunity to develop.

Mr. BAKER: Does the minister really think, in connection with the item of \$60,000 for dredging Yarmouth harbour, that we get \$60,000 worth of work there?

Mr. CARDIN: The tourist service there is very great.

Mr. BENNETT: That is not what was asked.

Mr. KINLEY: More people come into Yarmouth than any other port in Canada!

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. WALSH: I notice that in the special supplementary estimates last year this amount read \$275,300. This year it is \$733,200. In the regular estimates the amounts are almost the same, so we can disregard them. Can the minister give any reason for such a radical increase in the amount to be expended in that province this year?

Mr. CARDIN: I think the figures given by my hon. friend are not correct. The amount we are providing this year is about the same as that provided last year for Nova Scotia. It is even a little less than last year.

Mr. WALSH: I have in my hand the special supplementary estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1937, and I find in it, harbours and rivers, Nova Scotia, \$275,300. This year the amount is \$733,200.

Mr. CARDIN: I have not before me last year's estimates but I remember very well when the estimates were presented to me I observed that the amount was practically the same as that provided last year. It may be we had less last year in the supplementary estimates, but the amount in the main estimates was larger. Taking the two together I think the amount we propose to spend this year in Nova Scotia is about the same, or a little less than the amount spent last year.

Mr. WALSH: I have the main estimates here also, and the amount in the main estimates looked to me to be very much the same. I may be confusing the items. The point I want to make is this: is there any connection between this tremendous increase this year and the prospective provincial election in Nova Scotia?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

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The CHAIRMAN: Is the item carried?

Mr. WALSH: No, Mr. Chairman. I ask this question seriously. I do not object to this expenditure in Nova Scotia, particularly when my own constituency gets nothing, although as the minister himself knows it deserves consideration; but due to the peculiar report of a subordinate officer in the Post Office Department at Montreal we get nothing. I do not object to Nova Scotia getting this increased grant if it is warranted, but the question is: Is it warranted under the circumstances, when the government could not afford to spend in my constituency an amount of thirty or forty thousand dollars, yet could so radically increase the amount to be spent in Nova Scotia? To me it looks a little suspicious.

An hon. MEMBER: That shows a suspicious nature.

Mr. WALSH: Being of a suspicious frame of mind I draw it to the attention of the minister to see whether there is any foundation for the suspicion.

Mr. CARDIN: I think my hon. friend is not fair to himself when he says he is of a suspicious mind; I know him better than that. I say sincerely that there is no connection at all between these estimates and the possibility of a provincial election in Nova Scotia, and the proof of it is what I said a moment ago, that the amount is not larger this year than last year. That is a complete answer to the argument of my hon. friend.

Mr. SPENCE: We have been spending money on breakwaters in and around Nova Scotia for the last fifteen or twenty years, and every year there seem to be the same items. Do these breakwaters all fall down each year? We must have built enough breakwaters there to cover the whole shore line. I have said before and I still think that we are building breakwaters at summer resorts and private homes. For instance, you have an item of \$25,000 for harbour improvements at Digby, and there is no harbour there. One boat runs from Saint John every other day; that is probably all. There is \$75,000 for a breakwater at Brooklyn; what kind of a place is Brooklyn?

Mr. KINLEY: The only public works in my county since I have represented it are those in operation at the time of the last federal election; ever since they have been finishing them up. As to Brooklyn, it is near Liverpool in Queens county, where the only paper mill in Nova Scotia is situated. I never heard that they were friends of mine, but they get the biggest item in the whole