

the timber is to come from the St. Maurice river where this company has acquired very extensive limits. That wharf will serve for the lumber trade which comes over the St. Maurice river and which will be sent to the United States by the Delaware and Hudson.

Mr. BOYCE. When did the necessity arise for this?

Mr. LEMIEUX. The St. Maurice company has been in business quite a number of years but there was then no Delaware and Hudson. The old wharf is the property of the Grand Trunk Railway and any repairs done there would be for the benefit of the company. The government are pledged every year to do some dredging at the extremity of the wharf, while the present wharf although much shorter than the old one which is not our property, is in deeper water.

Mr. AMES. Will this appropriation finish that work?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes.

Mr. AMES. Will the Postmaster General tell us that we shall not have that wharf up again, once every four years?

Mr. LEMIEUX. I do not suppose you shall hear of it again.

Mr. BOYCE. How much has been spent?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The original contract was \$4,911.75 and the total expenditure \$7,500. My hon. friend from West Algoma (Mr. Boyce) has made the statement that I wrote him that under no circumstances would my department pay for the right of way to a public wharf. In view of the fact that this is a vote for the right of way to this wharf and that I have asked for votes to pay for the rights of way to other wharfs, I would ask my hon. friend to produce the letter to which he refers. If he has any letter from me bearing on the subject of wharfs at West Algoma, I think he will find, if he will read over again, that it contains no such statement as the one he attributes to me.

Mr. BOYCE. The hon. gentleman must not put words into my mouth which I did not say. No matter how exalted his position, he has no greater rights in this House than any other member, and I very strongly resent the attitude of the minister in endeavouring to thrust down my throat statements as having been made by me in this House which I did not make. I stated that I had communicated with his department and had received a communication from his department to the effect I mentioned. That is a communication upon which I think I can without difficulty lay my hands. I am quite willing to refer the

hon. minister to that correspondence, but do not want him to endeavour to trap me into an apparent deviation from the actual line of truth by putting into my mouth the statement that I had correspondence with him and that he had written me such a letter.

Mr. PUGSLEY. 'Hansard' will show tomorrow whether the hon. gentleman made the statement or not. I certainly understood him to say that he had received a communication from me. I think he used the expression 'the minister,' but possibly not, and that the minister said that under no circumstances would the department pay for the right of way to a wharf. If he did not say that, that puts a different phase on the matter altogether. I wish to say that the department does, in cases where it is necessary, make a practice of paying for the right of way to public wharfs. It is necessary to do that in order to enable the public to have that enjoyment of a public wharf which parliament intended they should have.

Mr. BOYCE. Is that the principle, that the right of way shall be paid for?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Certainly, where it is necessary for the public enjoyment.

Mr. BOYCE. Where a wharf is built, the approach, as a right of way, shall be paid by the government?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Certainly.

Mr. BOYCE. The hon. minister will find that his words are at variance with the correspondence from his department.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. In the riding I represent there is a wharf at Grand Bay, and the entrance, which is not owned by the department, is the cause of considerable trouble. I would like to know whether the minister intends taking any action to secure the right of way?

Mr. PUGSLEY. We have had considerable trouble with regard to that property, and are taking the necessary steps to appropriate with the view of vesting it in the Crown.

Douglastown pier—addition, \$2,000.

Mr. AMES. What is the estimate of the total cost when finally completed?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Up to the 31st of March last, \$22,528.52 was spent and we are requiring \$2,000 more. I think that will complete the work.

Mr. AMES. I do not think so.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes, it will do all we purpose doing at the present.

Mr. AMES. Then you will have something that is of no value.