

sonal explanation. The Minister of Public Works having made his statement it was quite fair and within the rules that the hon. member for York should reply. The minister may be permitted to reply to the hon. member on the understanding that no new matter is to be introduced. Solely upon that ground perhaps the minister may be allowed to complete any explanation, but to bring any new matter would be irrelevant.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I will not introduce any new matter. I was calling attention to the fact that the hon. member for York has not denied the statement which was contained in the report of the Toronto 'Globe' that he had sought to lead members of this House to believe that the Department of Public Works had been expending money upon private property. In regard to the agreement of transfer—

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. If the minister will permit me to ask him a question: Is this an extension of a private wharf?

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is a wharf which is built at the end of the wharf which was owned—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. PUGSLEY—which was owned by the Albert Manufacturing Company. I stated that in the city of St. John the government is building a wharf which you might call an extension of a wharf owned—

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I object to the minister going into that unless it is understood that this debate is going to be a general one.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I do not want to make it general.

Mr. SPEAKER. It must be confined strictly to the matter now before the House.

Mr. PUGSLEY. In the case of the city of St. John, the city owned the wharf—

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I object to going into the question of the wharf in the city of St. John.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I will be brief, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Mr. Speaker—

Mr. PUGSLEY. I did not interrupt the hon. member for York, although he wandered far afield, although he did not keep within miles of the question which is really before the House, and I do think I should be allowed a few words of reply. In the case of the building of the wharf beyond the wharf in the city of St. John—

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I object to introducing new matter.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Well, I will not go into the wharf at St. John.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. No, I think you will have enough on your hands to deal with this wharf.

Mr. PUGSLEY. All right. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Crocket) has referred to the agreement regarding this wharf and he has called it a colourable agreement. There is nothing whatever in the agreement, or in anything which was before the committee, or is in the possession of my hon. friend, which would justify him in making that statement. That agreement provides that there shall be a free right of way to the whole public over this wharf, a right of way over the road which was constructed by the Albert Manufacturing Company, that the whole public shall have the right to use it, subject to such tolls as the Crown may impose, and that the Crown shall have the absolute right to collect wharfage upon all vessels except those which are coming there for the Albert Manufacturing Company.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Because they were the only ones that use it.

Mr. PUGSLEY. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Borden) had been in the House the other day he would have heard the hon. member for Westmorland (Mr. Emmer-son) state that not only are other vessels using the wharf besides those of the Albert Manufacturing Company, but that there are scores of vessels, a large number of vessels using it and that it is of the utmost importance to the traders and fishermen in the vicinity.

Mr. CROCKET. Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. CROCKET. I rise to a point of order.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have tried to be as fair as possible to both sides and the minister will understand that no new matter can be brought up.

Mr. PUGSLEY. No.

Mr. CROCKET. My point of order is that the Minister of Public Works attributed a statement to the member for Westmorland, which the member for Westmorland did not make. The statement of the member for Westmorland was that there were some fishing vessels using the wharf.

Mr. PUGSLEY. What the member for Westmorland stated was that to his knowledge there were a large number of vessels besides these belonging to the company which were utilizing this wharf, and it was a wharf in the public interest entirely, outside of the Albert Manufacturing Com-