

he made a survey of it. I believe there will be two or three townships interested in it.

I notice in the estimates that there are \$200,000 more allocated to the provinces of Ontario and Quebec than was the case last year. That would be about \$100,000 each. I was wondering whether it would be possible for the Department of Public Works to assist municipal councils in a drainage scheme of this kind, particularly when the department is not taking care of their own local waters, but is taking care of international waters which leave the river and go across the country.

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): I shall have my engineers report on the case the hon. member has just submitted. The hon. member understands that if it is completely a drainage project we do not contribute to that, but I shall see what we can do about it.

Mr. HENDERSON: It is drainage, but the water is international water which leaves the river. I thought we would have to take care of international waters.

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): We have no estimates at all for drainage purposes; I am sorry. We are discussing item 300. We have no money for drainage purposes under this item, nor under any item.

Item agreed to.

Chief engineer's branch—Dredging—
301. Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Northwest Territories, \$269,550.

Mr. BRYCE: I had intended telling the minister about some of the hazards of shipping on lake Winnipeg and the Red river, up to the harbour of Winnipeg, but since the hour is late I shall refrain from doing so. I want the minister to know that I am going to take these matters up with him, and I hope he will give me an attentive ear. Are the dredges on lake Winnipeg in full operation now, or are they still operating on the war schedule?

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): My information is that we are operating at full time in Manitoba.

Mr. BRYCE: Can the minister tell me what they are doing at Warren's Landing to straighten the channel there? The department made a survey there last year and put in new range lines. If the minister has not the information now, perhaps he could let me have it later.

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): I shall send it over to the hon. member.

Mr. BENTLEY: I do not know just how big a field dredging takes in. We do not have a great deal of that work in Saskatche-

wan, although I believe there is some work along that line that could be done. I was absent this afternoon in the industrial relations committee when the bill to beautify Ottawa was passed, which I would have opposed. Could the minister possibly find an appropriation somewhere to do a little dredging in the Swift Current river. We need a swimming-pool there which would help us out quite a bit.

Item agreed to.

Chief engineer's branch—Dredging—
302. British Columbia and Yukon, \$386,080.

Mr. ARCHIBALD: There is just one point I should like to bring up. I do not wish to criticize or to raise the devil too much with the minister because I see he has an item in here for Hazelton; therefore I shall go fairly easily.

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): That has been voted.

Mr. ARCHIBALD: I am not going to speak on that. I should like to deal with dredging at Dalketla slough. I received a letter from the district engineer, Mr. K. W. Morton, of New Westminster, with an outline of the projects contemplated for the Pacific coast, and in that was \$301,950 for a break-water at Wiah Point. I do not see that included in the estimates here. Has it been dropped?

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): I am informed that the estimates which were given to the hon. member were probably a post-war and timing project. They are not in these estimates. I shall look up the item mentioned by the hon. member and see what can be done about it, but not at this session.

Mr. ARCHIBALD: Under these contemplated post-war projects, I should like to bring in this matter; along with Wiah Point, dredging should be done at the village of Massett, so that the fishermen can go over and live in that district. It is important to the fishermen who go out on long-line trawling in that area. It would build up the Queen Charlotte islands. It is a marvellous harbour if it was improved.

Mr. PEARKES: I hesitate to rise and urge a complaint against another British Columbia constituency, particularly since that constituency is represented by an hon. member on the other side of the house; but all the filth from the Fraser valley is brought down and deposited in my constituency. I want it removed. The silt from the Fraser river comes down and is filling up the harbours of Nanaimo, Ladysmith and Chemainus;