

that these quarters are crowded and that in view of the growth in that portion of the city of Toronto which this postal station serves, additional accommodation is necessary. He asks the chief architect to have his officers go into the matter so that increased postal accommodation will be available for the department—

Mr. MacNICOL: In the same building?

Mr. EULER: —not later than the date of expiration of the "present lease." He makes reference to the site which has now been secured.

Mr. MacNICOL: In that letter of the 23rd?

Mr. EULER: This was February 23, yes.

Mr. MacNICOL: He refers to the new site?

Mr. EULER: Yes. The letter was written by the chief superintendent of post office service to the chief architect. The supervising architect, whom possibly my hon. friend knows—he is located in that district—wrote a letter stating that he had visited the property referred to, and he encloses—

Mr. MacNICOL: The former property or the new?

Mr. EULER: The new property, I take it, because he describes it as follows:

The property is situated approximately one block east of the present postal station "L" but on the south side of St. Clair avenue, instead of the north.

Then he gives the areas.

Mr. MacNICOL: By whom is that written?

Mr. EULER: By Mr. Winter.

Mr. MacNICOL: It is more than two blocks east.

Mr. EULER: Perhaps I had better read the whole letter:

As requested by yours of the 26th ultimo, I visited the property referred to in the Post Office Department's letter, copy of which accompanied your letter to me, and now enclose Form "B" in duplicate offering these premises for rental, together with plans.

The property is situated approximately one block east of the present postal station "L", but on the south side of St. Clair avenue, instead of the north. The areas of existing premises and proposed new premises are as follows:

Existing premises:	Square feet
Ground floor..	3,775
Basement..	1,880
Total..	5,655

[Mr. Euler.]

New premises:	
Ground floor..	4,746
Basement..	3,925
Total..	8,671

The owner agrees to alter existing front of the building to suit post office requirements, install a new entrance, outside drops, etc., a new entrance and staircase at the rear, and an addition to the building as shown on plan, together with a freight elevator serving the ground floor and basement.

The rent being paid for the existing postal station "L" is \$5,400 per annum. The rate being asked for proposed new postal station, is \$6,840. With so much additional space, the rental asked is in my opinion a reasonable one.

At the rear of the property is a public lane twenty feet wide connecting to Oakwood avenue, immediately to the west of the building.

The present postal station "L" is very crowded, and with increasing business, additional accommodation is necessary.

The above is recommended for your consideration.

It is signed R. Winter, supervising architect, and addressed to the chief architect, Mr. C. D. Sutherland, Public Works Department, Ottawa.

Mr. MacNICOL: The ground floor of the former building was 3,775 square feet?

Mr. EULER: Yes.

Mr. MacNICOL: In a part of that building at the front there is a store, forty feet by eighteen, which the owner offered to the Post Office Department, which would give an additional 720 feet.

Mr. EULER: I might complete the statement I have here. Summarizing it, it appears that the old premises had a total area of 5,655 square feet, and the new or present premises an area of 8,671 square feet. In the old premises the cost per square foot was ninety-five cents; in the new premises the cost per square foot is seventy-eight cents. So, according to this, which I assume is correct, the change was made because more space was required, and in the new premises the space was secured at less cost than we were paying for the old place.

Mr. MacNICOL: I cannot see that, as Mr. Winter's letter says the ground floor space of the former post office was 3,775 feet. Adding to that the store in the front of the building which was offered to the government, forty by eighteen feet, or 720 square feet, makes 4,495 square feet in the old building, and then half that amount in the basement, or about 6,735 square feet in all in the old building.

Mr. EULER: Does my hon. friend question these figures, that in the old building the ground floor had 3,775 square feet?