

they would take an attack on this vote as an affront to their race. I have many French people in my own constituency, and I believe if they were here to-night each one would vote as I propose to vote in connection with this particular item. In connection with this matter I would take the opinion of the hon. member for Labelle as readily as I would take that of the Solicitor General as representing the opinion of the people of French Canada. The words of the Solicitor General remind me of an expression used by the late President Wilson, which was something like this:

—the devious use of words by which a horse chestnut is made to appear as a chestnut horse.

Mr. FAFARD (Translation): Mr. Chairman, I am somewhat astonished to note the hostile attitude of my friends sitting on the opposite side of the house over this item of \$150,000, of which \$70,000 is for a suitable residence for His Excellency the Governor General. I am the more so astonished because, this afternoon their leader (Mr. Bennett), made it sufficiently clear to the hon. Minister of Public Works (Mr. Elliott), that the postmaster at Calgary was not suitably lodged and that the sum of \$1,000,000 would have to be spent to give him comfortable quarters. We, from Quebec, resent this hostile attitude taken at present by the opposition and which might result—what we would sincerely regret—in depriving us each year of the traditional visit of His Excellency the Governor General. Nevertheless, the discussion we have had to-night clearly indicates that the British flag which floats over the Quebec citadel encloses in its folds as much patriotism as that of the flag which floats over Toronto or Calgary.

Mr. COOTE: I would like to ask the minister a question in regard to furnishing these quarters. Can he tell us how many rooms are to be furnished with this \$70,000?

Mr. ELLIOTT: It includes furnishing, carpeting and curtaining practically the whole of the premises.

Mr. COOTE: I understand the minister does not know how many rooms?

Mr. ELLIOTT: No, I cannot give that.

The CHAIRMAN: The question is on the amendment.

Amendment (Mr. Chaplin) negatived: yeas, 64; nays, 75.

Item agreed to.

Quebec — Savard Park hospital — repairs, alterations and additions, \$75,000.

Mr. GARDINER: Will the minister give us an explanation of this item?

Mr. ELLIOTT: The amount of \$75,000 is required for the repairs of Savard Park hospital and additions to the building. The proposed work consists of repairs, alterations, improvements and so on in the existing building, amounting to \$7,000; and the construction of an additional hospital unit, \$68,000.

Mr. FRASER: Who controls this hospital?

Mr. ELLIOTT: The Department of Health. They have requested the extra unit.

Mr. FRASER: What is the hospital for?

Mr. ELLIOTT: It is used in connection with immigration work.

Mr. SPENCER: Does this amount cover all the necessary expenses, or will this only partly do the work?

Mr. ELLIOTT: This covers everything.

Item agreed to.

St. Jacques L'Achigan public building, \$9,000.

Mr. CHAPLIN: What is the population of this place, and what is the revenue?

Mr. ELLIOTT: The population in 1921 was 1,714, and the postal revenue, \$2,107.

Mr. CHAPLIN: There was a vote last year of \$21,000. Has that money all been spent?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes.

Mr. CHAPLIN: And \$9,000 is estimated to complete the work?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes.

Mr. CHAPLIN: That is to say, in a town or village of 1,700 people a public building is put up at a cost of \$30,000, the revenue, as given by the minister, being less than \$2,000 a year?

Mr. ELLIOTT: No, a little over \$2,100.

Mr. CHAPLIN: What does the minister himself think of this expenditure? What does he think of the policy of spending that much money in a place of that size?

Mr. SEGUIN (Translation): Mr. Chairman, in answer to the hon. member for Lincoln (Mr. Chaplin), I must say that over and above the annual revenue that the Post Office Department receives from the Saint-Jacques l'Archi-