

tion of five years from the appointment or earlier termination of the term of office of His Honor, the present Lieutenant-Governor, be discontinued."

The Liberal Party never contended that an official house was not necessary, but that it should be maintained upon such a scale as was in keeping with the democratic spirit of the people of Ontario.

But in entire disregard of its partisan concern over expenditure in this connection when in Opposition, the Conservative Party in power has erected a Government House in an entirely unsuitable location at a cost of over one million dollars. According to the official figures available, \$1,098,104.08!

And it cost last year for repairs and maintenance \$24,357.91, of which roughly \$5,000 went in repairs and the rest in maintenance.

The following is a comparison of the estimated total cost as presented by the Government in reply to questions in the House in the three successive years, 1912, 1913, and 1914.

Estimated cost of building and site.. 1912 ..	\$400,000.00
Estimated cost of building and site.. 1913 ..	622,108.35
Estimated cost of building and site.. 1914 ..	875,015.65

The 1914 estimates are more than double those of 1912.

It has actually cost the country nearly three times the estimated cost.

In addition, the former Minister of Public Works made a special trip to Europe at a cost of \$1,000 to the people of the Province, to examine the styles of furniture on the continent of Europe and in the castles of the Old Land.

The details of the expenditure, outside of maintenance charges, are as follows:—

Site	\$ 148,118.77
Improvements ..	182,596.23
Building	650,261.78
Other buildings	33,657.01
Furnishings	83,470.29
	\$1,098,104.08

Location.

Those who saw the present Government House site before Government House was located upon it wondered at this choice as a location for any important residence. Its chief merit at that time was its proximity to the residence of Sir William Meredith, the Government's Advisor-in-Chief. With high land all around it the Government chose a hollow overlooking the Don