

(In the Committee.)

99. Public Buildings in Prince Edward Island.....\$3,600

In reply to Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT,

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The \$600 asked for the Charlottetown Marine Hospital is to meet a balance on the contract that has been given.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. Will the hon. Minister explain about this \$5,000 asked for the Summerside public buildings?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. For a Custom House and Post Office in place of the present old building. We pay over \$300 per annum rent, and the buildings, which are very old, do not belong to the Government. I think the new building will be brick.

100. Public Buildings, N.B. \$84,000

Mr. BURPEE (St. John). \$10,000 were voted last year to the St. John Marine Hospital; \$15,000 additional were asked. Will that gross amount complete the building?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The estimate is \$25,000 for the whole. The ground is the property of the Government. It is proposed to go on with the work this summer.

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Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The cost of the building for the Woodstock Post Office and Custom House will not exceed \$10,000, and that of the land \$3,000.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. Woodstock, I believe, is an inland port, and it is somewhat unusual in some cases to erect special buildings for Custom House purposes.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The value of the exports is \$65,000, imports \$58,000.

Mr. IRVINE. Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the work this summer, and what kind of building is it proposed to erect?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The intention is to go on this summer as soon as the plans are prepared. The building is intended to be all stone. With respect to St. Stephen's Post Office and Custom House, \$15,000, I may state that the population is a little less than 3,000; Postal revenue, last year, \$12,000; Customs, \$46,000; exports, \$96,000; imports, \$368,000; value of goods entered for consumption, \$320,000. With respect to Sussex Post Office and Custom House, the population is 3,584; the Postal revenue about \$1,500. The intention of the Government is to proceed with the building as soon as the vote is obtained.

Mr. CASEY. Has the hon. gentleman a return of collections made at this port?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Not in the surrounding country. I have only a statement for Sussex; the amount is \$3,000.

Mr. CASEY. But as the hon. Minister proposes to put up a building costing \$12,000 for a population of 1,000, and to collect a Customs revenue of \$3,000 it certainly seems a very extravagant estimate.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I do not think so. It is a place that is increasing and will increase. It is an important place, and will yield a large revenue.

100. Moncton Post Office and Custom House..... \$15,000

Mr. SNOWBALL. I would like to call the attention of the hon. Minister to the necessity for Post Office accommodation at Newcastle. The trade of the port is very largely increasing. The town is a very thriving one, and with the benefits of railway communication and the increasing lumber trade it is growing very rapidly. The hon. Minister visited the place last summer, and I have no doubt his

attention was called to the need of Post Office accommodation.

Sir ALBERT J. SMITH. I suppose the \$15,000 does not represent the whole amount of the expenditure. Property is very dear on the main street, and it will cost considerable to get a good site.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I know that the place is a thriving one and will increase largely. It is calculated that \$2,000 will pay for the site, and the balance of the vote is to be expended on the building. That will be enough, it is expected, to finish the building.

Mr. ANGLIN. Bathurst had the honor last year of a visit from the hon. Minister. He found the town not a very large, but a thriving one, a great deal of business being done at the port. The Post Office and Custom House are very much separated, and I have no doubt the hon. Minister's attention was called to this.

Mr. KILLAM. I would like to ask whether, in cases where new post offices are to be built, it is the intention to pay the postmasters by salary?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I am not in a position to answer the hon. gentleman. If he will renew his question when the hon. the Postmaster-General is here, he will, no doubt, receive an answer.

Mr. ANGLIN. I think that the postmasters in all these places are paid by salary.

Sir ALBERT J. SMITH. I would like to ask whether there is any change in the contractors?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The original contractors were four brothers named McManus, but one of them died, one, I believe, left the country, and one lost his health so that he could not continue the work. The one who remained, the active partner, asked to be recognized as the contractor, and the Governor in Council agreed to that.

100. Dorchester Penitentiary \$25,000

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. I would like to ask the total expenditure upon this penitentiary?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. There were \$270,000 besides this \$25,000. The total amount will be \$380,000.

Mr. CASEY. Will this vote be used for enclosing the grounds so as to do away with the necessity of keeping so large a number of guards?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. No; a separate vote will have to be taken for that in another year.

101. Public Buildings, Quebec.

Lévis Fortifications and Military Buildings.....	\$ 2,500 00
Quebec Fortifications	15,000 00
Dufferin Terrace—To complete.....	6,000 00
Quebec Citadel	15,000 00
Quebec Examining Warehouse	20,000 00
Securing cliff under Citadel, &c., Quebec—To complete.....	2,500 00
Cartridge Factory for Small Arms, Quebec.....	2,300 00
Three Rivers—Fitting up old Barracks for Public Offices	4,900 00
Sherbrooke Post Office, Custom House, &c	20,000 00
Montreal Inland Revenue Building—To complete additions to and alterations of	9,800 00
St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary	8,750 00
Hull Post Office and Inland Revenue Offices.....	9,000 00
St. Helen's Island Military Buildings.....	2,000 00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The \$2,500 for Lévis Fortifications and Military Buildings is for repairs. The vote of \$15,000 for Quebec Fortifications is to continue the renewal of the walls that was begun some years ago. The sum of \$6,000 is asked to complete the Dufferin Terrace. We have not rebuilt the whole, but the lower portion of the wall between the buttresses has been filled in with timber painted the same color as the stone, which was done to save expense, and when we have more money we will replace some of that timber work with stone.