

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—*Con.*

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—*Con.*

pure air by means of underground passages—9546.

Parliament grounds, \$1,250—6817.

Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—6817.

It is really the amount we are asking, about \$1,250. Actually it is \$1,249.70—6817.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—6817.

I notice that Fielding says that this is to cover arrears—6817.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—6817.

Is this on account of the heavy snow?—6817.

Rideau Hall, including grounds—renewals, improvements, furniture and maintenance, \$10,000—9550.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—9551.

The Liberals talked about the napkins at Rideau Hall when the Conservatives only spent \$25,000, now it is \$100,000—9551.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Minister of Public Works)—9550.

The latter amount is for heating, and the \$50,000 for additions—9550-1.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—9550.

Asks the total vote for Rideau Hall this year—9550. It is about \$94,000. Remembers a strong speech of Mulock's on this subject—9551.

Royal Mint, Ottawa, \$200,000—606.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—609.

How many tenders were submitted for this work?—609.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—618.

Have the banking interests in this Dominion been consulted in the building of a national mint?—618.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—606.

How far has that building gone?—606. We should find a means of preventing American money circulating in Canada and taking the place of our own Canadian coin—607. Do I understand that the land purchased is 300 feet square and costs \$21,200?—609. Would be very glad if any of those who favoured the establishment of a mint at this time would explain the reasons by which that policy was supported—611. Why is it that government have waited four or five years to come to this decision and to build this institution?—614-5. How much will it cost to heat the mint, how many men will be employed, and what will be the cost of operation?—617.

Blain, R. (Peel)—608.

Is the increased expenditure in the estimates due to any changes in the plans?

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—608. What information can the minister give about the course to be followed in regard to the vault doors and fitting, which, according to the minister will cost about \$15,000?—610. Would hon. gentleman (Mr. Hyman) state what the total cost of the building will be?—617. Quotes Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) in session of 1901—624.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—611.

What is the material to be used in building this mint?—611. In what way would the minting of our gold here add to the production of gold in the Yukon?—612. If this mint coins English sovereigns, will they take that coinage simply from our own management here, or will they insist on having supervision as well?—620. This institution, when built and manned, will cost at least \$450,000. All the coinage we can use in this country is what the banks will need—621.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—623.

The making of mints will not cause a flow of gold in any particular direction—623.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—609.

Why was the Royal Mint not located in Vancouver?—609.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Minister of Public Works)—606.

The contract was signed on January 5, 1905; the date for completion is January 5, 1907; the amount of the contract is \$263,194—606. Gives estimates for outfittings—607. Every possible precaution is being taken to ensure the building being made sufficient for its purposes—608. The building will be a rectangular parallelogram, measuring 220 feet from north to south by 164 feet from east to west—611.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—607.

The question of circulation of American money in Canada is one that had better be postponed until the Minister of Finance is in his seat—607. The idea taken by the government was that a mint had become necessary owing to the discovery of gold in the Yukon. We are also to coin for the United Kingdom—612. There is, in the highest sense, a political reason for the establishment of a mint—611. Canada makes a total production annually of \$20,000,000 of gold, and needs a mint—616. The bankers were not unanimous, some favoured it and some did not—618. The Royal Mint in Canada will coin Canadian coins and also English coins—619. The fact that we have a mint in Canada is bound to help Canadian trade by bringing to Canada a trade which to-day goes to the United States—622. The gold which is produced in Canada has to go somewhere to be coined—623-4.