

Mr. GOODEVE. The clerk of the works who is not an architect receives much more than the architect, he gets about ten per cent. You are paying him five times what you pay an expert architect to supervise the building.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Of course the architect gets his commission no matter whether it takes a long or a short time to erect the building, while a clerk of works is paid by the day.

Mr. SPROULE. I could understand the locality and the men applying for a building, and I do not see anything wrong in either, but I do think that where a building is intended for the use of any department there should be a request from that department, because they know better than any one else the need for a building in a particular locality and whether it is possible to secure a suitable building for the purpose.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The Militia Department always does apply.

Mr. BLAIN. What is the total amount paid to the architect and the clerk of works?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Nothing was paid to the architect; the plans were prepared by the chief architect. I have not the amount paid to the clerk of works, but I can get that if my hon. friend desires it.

Kingston post office—addition to building and alterations, \$25,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to make provision for the construction of two stories addition to the Kingston post office building, and also alterations in the interior fittings, &c. This is asked for by the Post Office Department.

Mr. EDWARDS. Can the minister inform us when he expects to commence that work?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The plans and specifications will be prepared and tenders called for early in the coming season. I think I can assure my hon. friend that the work will be started early in the coming season.

Kingston Royal Military College—improvements, \$15,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to make provision towards the erecting on the college grounds of a covered skating rink and drill hall combined, for use in wet weather and in the winter time. The proposed building is to be 235 feet long by 120 feet wide. This is asked for by the Militia Department.

Mr. EDWARDS. I would like to know the object of tearing down the stone cottages formerly occupied by the servants

of the Military College. Is it intended to build on that site?

Mr. PUGSLEY. This rests entirely with the Militia Department, and I am not able to give the information; but, if my hon. friend desires it, I will get it from the Minister of Militia.

Mr. EDWARDS. The reason I ask is that it occurred to me and some others that those buildings might, with a very small expenditure, be made use of for ordnance stores, to take the place of the building you are renting in Kingston, and will be for the next five years at, I believe, \$1,000 a year, and I doubt if the building itself cost more than \$10,000 or as much when first erected. Is it the intention of the government to erect a building in Kingston to take the place of the one they are renting?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am not aware of its being the intention. That is a matter that would rest with the Militia Department.

Leamington—public building, \$15,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to provide for the completion of a public building which is now under construction. The total estimated cost is \$32,278.49, including the site, heating, electric wiring, fittings, furniture, lock boxes, &c.

Mr. BLAIN. Has the minister before him a list of the newspapers in which the advertisement asking for tenders for this building was inserted?

Mr. PUGSLEY. No, I am sorry to say, I have not, but I shall be glad to get it for my hon. friend.

Mr. BLAIN. I ask for that because I see that the hon. gentleman paid \$362 for advertising for tenders for this small building.

Listowel—public building, \$15,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to provide for the erection of a building for post office and customs purposes.

Mr. BLAIN. On whose recommendation was this?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It has been urged very strongly by Dr. Rankin, the present member, and Mr. Hay. The site has been bought, consisting of lots 1, 2 and 3 on the corner of Main and Dodd streets.

Mr. BLAIN. On whose recommendation was the site purchased?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am not sure, but our custom is to send an expert from the department to select a site, and I have no reason to suppose that was not done in this instance.