

Mr. RUTHERFORD: If I understand the matter correctly, departmental architects prepared the plans and everything was perfectly satisfactory. I should like to know who objected to the proposed design of the building.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): The plans were not prepared by our department. They were prepared by an outside architect, as I have said. I do not know just where he resides. My hon. friend's opponent took very serious objection to these plans.

Mr. POULIOT: May I ask my hon. friend why a verandah was not built on the Riviere du Loup post office? Tenders were called for and submitted, and it was only a small expenditure of \$200 or \$300.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): I really do not know the facts about that small item.

Mr. POULIOT: Would my hon. friend be good enough to produce the correspondence dealing with the matter?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): I am sure there is no correspondence, but I will look it up.

Mr. RUTHERFORD: Would the minister have any objection to producing the statement of the gentleman who objected to the plans for the Wallaceburg public building?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): There is no written report.

Mr. RUTHERFORD: I should like to see all the correspondence.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): The correspondence is on file and there is no objection to producing it.

Mr. SANDERSON: I see the sum of \$4,000 for a site at Thorold. Has that site been purchased?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): No; this is an appropriation with a view to acquiring a site.

Mr. SANDERSON: In whose constituency is Thorold situated?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): In the constituency of the hon. member for Welland (Mr. Pettit).

Mr. RUTHERFORD: Will the minister let me have, after eight o'clock, the correspondence for which I asked?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): If I can; if not, I will produce it. If my hon. friend will come to the office I will show him everything I have in connection with the matter.

Mr. SANDERSON: The item of \$25,000 for Parry Sound is for a public building. This is an entirely new building. Is there a public building there now, and is this an addition?

Mr. ARTHURS: As the member for Parry Sound, perhaps I may answer the question. A building was proposed for Parry Sound. Plans and specifications were prepared and a sufficient vote provided in 1912-13. The advent of the war stopped the construction of the building. Parry Sound, as my hon. friend knows, is a very important town.

Mr. SANDERSON: I take my hon. friend's word for it; I have never been there.

Mr. ARTHURS: It has a very large postal revenue, amounting to more than that of some cities. It has a very large customs receipt, sometimes approximating a million dollars, the average being well up to the half million mark. It is also headquarters for the Marine department for the great lakes, and it has an Indian agency. The building is to accommodate all these services. The site has been purchased and owned by the government for some years.

Mr. SANDERSON: When was the site purchased?

Mr. ARTHURS: In 1913.

Mr. RUTHERFORD: Why is this new vote put in for Parry Sound?

At six o'clock the committee took recess.

After Recess

The committee resumed at eight o'clock.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. White, London): When the committee rose we were considering the resolution with regard to the Ontario public buildings.

Mr. RUTHERFORD: Would the minister be kind enough to give me the correspondence I asked for?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): I have not the correspondence here this evening, but I assure my hon. friend it will be available.

Item agreed to.

Public Buildings—Manitoba

Deloraine—public building—under contract, \$13,500.

Dominion public buildings—improvements, repairs, etc., \$30,000.

Neepawa public building—improvements to fittings, \$1,200.

Oak Lake—public building—under contract, \$12,000.

The Pas—public building, \$25,000.—Total, \$81,700.