

Mr. FISHER. A clerk of works, who is paid by the day.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. Is there a clerk of works and architect as well?

Mr. FISHER. No.

Mr. MACPHERSON. The superintendent of public works for the province, in his duties, also oversees the work. He is an architect.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What commissions were paid?

Mr. FISHER. The superintendent of the work got \$7 a day.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. In Winnipeg I see that Darling & Pearson received \$8,500 for services as architects.

Mr. FISHER. They prepared the plans, specifications and everything of that kind. The Vancouver plans were prepared by the architect of the department.

Mr. LAKE. What is the claim of Mr. Thomas Tompkins against the building in the last year's public accounts?

Mr. FISHER. I am told there was an old building built there years ago, and Tompkins had a claim in regard to it, which was only adjusted recently.

Mr. LAKE. Not the same building?

Mr. MACPHERSON. Oh, no.

Mr. FISHER. It appears to have been a relic from hon. gentlemen opposite that we settled up.

Public buildings generally—salaries to resident clerks of works, assistants, &c., \$17,000.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I think this should be explained.

Mr. FISHER. Those are the clerks of works like the architect just spoken of in Vancouver, who are stationed at different places in the country, representing the Department of Public Works, and looking after the public buildings within their region.

Mr. MONK. How many clerks of works are there in that estimate of \$17,000?

Mr. FISHER. Eight, with their clerks.

Mr. MONK. Would the minister give the names and residences?

Mr. FISHER. They are Mr. Adams at Ottawa, \$100 a month; Mr. John Cowan, Ottawa, \$3.50 a day—he is not one of the men I alluded to—Mr. Desjardins, Montreal, \$90 a month; Mr. Béland, Quebec, \$106.87 a month; Mr. Shehan, \$3 a day; Mr. Hastings, at Toronto, \$100 a month; Mr. Curran, of Winnipeg, \$55 a month—Mr. Curran is a clerk under Mr. Greenfield—Mr. Greenfield, Winnipeg, \$175 a month; Mr. Brown, of Victoria, \$116 a month. He is under Mr.

Mr. ARMSTRONG.

Henderson, who gets \$191 a month and Mr. Mollard, of Regina, who gets \$125 a month; a total of \$16,187.15 out of the \$17,000 vote.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. In comparing the salaries you are paying these men now with those stated in the Auditor General's Report, they seem to have been very much increased.

Mr. FISHER. I cannot say as to that. They may have had some increases lately.

Mr. MONK. I would like to know what works Mr. Desjardins, of Montreal, is acting as clerk of?

Mr. FISHER. He looks after all the public buildings in Montreal.

Mr. MONK. Is he a carpenter?

Mr. FISHER. No. He is a builder. I think. He was appointed by my hon. friends when they were in power, and remains there still.

Mr. MONK. He must be a very good man.

Mr. FISHER. My hon. friend was quite ready to criticise him until he found that out.

Experimental farms—new buildings and renewals, improvements, repairs, &c., \$10,000.

Mr. CROCKET. How many experimental farms are there in the Dominion?

Mr. FISHER. Five.

Mr. CROCKET. Is it proposed to establish an experimental farm in Prince Edward Island?

Mr. FISHER. That will come up in the votes for the Department of Agriculture, and I would rather postpone the explanation till then.

Mr. A. A. McLEAN. Is it proposed to establish a farm at Calgary?

Mr. FISHER. No.

Some resolutions reported.

On motion of Mr. Fielding, House adjourned at 11.20 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, March 4, 1907.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery a certificate of the election of Hon. Jacques Bureau, for the elec-