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a target area and therefore more conveniently situated in the event of its being necessary for those units to carry out survival operations.

Mr. Hellyer: Can the minister tell us what the terms of the sale were?

Mr. Pearkes: I think the price was \$2 million.

Mr. Hellyer: I wonder if the minister could say if just one new armoury will be constructed, or does he plan to build more than one?

Mr. Pearkes: It is intended to have more than one medium sized armoury.

Mr. McGee: I wonder if the minister could tell the committee if any final decision has been reached as to the location of the proposed armoury in the Scarborough area?

Mr. Pearkes: A property for the armoury in North York has been expropriated and an option has been obtained for another site in Toronto. Efforts are being made to find a suitable site in Scarborough.

Mr. Hellyer: I understand from what the minister said that the sale of the University avenue armoury was an outright sale and did not include, as was the proposal of the previous government, the transfer to the Department of National Defence by the metropolitan corporation of the sites necessary for the new armouries?

Mr. Pearkes: The agreement, as far as I can remember, was an outright sale and the city of Toronto has been co-operating in every way to help us acquire the other sites.

Mr. Hellyer: Are these proposed new armouries the standard variety, or are they larger than the standard variety?

Mr. Pearkes: There are several standard sizes of armouries. These will be armouries to accommodate two major units, and there is a standard armoury for that type of requirement.

Mr. Hellyer: How many units are there in Toronto altogether?

Mr. Pearkes: I could not tell you how many units there are in Toronto altogether because there are quite a number of comparatively small units of a technical nature.

Mr. Hellyer: Is it the intention that a number of units will use the same armouries? That is to say, more than two?

Mr. Pearkes: The idea is that two major units will utilize the new armouries. Each new armoury, that is. It may be necessary to have some small unit attached to one of the major units.

[Mr. Pearkes.]

Mr. Hellyer: I think the minister realizes that there are considerably more units in Toronto than would be accommodated by this proposal. Is it the intention that the messes will be joint messes for all units using the particular armoury, or will the units have their own messes as they do at present?

Mr. Pearkes: I think the standard plans provide for one general mess room which can be used by any unit using the armoury, with anterooms for each particular unit.

Mr. Hellyer: I wonder if the minister could tell us how the army installations at Gagetown are coming along, whether they are complete yet, or what units remain to be built there?

Mr. Pearkes: I think the installations for the units are very nearly complete. There is still work to be done on the married quarters. There is not a full accommodation for the married personnel.

Mr. Hellyer: Can the minister say what is the position with regard to the rest of the townsite? What units are installed there and what remains to be done?

Mr. Pearkes: There are no units in the actual townsite. That is purely for dependants and civilian personnel. There are no units outside of the camp area.

Mr. Hellyer: I wonder if the minister could tell us whether an armouries has been provided for at Kitchener?

Mr. Pearkes: No there is no provision for an armoury in Kitchener in these estimates. I am afraid we have got comparatively little money available for the construction of new armouries anywhere in Canada. We have to work from a strict priority list.

Mr. Hellyer: Can the minister tell us what new units, including those for married personnel, have been built at Petawawa in the last year, and what are contemplated in the forthcoming year?

Mr. Pearkes: I think the only new unit which has been stationed in Petawawa was a new armoured unit which is known as the Fort Garry Horse.

Mr. Hellyer: That is not quite what I meant, Mr. Chairman. In addition to the Fort Garry Horse, what other units are stationed there, and perhaps the minister could answer the other question in regard to building construction?

Mr. Pearkes: I think if the hon. gentleman refers again to the white paper he will find the major units which are stationed at Petawawa camp. I have not a copy of the white paper here but I am quite certain it is included there.