

Mr. FISHER. Various propositions have been made. The city of Montreal has acquired from the government St. Helens island for park purposes, and we propose utilizing the money to be received from the city in the purchase of a site and construction of these barracks. There is a good deal of difficulty in deciding on the best place. Some people want the barracks to go to the west end; others want them in the east, some want them in the centre of the city, and others at Lachine, and others also at Longue Pointe. With such a variety of proposals, the Militia Department has not yet been able to make up its mind.

Montreal new postal station 'B'—site and building, \$30,000.

Mr. FISHER. This building is under contract. It is situated on St. Catherine Street near University.

Nicolet public building, \$17,000.

Mr. MONK. What is the total cost?

Mr. FISHER. \$25,000.

Mr. DANIEL. I see in the Auditor General's Report a charge made for the travelling expenses of Mr. J. B. Charleson. What position does he hold with regard to public works?

Mr. FISHER. He is the general inspector of public buildings.

Mr. DANIEL. Is that the same Mr. Charleson who was inspector of the Yukon telegraph?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Quebec immigration buildings—additions, renewals, repairs, &c., \$7,500.

Mr. MONK. How is that to be expended?

Mr. FISHER. On a variety of small repairs. The amount expended last year up to the end of December was about \$900 out of an appropriation of \$5,000. These are the buildings on the Louise embankment to which the immigrants have come from the ships. The buildings are constantly in need of repairs.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. Does the department call for tenders for this work?

Mr. FISHER. No, this is only for small repairs.

Quebec immigrant hospital for treatment of immigrants suffering from trachoma and kindred diseases in Savard park—reconstruction of building destroyed by fire, \$40,000.

Mr. FISHER. That is under contract.

Mr. MONK. What is the entire amount we have spent on that hospital from its inception? What did the building cost which was destroyed by fire?

Mr. FISHER. The building destroyed cost about \$30,000. I have not before me

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the total expenditure. The new building is to cost about \$80,000.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. How is this maintained? Do the parties who get the benefit of it contribute?

Mr. FISHER. I understand that the steamship companies have to pay.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. But if the immigrants have the money they are expected to pay, are they not?

Mr. FISHER. Yes, but for the destitute ones the steamship companies have to pay.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. About what size is this building?

Mr. FISHER. The building is to be 147 feet long by 57 feet in width and two stories high.

Mr. DANIEL. How many patients will it accommodate?

Mr. FISHER. I understand that at a pinch it will accommodate 400.

Mr. DANIEL. The question may not be quite in order here, but perhaps the minister can tell us something of the policy of the government with regard to the detention of trachoma patients?

Mr. FISHER. I am afraid the hon. gentleman will have to ask the Minister of the Interior when the immigration estimates are up.

Quebec military buildings—main store building at Dominion Arsenal, \$6,500.

Mr. MONK. What is that?

Mr. FISHER. This is a stone and cement building which is to be 71 feet long and 53 feet wide at the intersection of Carleton and Arsenal streets. It has been put under contract recently. Tenders were called for and the lowest tenderer was awarded the contract.

Mr. MONK. What is the total cost?

Mr. FISHER. The tender came in very recently, and my information concerning it is not complete. But the estimate is \$36,000, and I am told that the contract awarded is for a good many thousand dollars less.

Mr. MONK. Who is the contractor?

Mr. FISHER. I have not the name before me, but I will ascertain it.

Mr. MONK. Is it a tender for the completion of the work?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Quebec East—public building, \$30,000.

Mr. FISHER. Nothing has been done about that yet.

Mr. MONK. No site chosen, nor anything else done?