

It is a work which was erected by the imperial authorities over one hundred years ago at a total cost of over \$40,000,000. It is a very considerable piece of work, judging from the cost and considering the value of money over a hundred years ago. The citadel comprises not only that part of the structure which overlooks the harbour of Quebec but also the series of walls which surround the inner or older part of our city. Ever since its erection the citadel has been the headquarters of the representative in Canada of His Majesty the King.

Mr. ARTHURS: No, no.

Mr. CANNON: It has. If the hon. gentlemen who have visited Quebec will recall, the quarters of the governor general are not a separate building from the citadel as the hon. member for Labelle has intimated, but are a part of the citadel itself.

Mr. BOURASSA: That is not so.

Mr. CANNON: The quarters of the governor general are that part of the citadel beginning at the quarters now occupied by the 22nd battalion on to the bastion which overlooks the river, but these quarters do not comprise a separate structure or building; they are not distinct from the citadel but are part and parcel of the citadel itself.

Mr. ARTHURS: If the hon. gentleman would answer a question I would ask whether these quarters were prepared for that purpose.

Mr. CANNON: Certainly they were.

Mr. ARTHURS: A hundred years ago?

Mr. CANNON: Certainly.

Mr. ARTHURS: We had no governor general a hundred years ago not until thirty years later.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Where does my hon. friend get his history?

Mr. CANNON: In answer to my hon. friend I would say that that part of the citadel always has been used as the headquarters of the representative in Canada of His Majesty the King.

Mr. ARTHURS: That is not what the hon. gentleman said.

Mr. CANNON: Those are the facts, and to show just what kind of historical monument this is I would remind hon. gentlemen that when you enter the quarters of the governor general you see on all the fireplaces the arms of England. You will also notice the date and the fact that William IV was king of [Mr. Cannon.]

England at the time this building was constructed. These being the facts, can we pretend on the one hand that we are in favour of maintaining the historical monuments of Canada while we support an amendment designed to eliminate an expenditure for the maintenance of such a monument as the Quebec citadel? That is the whole question.

Some hon. MEMBERS: That is not the question.

Mr. CHAPLIN: The question is as to the carpets and curtains.

Mr. CANNON: I am coming to that, if my hon. friend will allow me to explain my position. This question has been often asked of my colleague the Minister of Public Works: "How much of that money has been expended in repairing the walls and how much has been expended for the embellishment of the quarters of the governor general?" It is impossible to put the quarters of His Excellency the Governor General in proper shape without repairing the walls, because the quarters are enclosed by those very walls.

Mr. BOURASSA: If the hon. gentleman will allow me, the walls which are tumbling down are five hundred feet from the quarters of the governor general.

Mr. CANNON: Not at all.

Mr. BOURASSA: I saw them last fall.

Mr. CANNON: Not at all.

Mr. BOURASSA: The walls on St. Louis street were tumbling down last year; I called the matter to the attention of the government and I went there again last fall and saw them in the same condition.

Mr. CANNON: My hon. friend is not discussing the question at all. He talks about walls on St. Louis street, but I am talking about the walls of the citadel where the quarters of the governor general are located. My hon. friend cannot take one section of the walls and leave aside the other section in order to build up his case. I am talking of the walls as a whole.

Mr. CHAPLIN: I would suggest that some of these curtains be hung over the holes in the wall.

Mr. CANNON: If my hon. friend will permit, I will continue to discuss this question seriously. I was trying to show the committee that the walls which have been mentioned and which every member of the committee desires to see maintained and kept in