

the ceiling we have in mind on that is \$180,000. At Comox, the cost of the bid looks like about \$220,000 as against what we think should be \$180,000. The same situation exists in Comox and Saskatoon. Those four are causing trouble. Those will have to be built, I understand, according to the Department of National Defence and we are squirming just as hard as we can to find a way to do it within reasonable costs. Now there are two schools which have just been awarded, a four-room extension at North Bay and a six-room school at Trenton. There are 26 schools, 25 of which are completed, one nearing completion in Trenton. The one at North Bay and the one at Trenton, and those four I mentioned to you, and there is a big one to go up at Uplands, which has not yet gone to tender.

By Mr. Adamson:

Q. Ten roomed?—A. Yes, outstanding at Uplands. There is a four-room one at St. Hubert outstanding, there is a two-room steelbox at Aylmer that is outstanding, and there is a four-room—we are planning a steelbox at Fort Nelson. That is the outstanding program, perhaps in all some 1¼ million or 1½ million.

By Mr. Applewhaite:

Q. Will there be schools involved at Gagetown?—A. We have not had advice on Gagetown as to what is going to go on, but I would imagine there would be quite a few schools.

Q. But there will be permanent schools there in time?—A. Mr. Chairman, there will surely be schools there, but which one of the arrangements they will go up under I do not think anybody knows at this point.

By Mr. Fulton:

Q. The point I am trying to ascertain is whether we are talking about all expenditure or whether we are talking about something which is current for which there will be involved a sizeable commitment in future.—A. There is a ratio between married quarters and the number of schools. About 80 per cent of the school program is definite, and complete as it relates to the married quarters we now know of, including those married quarters that are all complete and are not complete. There is something of the order of 1½ to 2 million in schools still ahead—

By Mr. Applewhaite:

Q. Leaving Gagetown out?—A. Yes, leaving Gagetown out.

By Mr. Fulton:

Q. We are discussing whether or not it is going to be possible to reduce your costs and so on, and whether it is worth considering.—A. Yes, I think anything to reduce the cost of school building would be a great public service, not only to us but to everybody else.

Mr. ADAMSON: We were told yesterday at Borden that they needed eight rooms next year, and 14 more rooms a year after that, so at Borden alone you require expenditure on the construction of 22 further school room.

The CHAIRMAN: I think he said there was great productivity at Borden. One other point is that the 18-room school has 18 class rooms, a kindergarden, two girls playrooms, and two boys playrooms, which is 23, plus an auditorium. Eighteen is a bit of a misnomer in there since it really has 23.

Mr. ADAMSON: Well it has virtually to be doubled during the next two years.