

attempted to get the money back from the government. I have taken a hand in it and have made many representations to the department. I understand that finally, after the matter being set aside several times, it was referred to the director of the observatory, and that some compromise has been effected. I am asking how the compromise was made and when the money is to be paid over. Is there a provision in this year's estimates whereby that long standing claim may be settled? I could take up a great deal of time in discussing the matter, but shall not do so. In view of the promises made to me and to the municipality, I would ask the minister to look into the matter.

Mr. CRERAR: I will do so.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Chief Architect's branch—Construction, repairs and improvements of public buildings—

Saskatchewan—

Biggar—public building, \$20,000.

Broadview—purchase of and alterations to building for armoury purposes, \$4,200.

Foam Lake—public building, \$27,500.

Meadow Lake—public building, \$29,500.

Moose Jaw armoury—reconstruction, \$18,000.

Sintaluta—purchase of building for postal purposes, \$3,500.

Star City—purchase of building for postal purposes, \$3,000.

Wadena—public building, \$24,500.

Wynyard—public building, \$15,000.

Yorkton—public building, \$35,000.

Mr. PERLEY: What was the building purchased for postal purposes at Sintaluta, Saskatchewan?

Hon. P. J. A. CARDIN (Minister of Public Works): The expenditure is to purchase from Mr. George Hill a building, now used as a post office.

Mr. PERLEY: Has the purchase been completed?

Mr. CARDIN: No.

Mr. PERLEY: The department has agreed to take the building?

Mr. CARDIN: Yes.

Mr. COLDWELL: Would the minister explain the expenditure of \$20,000 for Biggar?

Mr. CARDIN: It is to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a building for postal purposes, and also to provide accommodation for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Mr. COLDWELL: For the purchase of the property or the building?

[Mr. J. S. Taylor.]

Mr. CARDIN: The site and building.

Mr. PERLEY: What is the price of the building at Broadview, and what amount will be spent on alterations?

Mr. CARDIN: This is an amount of \$4,200 to provide for the purchase of a Sons of England lodge property, consisting of lots 26 and 27, together with a one storey frame building thereon, and the adjoining lots numbers 28 and 29. It is to be used for armoury purposes. The alterations and repairs are estimated at \$800, and that amount is included.

Item agreed to.

Alberta

Cardston—public building, \$5,000.

Jasper—public building, \$20,000.

St. Paul—public building, \$20,000.

Mr. LANDERYOU: I notice that in the total vote of \$45,000 there is one revote of \$5,000 and another of \$12,000. The total amount to be spent in Alberta on public buildings would be only \$28,000. Why is such a small amount spent in Alberta when such large sums are spent in the adjoining western provinces?

Mr. CARDIN: It is probably due to the fact that I have not received requests for larger expenditures in Alberta.

Mr. LANDERYOU: From whom would the minister receive requests? Would they be from the government of Alberta?

Mr. CARDIN: No; requests of that nature generally come from the members.

Mr. LANDERYOU: I would recommend that the minister build more buildings in Alberta. What is the nature of the building at Jasper?

Mr. CARDIN: It is a public building for postal purposes, located in the park.

Mr. HANSELL: Was the minister serious in the answer he gave a little while ago? Are the appropriations made to the provinces because certain members ask for them? I would like to know if he was joking or was serious?

Mr. CARDIN: I was certainly not joking, and was serious. I always respect the recommendations which come from members representing constituencies. A member is supposed to represent to the government the needs of his constituency.

Mr. HANSELL: I can assure the minister that I shall have a few requests to make next year.