

consideration in the way of public buildings. I raised the question generally on the main estimates. I was hoping that when the supplementaries came down, even if I did not see anything for the places I had mentioned specifically, at least there would be a larger provision for public buildings that are necessary in some of the well established areas in the western provinces. I am somewhat disappointed. I support what the hon. member for Qu'Appelle has said in that regard.

On a former occasion I pointed out that owing to the way in which we were paying for some of these buildings—armouries, for example—it might prejudice the situation, and the minister's remark that on the whole the western provinces were receiving some consideration would seem to imply that after all there is something in the feeling I had then, namely, that the payment for a building like the Regina armouries, spread over twenty years and requiring an appropriation of \$30,000 a year, does prejudice smaller places. I should like to see such public buildings as the Regina armouries removed from public works and placed under militia, so that the amount may not prejudice other desirable estimates for western rural undertakings. We may not be getting much this year, but I hope that another year the minister will remember the communities that are near his heart—and there are a number of them in western Canada.

Mr. SPENCE: When the member for Qu'Appelle was speaking about the small sum spent in Saskatchewan I made no complaint about the expenditure in Ontario. As a matter of fact, only \$434,000 is going to Ontario, so that all the money is not being spent in that province.

Item agreed to.

Public Buildings—Alberta

Calgary barracks—guard room, meter building and airplane hangar, \$140,000.

Cardston—public building, \$42,000.

Fort McMurray public building—addition, \$2,500.

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

St. Paul—public building, \$12,000.

Mr. FAIR: Will the minister give us the break-down of the \$140,000 for Calgary city?

Mr. CARDIN: To complete the contract for the hangar, \$123,698; roadways and grading \$3,000; supervision, \$3,000; contingencies, \$10,202;

Mr. FAIR: Has the building at Innisfree been purchased?

Mr. CARDIN: The \$3,000 is for the purchase of a building for postal purposes in the

town of Innisfree, Alberta. The building is of brick construction, built about ten years ago, and has a frontage of 30 feet on First street and 26 feet on First street west. It is equipped with hot air furnace, fireproof roof and concrete vault.

Mr. FAIR: From whom has it been purchased?

Mr. CARDIN: I do not know at the moment but I will get that information.

Mr. FAIR: There is an old saying that an Irishman is allowed to speak twice, and believing that saying I think the hon. member for Parkdale (Mr. Spence) ought to speak again, in justice to eastern and western Canada. I suggest that instead of comparing the central provinces, including the city of Toronto, to a milch cow, he should reverse the simile and make the eastern and western provinces the cow and the central provinces the calf; because, looking at these estimates, I think that is about the size of it. The sort of milk cow the hon. gentleman has in mind is represented by the maritimes and the west, and where the milkers are not farmers they are getting all the cream.

Item agreed to.

Public Buildings—British Columbia

Creston—public building, \$25,500.

Esquimalt—H.M.C. dockyard office building, \$37,000.

New Westminster public building—addition, \$100,000.

Vancouver examining warehouse—alterations, improvements and repairs, \$17,000.

Vancouver—public building, \$125,000.

Vancouver, winch building—alterations, improvements and repairs, \$9,500.

Victoria public building—restoration, \$46,000.

Mr. GREEN: Which is the building referred to as the Vancouver public building?

Mr. CARDIN: That is the new building under construction designed as a federal building.

Mr. GREEN: It is to be known as the federal building.

Mr. CARDIN: Yes.

Mr. TOLMIE: What is the condition of the dockyard office building at Esquimalt?

Mr. CARDIN: The amount provided contemplates the erection of a new office building to replace the existing structure, which is antiquated and beyond repair. This is a request from the Department of National Defence.

Mr. TOLMIE: Is the item "Victoria Public Building—restoration" to replace the post office that was destroyed?