

Mr. STEVENS: Can the minister give the amount the postmaster receives, together with the rental?

Mr. ELLIOTT: No, I cannot.

Mr. GARDINER: Is there any information as to the size of the present building?

Mr. ELLIOTT: No, except that it is reported to be entirely unsuitable.

Mr. GARDINER: Are the customs and excise at present in the same building?

Mr. ELLIOTT: No, I understand they are not.

Mr. GARDINER: What constituency is this in?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Prince Albert.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: A very large constituency.

Mr. GARDINER: Is this \$28,000 for the purpose of buying the lot?

Mr. ELLIOTT: The \$28,000 is for the purchase of the site and towards the erection of a public building. The building is estimated to cost \$23,000; post office and customs fittings, \$3,500; grading and sidewalks, \$1,500; superintendence and contingencies, perhaps from \$500 to \$1,000.

Mr. STEVENS: How much are you going to pay for the lot?

Mr. ELLIOTT: We have not got it yet; we have to have the vote before we can buy a lot.

Mr. GARDINER: Has the minister an estimate as to the cost of the lot apart from the building?

Mr. ELLIOTT: No.

Mr. GARDINER: Is this \$28,000 both for the lot and the building?

Mr. ELLIOTT: No, it is exclusive of the site. The cost of the site has not yet been determined.

Mr. GARDINER: Can the minister explain how he is going to put up a building without having a lot to build it on?

Mr. ELLIOTT: We will not put it up without a lot to build it on.

Mr. SHORT: Why do you not build on some of the lots which you have down in the maritime provinces? You want an appropriation to go through without a lot to build on.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Those lots are too far away to be of service for this building.

[Mr. Elliott.]

Mr. POWER: The member representing this constituency is a representative statesman.

Mr. LUCAS: There was a lot in my constituency for seventeen years without a building put upon it.

Mr. VALLANCE: I might tell my hon. friend that we have a lot, bought by the Tories in 1911, on which there has been no building erected.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): Might I ask what is the size of the village?

Mr. VALLANCE: Eleven hundred.

Item agreed to.

Saskatoon—public building, \$150,000.

Mr. ELLIOTT: In this connection three projects were under consideration, one the construction of a new public building, second, the enlargement of the existing building, and third, the purchase of another building. The present post office building is entirely inadequate to provide for the business that is carried on there, and the advice from our architect is that from a structural standpoint it cannot be economically enlarged to accommodate all the government offices. It was therefore found advisable to obtain another suitable site. The site of the present building is a valuable one, and the land around there, necessary to provide the further accommodation required, is being held at a very high price. What is proposed is to purchase a lot 40 feet on Twenty-second avenue for \$53,000, the property adjacent to the railway station and situated on block 148 with a frontage of 150 feet on First avenue, 120 feet on Twenty-second avenue, and distant from the post office 250 feet on First avenue, and to build on that lot.

Item agreed to.

An hon. MEMBER: It is eleven o'clock.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Is there any objection to finishing the item? The remaining vote, for Tisdale, is a small one.

Mr. GARDINER: It is rather a large item, Mr. Chairman, and I suggest that it stand over.

Mr. STEVENS: You have had a pretty good day.

Progress reported.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.