

Mr. CARON. The intention is to establish an infantry school in the Province of Quebec—I expect, without stating it, as a matter of certainty, on St. Helen's Island, near Montreal, or at St. Johns. Another school will be in the Maritime Provinces, probably at St. John, N.B. The third will be in Ontario, probably and almost certainly at Toronto. The hon. gentleman knows that at Toronto we have a valuable military property, which, from the information I have received from the officers of the Department, could, with a very little expenditure on repairs, be made perfectly convenient for the force we require to have there. The intention is to make use of all the military property we possess in the way of barracks, so as to reduce the expenditure on buildings. The Cavalry School will be located in British Columbia and the whole district will be turned into an artillery corps.

Mr. BLAKE. Has the hon. gentleman formed any idea of what the additional expense for buildings will be?

Mr. CARON. As far as Montreal, St. John, N.B., and Toronto are concerned, I believe the repairs for this year will be covered by the Estimates submitted to Parliament for public works for military purposes. In British Columbia we have no such property, and it is impossible for me—and that is the reason why I do not ask for the vote—at present to know exactly what will be required. I am trying to ascertain whether we will be able to obtain the accommodation required without building; but if it becomes a question of erecting a building, for the purpose of accommodating a force of 100 men, we will not go into the expenditure which the Imperial Government lavished on military works and buildings in Canada, as hon. members will perfectly understand. As far as British Columbia is concerned, I have not made an estimate, and have not asked for a vote, because, from the information I am able to collect, we will have to rent accommodation at first, and have plans prepared for a permanent building, an estimate of which will be submitted to Parliament. In regard to St. John, New Brunswick, I may say—

Mr. VAIL. I think all the military buildings at St. John were burnt during the great fire. There are some at Fredericton.

Mr. CARON. I speak of St. John, New Brunswick; but as the hon. gentleman belongs to the Maritime Provinces he is, of course, a much better authority as to the military buildings there than I am.

Mr. BLAKE. If it is determined to locate the school at St. John, and the military buildings have been burned, as my hon. friend mentions, a new building will be required. I do not know whether the hon. Minister has finally fixed at St. John or has considered the case of Fredericton.

Mr. CARON. I have not definitely fixed the places.

Mr. BLAKE. For British Columbia an amount will be required for buildings, and I suppose the House will be asked for a vote before any large expenditure is incurred. I would like to know whether the hon. gentleman considered, in making the estimate which is based upon the cost of "A" and "B" Batteries, the increased cost of living in British Columbia. My hon. friend who comes from that Province says that it is rather a dear country to live in, and I observe that extra votes are given occasionally in consequence of the increased expense of living in British Columbia over the happier land in which it is our good fortune to reside. Does the hon. gentleman expect to maintain this battery as cheaply as in the east?

Mr. CARON. I believe that this over-expenditure will diminish as soon as the railway is built, and the natural means of communication are improved. I must admit, however, that this is a difficulty, and one which I have to examine into, as Head of the Department. From all I can

ascertain, I believe that a permanent force can be kept up there, for the most part, as cheaply as here. The pay of the men will be the same, but I cannot at present say what the allowances will be. I think, however, I can keep up "C" Battery within my estimate.

Mr. BLAKE. Will there be any additional expenditure with reference to attaching portions of the troop of cavalry to "A" and "B" Batteries, touching accommodation?

Mr. CARON. No.

244. Public Buildings—Nova Scotia..... \$11,600.00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. As to the first, the lot will cost about \$1,000, and other expenses, the survey, &c., will be about \$200. For the works at Yarmouth, \$15,000 will not be sufficient for the entire expenditure, but this will suffice for this year. We will likely require \$7,000 more. Room is to be provided in the Marine Hospital at Picton for sixteen or twenty beds; and to raise the rear wall of the building to the same height as the front. We had a vote for the site at North Sydney, and the lot will be purchased before the 1st of July; \$15,000 will be required during the year to proceed with the building, which, in all, will cost \$20,000. The building at Baddeck will cost between \$15,000 and \$16,000. The lot at Arichat will not be an extensive one; and the sites at North Sydney, Baddeck and Yarmouth have not yet been purchased.

245. Public Buildings—Prince Edward Island..... \$5,000.00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. This is a vote of \$5,000 for a Custom House and Post Office at Montague, and I think we will be able to erect an armory besides. The cost will be about \$12,000.

Mr. DAVIES. There is an armory at Georgetown in the same county and about ten miles distant. I would ask if this vote included the purchase of land and where the site is to be, whether on the north or south side of the river?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The vote includes the land. I cannot give any information as to the site, as it has not been selected. Before purchasing we generally send a confidential officer of the Department to look at the different sites and to make a report showing prices and other particulars along with the plan, and upon this report I make my report to Council.

Mr. KEEFLER. Will the hon. gentleman state what is the amount of revenue collected at this port?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I cannot state.

Mr. DAVIES. I may state that most of the buildings in this place are of wood, and that the appliances for extinguishing fire are very slight, and the rate of insurance accordingly very high. I would strongly recommend the hon. gentleman to make the building either of brick or of stone.

Mr. BOWELL. I will now take the liberty of reading the memorandum with which I have been furnished from the Department relative to the Charlottetown Marine Hospital:

"At Charlottetown for a number of years a private dwelling was leased for the purposes of a Marine Hospital, and Dr. Taylor as medical attendant received a salary of \$300, the whole cost of the institution being about \$9 per week per patient. In 1880, it was decided to erect a Hospital at an estimated cost of \$5,800 including land, and plans were prepared, and necessary steps being taken when a petition signed by the Mayor of Charlottetown, members of Parliament, and leading men of that city, was received setting forth that an institution known as the Charlottetown Hospital under the management of the Sisters of Charity, proposed to take charge of all sick seamen on conditions that the Government would bear the following expenditure: 1st. The purchase of certain ground adjoining the Hospital, and the erection of suitable buildings; 2nd. The allowance of a weekly sum for maintenance of sick seamen; and recommending it to favorable consideration. The Minister gave the matter due consideration, and being informed on enquiry that all denominations contributed to the