

the city, that the decoration of that building was a disgrace, and I think I am justified in repeating what was said by those who ought to know, that it did not cost more than \$25. I suppose some account will be furnished to the department of how the \$100 was expended?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes, there should be full particulars showing the materials and labour.

Mr. PORTER. I should like very much to see the items.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I will have that obtained for my hon. friend.

Ottawa public buildings, heating, including salaries of engineers, firemen and watchmen, \$17,700.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I think I gave the full particulars when the same item in the estimates for next year was before the committee.

Mr. PORTER. Has this been occasioned by any increase in the number of engineers, firemen and watchmen?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes, owing to additional buildings.

Mr. STANFIELD. Do your engineers and firemen have certificates?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The engineers do, where the buildings are heated by steam under high pressure—not the firemen.

Dominion buildings, salaries of engineers, firemen, caretakers, &c., \$17,300.

Mr. RUSSELL. What wages do these people get at the present time?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I cannot give that to-night, but I will make a note of it.

Mr. PORTER. Is there a regular scale on which those employed in that service are paid?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes, there is a regular scale. The guiding principle is the floor area of the buildings which have to be taken care of.

Dominion cattle quarantine stations, renewals and repairs, \$10,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The amount voted in the main estimates was \$5,000, and the Department of Agriculture require this additional amount.

Mr. PORTER. Where are these stations located?

Mr. PUGSLEY. At Bridgeburg, Gretna, Portal, Deloraine, Sarnia and other places.

Mr. PORTER. These are all new places except Sarnia.

Mr. EDWARDS. When were these new places established?

Mr. PORTER.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It would be during the year now just closing.

Mr. EDWARDS. What was the reason for establishing so many new quarantine stations? Was it in anticipation of the proposed unmentionable bargain between this country and the United States?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I would not suppose that, because I do not imagine that the Minister of Agriculture ever dreamed we would get so good a bargain.

Mr. PORTER. Are these places to accommodate cattle brought into this country in bond?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The memorandum which has been supplied to me by the Department of Agriculture states that the vote is asked to supplement the grant of \$5,000 made by parliament at its session of 1909-10 for the construction of corrals and dipping vats along the boundary line between Canada and the United States, and the maintenance of the quarantine stations generally throughout the Dominion in a proper state of efficiency during the year. The department had asked for \$20,000 last session, but for some reason it was reduced to \$5,000, and the department has asked to supplement it by this appropriation.

Mr. PORTER. I presume this is for the purpose of treating cattle coming in from the United States to prevent the spread of disease in this country?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I presume so.

Mr. PORTER. If that is the case, it does not exactly square with what the Minister of Agriculture told the committee this afternoon—that the cattle were not treated in that way until they reached the port of embarkation for the European market.

Mr. PUGSLEY. They may be coming in to Manitoba or Saskatchewan or Alberta to be used there and not for shipment.

Mr. PORTER. I suppose, from the answer given a few moments ago, that these were located in older parts?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Gretna and Portal are in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Bridgeburg is in Welland county.

Mr. EDWARDS. If I understand the minister correctly, the first request for this amount was made a year ago, but by some mistake it was put down at \$5,000 instead of at \$20,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Yes.

Mr. EDWARDS. By whom was the request made for this vote?