

the supplementary estimates with the view of making expenditures. There are three or four pages which the minister ought to drop.

Mr. REID: Nearly all these items in the supplementaries are for repairs that are absolutely necessary.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: They will not be done.

Mr. REID: The deputy tells me that they have only put in those that are actually necessary and that they will be done.

Mr. PARDEE: Will be done this fall?

Mr. REID: If they are not done this fall they will be done next spring.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: Does the minister mean that the money is to be expended during the winter?

Mr. REID: We can get out timber in the winter and get ready if we cannot complete the work before spring.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: Then the minister should cut out three or four pages of these items.

Mr. REID: We cannot; they are absolutely necessary.

Mr. CARVELL: There is no trouble about that. In New Brunswick last winter, while the elections were going on, they were making roads and cutting down bushes alongside of the roads.

Grosse Isle Quarantine Station—boiler house, new boilers, etc., \$25,000.

Mr. REID: This is required for two new hundred-horse-power boilers and the remodelling of the present boiler house. The two boilers will cost \$8,000 setting \$3,000; remodelling the boiler house, \$10,000, and contingencies \$4,000.

Mr. PARDEE: Will this work be done this fall?

Mr. REID: It will be done as soon as the vote is passed.

Quebec post office—enlargement and alterations—additional—revote, \$15,000.

Mr. REID: This is required, in addition to the sum of \$80,000 in the main estimates, for carrying on the work under contract on the Quebec post office, and for additional work, such as fittings, furniture, lock boxes, heating, sidewalks, fence, elevators, tower clock installation, etc.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: When was that new work commenced?

Mr. REID: This work is under contract and this \$15,000 is required to finish it. The work of rebuilding the post office in Quebec was started about four years ago.

Three Rivers—new public buildings, \$20,000.

Mr. KYTE: This is a vote for a new building entirely according to the statement in the estimates. It is not for a building in course of construction. That certainly is an item which should be allowed to stand.

Mr. REID: This is for a new building, but it is really to finish a building the contract for which was let in January, 1914. The contract was let to Joseph Bourke, of Hull, and he is proceeding with the work.

Galt drill hall—grading, paving, etc., \$8,000.

Mr. GRAHAM: That is not new?

Mr. REID: That is for grading and paving, and putting in concrete gutters around around the drill hall already built.

Kemptville public building—\$2,100.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: What county is Kemptville in?

Mr. GRAHAM: Who represents the riding—or misrepresents it?

Mr. REID: This vote of \$2,100 is to provide, first, for balance on a lot 30 feet 2 inches by 92 feet, situate on the north side of the Kemptville public building, the purchase of which was authorized by an Order in Council dated 5th March, 1917, and, secondly, to clear the lot of all burned stone, brick and timber, as well as other debris resulting from the fire of 7th February, 1915, and to level the ground so that it may be made into a lawn; relaying sidewalk on Prescott street. The explanation of that is this: a public building was erected in Kemptville. The lot was purchased prior to 1911.

Mr. GRAHAM: Not this lot.

Mr. REID: No, the lot on which the public building was erected. Adjoining the public building was a store owned by Mundle & Percival. That building took fire and burned down, and did considerable damage to the public building. The people in Kemptville urged that, instead of allowing Mundle & Percival to build on that lot, and possibly endanger the public building, it would be better for the Government to buy the vacant property owned by Mundle & Percival. That would make the public building on the square.