

BUILDINGS LEASED IN OTTAWA.

Mr. TAYLOR asked :

1. What buildings, rooms or apartments, other than those owned by the government, are occupied by each department of the government in the city of Ottawa ?
2. What rental does each department pay for such buildings, rooms or apartments in each case ?
3. To whom is the rent payable for and in respect of each such building, room or apartment ?
4. What is the term of the lease under which the government occupies each such building, room or apartment ?
5. What is the assessed value for taxation, and what is the estimated value of each such leased building wholly occupied by the government ?
6. Are the taxes paid to the city of Ottawa on any and which of such buildings ?
7. If taxes are not so paid, what effect, if any, is given to this consideration ?

Hon. CHARLES S. HYMAN (Minister of Public Works) :

1, 2 and 3. Geological Museum, Sussex street, \$600.00, P. Baskerville; Geological Museum, Sussex street, \$480.00, F. G. Johnson; French translators, Sussex street, \$600.00, D. V. Ranger; coal shed, Central basin; methylated spirits warehouse, \$1,200.00, J. B. & W. A. Lamb; Department of Militia storehouse, \$300.00, McDougal & Cuzner; Customs offices, Wellington street, \$1,500.00, Ottawa Building Company; Labour Department, Metcalfe street, \$1,200.00, The Molson's Bank; Labour Department, Metcalfe street, \$360.00, Great North Western Telegraph Company; Surveyor General's offices, corner Metcalfe and Slater streets, \$3,000.00, Ottawa Building Company; Mounted Police Storehouse, Wellington street, \$1,140.00, Slater & Sherwood; D. O. C. Military District No. 4, \$500.00, Great North Western Telegraph Company; Department of Agriculture, imperial building, Queen street, \$2,250.00, Charles Pearson; various departments, Seybold building, corner Sparks and O'Connor streets, \$6,500.00, J. A. Seybold; Departments of Militia and Interior, Woods building, Slater street, \$12,500.00, Woods Limited; Georgian Bay Survey—Department of Public Works—Hydrographic Survey—Department of Marine and Fisheries, Corry building, Rideau street, \$10,880.00, J. A. Corry; The Railway Commission, Queen street, \$5,300.00, Woods Limited; Department of Justice, Penitentiary Branch, No. 25 Sparks street, \$200.00, The Egan Estate.

4. Information will be produced later on if the hon. gentleman will move accordingly.

5, 6 and 7. No, but the minister has, on the 26th February, 1905, from his seat in the House, expressed his policy regarding the payment of taxes by stating that after

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that period all leases which would be entered into by him would be so made that no loss as regards taxes would be suffered by the city of Ottawa.

Some of the buildings above mentioned and under rental will be abandoned during the next fiscal year, the lease of such buildings being estimated to be as follows :

Department of Agriculture, Exhibition Commission, rental, \$1,000.00; Department of Inland Revenue, Weights and Measures and Gas Inspection, \$550.00, Post Office Department, Sparks street, Slater building, \$180.00; Department of the Interior, rooms 41 and 49 Slater building, \$540.00; Department of Public Works, Georgian Bay Survey, \$348.00; Surveyor General's offices, Sparks street, \$540.00; Department of Public Works, workshops and yard, Wellington street, \$1,160.00; various departments, Seybold building, corner Sparks and O'Connor, \$6,500.00; Department of the Interior, part of imperial building, \$1,950.00; Wellington street, Union Bank building, \$2,250.00.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND TUNNEL.

Mr. J. J. HUGHES asked :

1. Has the government, or any department thereof, made an estimate of the cost of a tunnel under the Northumberland Straits between Prince Edward Island and the mainland? If so, what does the estimated cost of the said tunnel amount to ?

2. Who were the engineers who made the calculations, and upon what surveys and data did they base it ?

Hon. CHARLES S. HYMAN (Minister of Public Works) :

1. Matter is now engaging the attention of the department.

JOHN NELSON AND CHARLES SUTHERLAND.

Mr. LAKE asked :

1. Is John F. Nelson in the employ of the government as fishery inspector, or in any other capacity ?

2. Is Charles Sutherland in the employ of the government as Indian farm instructor, or in any and what other capacity ?

3. If either of these gentlemen is not now in the employ of the government, when and under what circumstances did he or they leave such employ ?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior) :

1. No; but John F. Neilson, of Prince Albert, was Fishery Overseer for that district.

2. Not connected with the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

3. So far as Mr. Neilson is concerned, the department was notified of his resignation on the 5th February, 1906.