

Supply—Public Works

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Gordon thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 41, to amend the Soldier Settlement Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

SUPPLY**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury) in the chair.

Public Buildings—Generally

Experimental farms—replacements, repairs, improvements, etc., \$50,000.

Flags for Dominion public buildings, \$5,000.

Military buildings—repairs, fittings and additions, \$50,000.

Military hospitals—repairs, improvements and alterations, \$99,000.

Public buildings—generally, \$40,000.

Hon. H. A. STEWART (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Chairman, yesterday the member for Assiniboia (Mr. McKenzie) asked for certain information in connection with the public buildings at Deloraine, Arcola and Watrous. I have the information now and will place it on Hansard:

Deloraine

Site, \$1,500; contract for building, \$24,903; fittings and lock boxes, \$2,279; grading and sidewalks, \$1,000; clock, \$1,000; contingencies and superintendence, \$2,218.—Total, \$32,900.

Population in 1930, 760; postal revenue, 1929-30, \$5,369.78; customs revenue, 1929-30, \$5,640.18.

Arcola

Estimated cost of site, \$200; lowest tender for building, \$27,870; fittings, \$3,000; grading, \$2,000; contingencies and superintendence, \$3,000.—Total, \$36,070.

Population in 1930, 700; postal revenue, 1929-30, \$5,279.51; customs revenue, nil.

Watrous

Estimated cost of site, \$8,000; buildings, \$24,000; fittings, \$3,000; grading and sidewalks, \$1,000; contingencies and superintendence, \$2,000.—Total, \$38,000.

Population in 1930, no figures; population in 1921, 1,101; postal revenue, 1929-30, \$7,209.53.

It will be seen that the revenue from Arcola is the smallest of the three and the cost of the building the highest.

Mr. POULIOT: Mr. Chairman, I understand that the Public Works department called for tenders for the construction of a veranda on the post office building at Riviere du Loup. I am informed that two tenders were received, one from Charron and Anctil for \$255, and the other from Philippe Blier for \$295. Will the minister inform me why no tender was accepted?

[Mr. Veniot.]

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): I have sent for the information and will give it to my hon. friend a little later, if that will suit him.

Mr. POULIOT: I thank the minister. May I ask if the failure to proceed with the work is due to the action of Mr. Dubé, the defeated candidate for Temiscouata county?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): No, I would say not.

Mr. POULIOT: Has he the government patronage in Temiscouata county?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): No gentleman has the patronage for any of these counties.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. POULIOT: Is the hon. minister insinuating that the Tory candidate in Temiscouata is not a gentleman?

Mr. VENIOT: Is there anything in the item of \$50,000 for experimental farms for additional buildings at Fredericton?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): There is no specific appropriation for any building; it is just a general item to cover needed repairs, wherever those repairs may be found to be required.

Mr. VENIOT: Has the department received any request from those in charge of the experimental farm at Fredericton for additional buildings?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): I cannot say definitely; but in all probability if conditions warrant repairs there we have some representations about them and they will be considered.

Mr. DUFF: Last night I asked the minister how much money was spent under this item. Can he give me any information now?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): It was all spent.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): If I remember correctly, there was a vote in last year's estimates for an elevator at Lethbridge, but I do not see anything in these estimates with respect to it. Is the building completed?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): The elevator at Lethbridge was not constructed by the Public Works department. It is under the control of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): The Public Works department have nothing to do with it?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): That is my information.

Mr. HANBURY: I should like again to direct the attention of the minister to Ripple