

Mr. FISHER. There is a contract, at a price of \$8,495.

Mr. MONK. We have voted \$13,000 already.

Mr. FISHER. But \$7,000 of it is a revote. There is a contract for \$8,495 for the building and \$1,500 for heating. The estimated cost of the building is \$16,990.69.

Mr. MONK. How is the difference made up between \$9,516 and \$16,900?

Mr. FISHER. Heating and boilers, \$3,700; furniture and range, \$1,000; sidewalk and fencing, \$500; contingencies, &c., \$2,945.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. What is the size of the lot?

Mr. FISHER. The building is 60x32, two and a half stories high.

Mr. MONK. I will take back what I said about plumbers in Montreal, if it costs over \$3,500 to put in a heating apparatus in this building 60x30. What is the name of the company?

Mr. FISHER. The Standard Plumbing and Heating Company, Limited, of Edmonton. The building is at the corner of Columbia and University streets. The contract for the heating apparatus alone \$1,500, but the heating and boilers together are estimated to cost \$3,500. Tenders were called for the heating apparatus, and the contract was given to the lowest tenderer.

Medicine Hat public building, \$27,000.

Mr. LAKE. How much is that going to cost altogether?

Mr. FISHER. The probable cost is \$46,000. It is under contract.

Mr. LAKE. Is it necessary to spend \$237.34 in advertising for tenders in the press of Medicine Hat?

Mr. FISHER. It is not only in the press of Medicine Hat, but probably the press of the whole Northwest, including Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary and Regina.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What is the total contract price of the building at Medicine Hat?

Mr. FISHER. \$46,445, inclusive of site, electric wiring, heating and all the fittings.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. In V—83, 1906, the estimated cost was to be \$25,550.

Mr. FISHER. That was for the building alone. The land cost \$5,000.

Mr. HERRON. What system of heating do you adopt?

Mr. FISHER. Hot water.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What will be the size of the site?

Mr. MONK.

Mr. FISHER. 75x130, 3 lots. The contract for the heating is not let yet, because the building is far from being finished.

Mr. MONK. I notice that in all these public buildings the advertisements for tenders are extremely high, ranging from \$250 to \$400, and in one case, I am told, to \$600. Has the minister a list of the newspapers in which tenders were called for?

Mr. FISHER. I have it in the department.

Mr. MONK. Would my hon. friend mind taking a note and letting us know?

Mr. FISHER. Yes, I will send it to my hon. friend for his edification.

Mr. ALCORN. And also the advertisements for the Calgary public building?

Regina post office, custom house, &c., \$100,000.

Mr. LAKE. It cost \$637.84 to advertise this building. Does it cost more to advertise a large building than a small one?

Mr. FISHER. Yes, because we advertise in a larger number of places in order to attract the attention of a larger number of contractors at a distance, who would be able to undertake a contract of that kind.

Mr. LAKE. It would be interesting to see a list of papers publishing advertisements in regard to all these buildings in the Northwest.

Mr. FISHER. I will lay a list on the table of the House of all the advertisements of all the buildings included in this item.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. I would much prefer that the hon. minister should read it off to-night and put it in 'Hansard.'

Mr. FISHER. Do not ask me to read it off.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. Your time is pretty valuable but you sometimes waste a little of it. How much will the building at Regina cost?

Mr. FISHER. \$200,000 and perhaps a little more.

Mr. MONK. What is the size of the building?

Mr. FISHER. 75 by 125.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What was paid for the land.

Mr. FISHER. \$10,000.

Mr. MONK. Are all the contracts given in that case?

Mr. FISHER. No only for the building. The building is not covered in.

Mr. MONK. Is the contract given for the plumbing?