

out of this institution are a credit to Canada, and it is important that the institution be enlarged. Of course, it is too late now to decide whether or not the work should be proceeded with, for the reason that \$150,000 was voted in last year's Estimates, when the matter was thoroughly discussed. Parliament passed the item, the contract was let and the work is now pretty well completed.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I do not wish to be understood as arguing that the contract should be cancelled, or as in any way reflecting on the Military College, because I entertain the highest opinion of the work being done at that institution. As the minister has said the services performed by the college extend far beyond the immediate work it does in connection with the militia, although in that connection also it has been very useful. The point I wish to bring out is that these expenditures seem to have been contemplated since the termination of the war. It is rather remarkable that public buildings, in the nature of a drill hall at Amherst and this extension to the Military College, should have been undertaken since the signing of peace, whereas public buildings of a different nature, and for other purposes, are neglected altogether.

Mr. DENIS: As the minister has just said it is too late to repudiate the contract, but the question I would ask is: Why were these Supplementary Estimates not embodied in the main Estimates last year? Why were all these Supplementary Estimates, including probably this particular item, brought down at practically the last minute during the dying hours of the session when \$40,000,000 was voted in the course of three or four hours? That is the very practice I have always opposed—although I am not alone in that—and shall continue to oppose. These Estimates are passed by Parliament without any accurate knowledge of them; if Parliament did have sufficient knowledge the items would not be allowed to pass in the way they have been. The country has no money to spare for such outlays; and moreover when the cost of building has gone up a hundred and fifty and even two hundred per cent above what it was before the war it is no time to undertake new buildings unless there is absolute necessity for them.

Mr. PEDLOW: Before this item is carried I would like to ask the minister if the contract for this extension to the Royal Military College was let by tender, or is

being carried out on the cost-plus basis; and who the contractors are?

Mr. J. D. REID: It was let by tender, \$326,884 being the lowest offer. The contract was awarded to the Piggott-Healey Construction Company, Hamilton.

Mr. CAHILL: How does it come that only \$150,000 was voted for the work last year and a tender was accepted for \$326,000?

Mr. J. D. REID: The estimate that is submitted to Parliament is supposed to be the amount that would be expended during that particular year; it is never the custom to put in the Estimates the amount the work is estimated to cost. It was estimated that \$150,000 would be expended during the year ending March 31,

Mr. CAHILL: Will the vote which is now being taken complete the work, or will the minister come back next year and ask for an additional appropriation? Personally, I would like to encourage education in Ontario as much as possible. Anything that will bring light to Ontario is to be welcomed as a good thing, but we want to know where the expenditure for this particular undertaking will end.

Mr. J. D. REID: Out of the \$150,000 voted last year about \$125,000 is all that would be expended. This year we estimated that \$210,000 would be required to complete the contract. Adding this amount to the \$125,000 would make 335,000. However, the work may not cost that much. Then there is: Fittings and furniture, \$25,000; sidewalks, grading, etc., \$10,000; contingencies and superintendence, \$20,000. That is the estimate, and we feel that we have got sufficient to complete the whole work, and probably more.

Mr. CAHILL: Could the minister give an estimate as to what the cost of superintendence amounts to, exclusive of the contingencies?

Mr. J. D. REID: In submitting the Estimates we generally put in about 10 per cent of the cost, but it is estimated that 8 per cent would be ample for this particular work, and it may not amount to that.

Kingsville, Public Buildings, \$1,700.

Mr. CAHILL: Where is Kingsville?

Mr. J. D. REID: In the county of Essex. An item to construct the public building in Kingsville first appeared in the Estimates in 1910. It reappeared in the Estimates of 1910, 1911, 1912. In the last-named