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STAL DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES INCREASED

Casgrain Maintains That Strict Economy is Being Exercised.

NEW BUILDING PLANS

mittee of Six Members of House Will Consider Awarding Contract.

ortawa, March 22. — The entire ottawa, march 22. — The entire things of the house of commons to-day was taken up by the consideration of the estimates of the postoffice deriment in committee of supply
Postmaster - General Casgrain retewed the work of the department for riewed the work of the department for the past year, and accounted for an increase in expenditure by the in-increase of business, the installation of parcel post service, and the rapid ex-tension of rural free mail delivery. Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of bile works, asked for the appointnent of a committee to be chosen from both sides of the house to assist him in the work of reconstructing the parliament buildings. The plans sub-intended by Messrs. Pearson of Toronto;

Marchand of Montreal have met with general commendation.

In the committee discussion of postfice estimates, Hon. Geo. P. Graham and refused to permit their private cortaries and other officials to volnteer for active service at the front. heir action, he said, had created un-

Their action, he said, had created un-tavorable comment all over the Prov-ince of Ontario, and had to be ex-plained if not defended at nearly every recruiting meeting.

Mr. Proulx (Prescott) called atten-tion to the fact that Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of customs, and Hon. J. D. Hasen, minister of marine, had spent the week-end in New York. He desired to know if they had gone there to confer with Col. J. Wesley Allison respecting his continued failure to appropriate the state of the confer with Col. J. Wesley Allison respecting his continued failure to appropriate the continued fa ar before the public accounts com-

Mr. Hazen said he had been in New York upon public business of a condential nature in no way relating to Col. Allison and he had not seen that conteman. Dr. Reid said he was in New York on personal and private usiness. Like Mr. Hazen, he had not

business. Like Mr. Hazen, he had not seen Col. Allison.

Hughes on Official Business.

Replying to an inquiry from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the prime minister stated that Major General Hughes had gone to England on official business and more especially for the purpose of enquiring into conditions at the Shornenquiring into conditions at the Shorn-eiffe and Bramshott camps.

Mr. Donald Sutherland (South Ox-

ford) read a press despatch from Eauclaire, Wisconsin, to the effect that the Canadian Government had aced an order at that point for 500,placed an order at that of the condition of Irish stew.

Hon. A E. Kemp, acting minister of militia, denied the story in toto.

No Irish stew had been purchased at any place by the Canadian militia de-

Rebuilding Program.

Hon. Robert Rogers then addressed the house upon the subject of the reconstruction of the parliament build-

Immediately after the fire, the public works department undertook to make a general clean-up of the debris, which the house will understand was then so necessary fo rhte purpose of recovering the bodies of the unfortunates who were lost as the result of the fire. This work has been done, and I regret to have to mention that which the honorable members of the house know—that we have not been able to cited the workland agreement and increased by \$100,000 a year. In this connection he lding of our house of commons?

Plans Meet Approval.

"T assumed the responsibility of selecting Mr. Pearson of Toronto and Mr. Marchand of Montreal, two very that with the approval out that we will be approved to the weak well be approved to the weak well be approved to the weak will be approved to the weak well be approved to the weak well be approved to the weak well be approved to th report has already been submitted to post, has been increased by \$1,200,000 the house. After they had completed a year. were thought most suitable for the re-

building of the structure.
"The plans so prepared were inspected. I think, by most of the honorable members of this house yesterday afternoon, and from what I have understood, they appear to meet with gen. Committee to Consider.

"Now, we are faced with the task of dividing the space in such a manner as will be suitable to the honoral-le members of the nouse, as well as suitable to the various offices connected with the work of the house, and now, also, comes immediately a further task for consideration, that of the torm of contract under which the work of rebuilding is to be proceeded with.
Altogether, many important points are involved, which require prompt and careful consideration. In view of the tact that our house of commons is a common ground for both parties at all times, I confess I hesitate, as minister of public works, to assume the great task of undertaking to please everybody in connection with the many points incident to the carrying out of the work, and I. therefore, am free to knowledge that I feel the need of

the friendly and sympathetic co-operation of both sides of the house, and in the hope of being able to secure this, I am going to ask the right honorable the prime minister and the right hon- | cities thruout the Dominion.

roads were not receiving what were entitled to. Even now they re-ceived much less than the American railways for a similar service.

Mr. Bennett (East Simcoe) asked if it were not true that the railway companies which owned the express companies had suffered a severe loss from the establishment of the parcel

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Marchand of Montreal. They were probably the best that could be devised if the external appearance of the building was to be unchanged.

Mr. Middlebro (North Grey) put in

none of them would submit anywhere desirable for every member to have an office for his own use, but, bad as conditions were just before the fire, they were much better than when he first came to parliament. In 1896 the average member had no office except

his desk in the chamber.

progressive reforms inaugurated or that by November we had lost thru developed in the postal service. Thus the rudimentary much mail delivery processive research before. the rudimentary rural mail delivery wealth we possessed before." service has been extended until nov there were no less than 3337 rural mail routes in the Dominion, of which ings. He said:

"May I be permitted to bring once again to the attention of the house the very important question of the rebuilding of our house of commons?

deal more economical.

The cost per year in Canada, except

know—that we have not been able to discover the remains of our late fellow member, Mr. Law. to postal officials, letter carriers, railway mail clerks, temporary employes

The postmaster-general then pointed prominent architects, and asked them to come to Ottawa, first of all to make a report on the condition of the walls as left standing after the fire, which

that report I asked them to prepare Another item of increase was the preliminary plans along the lines which free mail delivery service given to people living near large cities like Toron-to and Montreal. Incidentally Mr. Casgrain noted that a number of postmasters formerly paid on commission were now paid by salary. The net re-sult to the government was the same, but it caused an apparent increase in the cost of admir

Fewer Employes. Mr. Casgrain, in replying to the charge that he had unnecessarily inshowed from the records that he had remaining business of the session. Mr. actually decreased the number of men employed. Taking the City of Montreal for example, he showed that the enormous increase of business and research had no possition will be offered to the government's ceipts had necessitated the opening of two additional sub-stations, the employment of ten extra letter carriers and the employment of additional men since the beginning of the war, to act as censors, to guard the postoffice buildings and to take special supervision of mail intended for the Canadian sion of mail intended for the Canadian expeditionary force, but the it was absolutely necessary to employ 60 new men, 85 vacancies in the service at Montreal had not been filled, so that the Montreal City postoffice was handling more business and making more money than last year with 25 men less on the payrolls. What was true of Montreal was true of Toronto and other

erable the leader of the opposition to be good enough to_name three members from each side of the house to be good enough to name three members from each side of the house to act with me in the making of all necessary arrangements for the rebuilding immediately of the house of com-In immediately of the house of commons."

It was then agreed that a committee should be appointed, to consist of three members from each side of the house.

Leaders Like Designs.

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Wilfrid Laurier spoke in praise of the plans that had been prepared by Messrs. Pearson of Toronto and Replying to a question by Sir Wil-

frid Laurier, Mr. Casgrain said that the readjustment in the amount paid to rallway companies was equitable. An investigation showed that the

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guard officers.

Mr. Casgrain: "Undoubtedly, but the direct loss is hard to estimate, because the parcel post originates a certain amount of business in addi-tion to that which it diverts from the LONDON, March 22 .-- A despatch from the Rotterdam correspondent of The Daily Chronicle says: "As an air and naval base Zeebrugge

companies."
Graham's Criticisms. The criticisms of the postmaster general's estimates were mainly along the line that he had unnecessarily increased the number of employes. In Toronto, Hon. George P. Graham said, that the Laurier government had only increased the number of men employ-ed by 419 in the fifteen years ending 1911, while between 1911 and the p: 13ent time the Borden government had increased the number of employes by 413. In the city of Quebec, fifty-three men were added to the postoffice staff between 1896 and 1911, and 143 be-

tween 1896 and 1911, and 1906.

Mr. Graham also complained of the censor's officiousness. A private letter addressed to him had been opened at the Montreal post office. This might be considered zeal, but he hought it was impertinence.

MANY ENGLISH HOMES SOLD TO CUT OUTLASS marines have been captured by the British navy since the outbreak of the war, according to information from the British admiralty which has reached the United States coast

Pinch of War Forces Thousands of Well-to-Do to Econ-

LONDON, March 22.—Thousands of stately romes of England are now changing hands according to the real estate authorities. The old owners have in many instances been forced a word for the private members of the house. He said in the old building by increased taxes to seek more modtheir office quarters were entirely in-adequate. Eight, ten or even more members were crowded into one room, and worked under conditions to which

contracts.

There is talk of wholesale migration and predictions that country life will nudergo a revolution such as perdesirable for every member to have the Norman Conquest. Many of the estates may even be cut up and parceled out among disbanded soldiers.
In discussing the effects of the war upon the landed gentry, Frank Hirst, economist, said that it was only a his desk in the chamber.

Casgrain's Estimates.

Postmaster-General Casgrain then moved the house into committee of supply to consider the estimates of the come. "It is impossible," he said, "to supply to consider the estimates of the postoffice department.

He said that the expenditures of the postoffice department were unavoidably increased from year to year. In 1897 they amounted to \$3,789,478; in 1912, to \$9,172,135. The apparently large increase since the present government came into power was due to progressive reforms inaugurated or life and vigor is almost incalculable. We may safely assume that by November we had lost thrust

TO DECREASE ACREAGE OF MANITOBA WHEAT

Help Scarce and Wages High, and Growers Are Worried.

WINNIPEG, March 22.-Many of the farmers of Manitoba who cannot secure sufficient help have decided to

put in a smaller acreage. Wages will be beyond the reach of a large percentage of the farmers. The help to be expected from the soldiens will not be as extensive as an-

ticipated. Quite a number of men have been drifting into the city from woods, camps and other places, but the farmers, not knowing when the seed-ing will start, have been unwilling to secure these men at once, and the result is that they are being snapped up by contractors.

LIBERALS WILL NOT FIGHT DOHERTY BILL

Caucus at Ottawa Yesterday Reported to Have Reached Agreement.

An Ottawa despatch to The Star ceipts had necessitated the opening of proposed temperance legislation. Lib-

MORE STEAMERS DETAINED.

LONDON, March 20, 6.10 a.m.-(Delayed).—The following steamers have been taken into Kirkwall: Hammersfjord, Norwegian, and Narvik, Swedish, from Narvik for Philadelphia with cargoes of iron ore; Oscar II., Danish, from Christiania, for New York, with a general cargo and mails and passengers; Wice, American tanker, from New York for Stockholm with petroleum, and Steinstad. Norwegian, from Baltimore for Aalborg with a cargo of maize.

GETS STIFF SEN-DESERTER

CALGARY, Alta, March 22.—William Jennings Morris, a private in the 56th Battalion, who deserted, was sentenced by Magistrate Davidson today to prison for one year at hard labor. This is the stiffest sentence yet given a deserter in military district No. 13.

"MOONSHINER" IN MONTREAL?

MONTREAL March 22.—In con-nection with the illicit whiskey still which was discovered by firemen at 321 Craig street on the night of March 16, when a fire broke out in rear of the barber's college at that number, the proprietor of the college, Joseph N. Boyer, was arrested today.
The charge against him is that he had in his possession liquor in fer-

HAND GRENADE FIGHTING

S OUTCOME OF RAID German Positions Successfully Bombarded by British Guns and Mortars.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, March 22.-Little news of importance was reported from the

Pritish front today, hand grenade fighting proceeding in the mine craters at Vermelles without changing the situation any, and the British successfully bombarding the German positions to the southwest of Wez-Marquart with guns and trench mortars Two German mine explosions failed to in-flict losses on the British troops. is now of little value. The combined

CAME IN AT CORNWALL.

allies has reduced it to a chaos of crumbling masonry. The majority of Sifton Machine Gun Battery Mystery the air bombs fell upon the Solvay Cleared Up. works, which caught fire, and the har-O'ITAWA, March 22 .- The mystery bor, where several mine-layers were badly damaged.

"Practically the only things which
were not damaged were two submarines, which promptly submerged in

surrounding the importation of the entry at Morrisburg, was solved in the G. Farrow, Pictou." public accounts committee today. They came in at Cornwall. Collector of Customs Cline of Cornwall said there was the dock when the attack began. Three the dock when the attack began. Three torpedo boats were driven into the open seas to escape the falling bombs. They manoeuvred within the mine and but were continuelly become no record of their entry here, but American Express Agent Brookins of Ottawa told of the importation of the battery in September, 1914. After field, but were continually harassed by the allied airmen and forced seawards, only to be chased by British destroyspending a couple of hours in the ex-amiration of manifests, Mr. Cline confirmed Brookins' evidence.

EMPRESS' CLAIMS REDUCED.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—One hundred and twenty-seven submarines have been captured by the MONTREAL, March 22 .- By agree ment between counsel representing claims in the Empress of Ireland v. steamship Storstad case. the total liabilities so far filed of \$3.575,429, 31 have been reduced to \$2,888,238.01.

IN VERMELLES CRATERS FOUR NOVA SCOTIANS LOST WITH STEAMER

Among Victims of Port Dalhousie. HALIFAX, N. S., March 22 .- Four maritime province men, members of Mesopotamian campaign against atthe crew of the Canadian steamer tacks in the house of commons today, waters, lost their lives when the ship

went down. This morning a cablegram was received from England reading as fol-

"Steamer Dalhousie sunk while anchored Saturday midnight. Exceedingly regret having to advise you that among the lcst were Capt. Cut-Sifton Motor Machine Gun Battery, that among the lest were Capt. Cut-ler, Halifax; J. J. Davis, Charlotte-tor which a permit was issued for free town; John McLean, Sydney, and J. The Port Dalhousie sailed from Pictou early in January with a cargo

been engaged in carrying freight be-aween France and England. ON A PEACE MISSION Turkish and Bulgar Agents Said to Have Reached Berne.

of lumber for England, and has since

LONDON, March 22.—A Central News despatch from Berne says that two Turkish and two Bulgarian agents have arrived there to start peace ne gotiations.

The Bulgarians requested safe conduct and will proceed to Rome.

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES IN MESOPOTAMIA LACKING

Capt. Butler and Three Sailors Chamberlain Says He Fears There Has Been Lamentable Breakdown.

LONDON, March 22.-In making a Port Dalhousie, sunk in English J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, said he regretted he was compelled to admit that in his opinion there had been a lamentable break-down of hospital arrangements.

He did not seek palliation of some things which had taken place, but begged the house to remember the campaign had been carried on in cir-cumstances of very great difficulties. Mr. Chamberlain feared there had been an inexcusable shortage of medical supplies, owing largely to the dif-ficulty of assembling suitable trans-port shops shallow enough for river

The Indian Government, he said arready had sent officers to investigate and remedy defects, and he hoped that measures taken by the home government also would result in speedy

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