

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—*Con.*

Lloydminster immigrant building (revote of lapsed amount)—\$2,500—6734.

Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—6734.

This building was commenced in 1903-4 by the Department of the Interior. The total expenditure has been \$20,246—6734.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—6734.

What has been done at Lloydminster?—6734. Thirty thousand dollars is altogether too much for a building of that kind, but things were done at that time with a rush—6735.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—6734.

Is it for immigration purposes?—6734. What material is it built of?—6735.

Nova Scotia—Antigonish public buildings \$15,000—846.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—849.

It should be the duty of ministers of the Crown to be present while the estimates are going through; whether they happen to be in charge of the estimates being discussed or not—849. The figures that are opposite Annapolis should be opposite Antigonish—862.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—860.

Is it the minister's intention to afford increased accommodation to Brantford public buildings in the near future?—860-1.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—855.

Of what material is the new building?—855.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—846.

What has been spent so far and what is this public building to include?—846. What is the population and the postal, customs and internal revenues of Antigonish?—847. Is it a wise proceeding to put up a \$25,000 building which will afterwards have all these excesses of expenditure which present building does not have?—848. When the new building is completed, will the postmaster's pay be exactly the same? What population must a town have to entitle it to a public building?—850. The minister may state when opportunity arises what principle or policy he intends to follow hereafter in these matters—852. When was this Antigonish building decided upon?—854.

Ganong, G. W. (Charlotte)—855.

We had better put \$10,000 into the building and get accommodation outside for the engineer and his assistants; does not ask for one half the amount the government is expending in county of Antigonish—855.

Gunn, B. B. (South Huron)—858.

Is it the intention of the department to provide for the erection of a post office in the town of Seaforth?—858. There has not been a cent of public money spent in Seaforth in the last nineteen years—862.

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Henderson, D. (Halton)—852.

Has the minister fixed \$25,000 as the entire cost of this building and its fittings or can this estimate be exceeded by ten or twenty thousand dollars?—852. An officer of the department said that the policy of the department was not to make plans and specifications for a building costing less than \$10,000. The minister should lay down as a principle that the estimate for a public building must be adhered to—853-4. The post office at Sarnia is not worth \$70,000 or \$80,000—862-3.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—851.

Can the hon. gentleman (Mr. Hyman) give an estimate of the money expended by this country on wharfs and breakwaters within the last eight or nine years?—851. Seaforth has an income from the post office of \$1,000 more than Antigonish and the minister might properly see his way of spending \$1,000—860.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Minister of Public Works)—846.

This is a vote for the purpose of erecting a building in Antigonish to take the place of the building there which is very old—846. The estimate for the building is about \$25,000 complete; gives detailed estimates—847. There will be an office in the building for the government engineers and for the customs—850. It is in the best interest of the country that when we erect a public building it should be of a character which will do credit to the government; hope to be able to keep the expedition within the estimate—854. These estimates are not the estimates in which new expenditures are initiated—858. The county of Huron has not done so badly in the way of public buildings—859. The Department of Public Works are making a large expenditure in Brantford—861. The post office building in Sarnia cost \$65,000, and was built by public contract let to the lowest bidder—863.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—851.

Have you an engineer in the post office now?—851. The customs revenue receipts of Antigonish are only \$1,024.03—860. What is the amount of the customs collections at Antigonish for 1903-4?—861.

McIsaac, C. F. (Antigonish)—855.

Antigonish is a much more important town than many others, in Nova Scotia or elsewhere, with a greater population; the building is needed—856. The sum which is estimated for this building is not a large one; never deemed it necessary to refer, in my elections, to any appropriations made for public buildings—857.

Mulock, Hon. Sir William (Postmaster General)—849.

Quotes Appendix 'C' of Postmaster General's Report; new buildings will not affect present salary—849-50. Antigonish has a population of 1,900 and the public will have free access to the post office and the other offices—851.