

in "without making any change in the exterior of the building" and "the work being only^{of} a temporary character for the duration of the war"; this would make of this vestibule extra space for one or two small offices. Approval was sought from the authorities at Government House and from the Prime Minister. This being obtained, the project was completed in the first months of 1942. The work required a week for completion and the estimated cost was \$536.⁽¹⁾ The "temporary" arrangement has remained a permanency to the present time.

Tower Space, 1941.

In 1941 some consideration seems to have been given to making a room out of the high open space immediately below the main tower. In a letter from the Acting Deputy Minister of Public Works, Mr. W.P. Harrell, to Mr. Robertson, dated July, 1941,⁽²⁾ the following paragraph appears, which seems to have discouraged any further action in this direction:

So far as making a room in the tower section of the East Block at the south-west corner is concerned, I would hesitate very much to take any action in this respect without your first speaking to the Right Honourable the Prime Minister. You will, I think, agree that there would be a detraction and the dignity and impressiveness of the entrance to the East Block by filling in this tower and lowering the ceiling. The space which would be made available by making a room in the tower of the East Block would amount to only 576 square feet. There would be light only from the west side, and as the present windows are of stained glass it would be necessary to have clear glass placed in this section of the building.

Thus, at the sacrifice of some potential office

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(2) File 4068-1-40(1).