

Montreal—postal station in Outremont division, \$50,000.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): Is this a new building or an addition?

Mr. ROBB: This amount is required for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building there. No site has yet been decided upon. As my hon. friends know, Outremont is a large, growing part of Montreal, a residential centre, and the revenue there was over \$23,000.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): Does this cover the purchase of the site and the erection of the building?

Mr. ROBB: No.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): Has the minister any idea of how much the site will be?

Mr. ROBB: No.

Item agreed to.

Montreal postal station site—to cancel agreement, \$5,000.

Mr. GARDINER: What is the explanation for this item?

Mr. ROBB: This was a trades union organization which undertook to buy some government property. They made a deposit on account, but owing to the war they got into financial difficulties and we are now paying back the amount of their deposit and keeping the property.

Item agreed to.

St. Jerome public building—alterations, etc., \$13,000.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): When an item refers to a public building and the character of the building is not specified, are we to assume that it is always a post office?

Mr. ROBB: No.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): If we know that it will save time and also questions.

Mr. ROBB: Generally speaking it is a post office that is referred to, but it may be a customs building, or a customs and post office building combined.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): What is the nature of the building here?

Mr. ROBB: It is a combined post office and customs building.

Item agreed to.

St. Jacques l'Achigan—public building—further amount required, \$5,000.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): How much has already been spent there?

Mr. ROBB: This amount of \$5,000 is required in addition to the sum of \$16,000 in the main estimates, for the construction of a public building in the town of St. Jacques, and also for the installation of the necessary fittings, lock-boxes, sidewalks and grading. The building is being erected under contract at a contract price of \$15,450 on a site situated at the corner of Main street and the road leading to the factory. It is required for postal purposes, and so on.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): The amount will be about \$21,000, altogether if I heard correctly.

Mr. ROBB: The probable cost will be about \$24,000.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): What is the population?

Mr. ROBB: The population of the village is given as 1,332 and of the parish as 1,714. The postal revenue in 1924-25 was \$2,477.05.

Item agreed to.

Westmount—armoury, \$6,687.85.

Mr. ROBB: That is only a payment under contract.

Mr. GARDINER: This is not a new building?

Mr. ROBB: No. The contract was entered into some years ago and we are making annual payments. We shall own the building at the end of the prescribed period.

Item agreed to.

Ontario: Brant hotel, Burlington—to provide for a payment of outstanding accounts incurred by expropriation proceedings, \$14,000.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): What is this for?

Mr. ROBB: The building was formerly a military hospital. This is to provide for the payment of accounts in connection with expropriation proceedings.

Mr. RENNIE: I believe this building is vacant now, what use will be made of it in the future? The former inmates have gone to Christie street hospital. What does the government propose to do with this building in order to derive some revenue from it?

Mr. ROBB: It was put up for tender and no person tendered for it. If my hon. friend desires to purchase the property he might make a deal with the Department of Public Works.

Item agreed to.