

extra help. There is a provision in the Civil Service Act by which, on asking the commissioners, we can get some extra help put on.

Mr. BLAIN. Had they passed the Civil Service examination?

Mr. PATERSON. We have nothing to do with that. We simply tell the commissioners that we want an extra officer, they designate him, and their designation of him puts him on without any action on our part at all. If, within six months, his services are found not to be acceptable to the deputy, he is relieved of the office, and immediately the commissioners are asked to give us a new officer.

Customs—Salaries and contingent expenses of the several ports in the Dominion—Further amount required, \$25,000.

Mr. PATERSON. This takes in all the ports in the Dominion. We had hoped that we had estimated for enough last year, but we found that so great has been the increase of business that we have had in some cases to open new ports and in other cases to engage additional help. We will require this \$25,000 to enable us to square up at the end of the current year.

Civil Government—Department of Public Works—Contingencies—Further amount required, \$1,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. The total expenditure under this head up to the 30th January, 1911, was \$12,321.66. It is estimated there will be a further expenditure of \$2,700 for February and to the end of this month. Then there have been some extra clerks and draughtsmen at an expenditure of \$1,478.34, making a total assumed expenditure to the 31st March of \$16,500. The appropriation was only \$15,500, so we require the additional \$1,000 to cover the balance.

Public Works—Chargeable to capital—Public buildings—Ottawa Dominion Archives building—Further amount required, \$2,341.68.

Mr. PUGSLEY. This is to settle a claim which the contractor, Mr. McGillivray, had in connection with the Dominion Archives building. The total claim was \$6,140.64. It was referred to the architects and also discussed with the contractor's solicitor, and after a great deal of consideration the architects allowed \$2,341.68, and this is to pay that amount.

Mr. DANIEL. Is this outside of the contract?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It was claimed to be additional work or extra work and the total claim was \$6,140.64.

Mr. CROCKET. What does that make the total cost of the building?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The building cost \$116,861.67, and this would be in addition to that amount. It would make it altogether \$119,203.35.

Mr. DANIEL. How long is it since the building has been finished?

Mr. PUGSLEY. It must have been finished for over a year.

Mr. DANIEL. Why has this claim come in so late?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The claim was made in January, 1907, but it has been in dispute, and finally the contractor who claimed \$6,140 reluctantly consented to accept \$2,341 in settlement.

Mr. LENNOX. Who was the contractor?

Mr. PUGSLEY. Mr. McGillivray.

Mr. LENNOX. A reliable man, I presume?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am told a very reliable man.

Mr. BLAIN. Was there a suit?

Mr. PUGSLEY. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Splendid work is being done by the archives department, and I understand the building will soon be insufficient. Has the minister considered an extension of the building?

Mr. PUGSLEY. I recognize that the building is pretty well occupied and no doubt we will have to consider the matter of extending it later on, but we have not done so yet.

Port Arthur and Fort William harbour and river improvements, additional dredging, \$267,422.27.

Mr. PUGSLEY. There was an appropriation last session of \$900,000 for dredging, and building a breakwater, and revetment wall along the Mission river. \$380,000 was allotted for the work at Fort William, but this was found to be insufficient and the dredging was stopped until the matter could be considered by council. There were most urgent representations made by the people of Fort William and by the Grand Trunk Pacific that the work should be carried on as rapidly as possible. In consideration of the national importance of the work the government recommended to His Excellency to pass an order in council allowing an extension, and work was done to the amount of \$257,422 for which we are now asking.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). The people of Fort William say that they might as well dump the elevators into the lake if reciprocity goes through.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Oh, that is a mistake. Fort William is enthusiastic for reciprocity