

Prince Albert in a period of a little over twenty years has increased from 1,785 to 7,500 at the end of 1927. It has increased about fivefold in the last twenty years.

Mr. GARDINER: How many persons will the building accommodate at one time?

Mr. ELLIOTT: It is intended to accommodate 100 persons including families, at one time.

Item agreed to.

Prince Albert public building—addition, \$50,000.

Mr. STEVENS: What is this?

Mr. ELLIOTT: This is an addition to the public building.

Mr. SHORT: Prince Albert is well looked after.

Mr. ELLIOTT: We are trying to do the best we can.

Mr. STEVENS: Did the member for Prince Albert request this?

Mr. ELLIOTT: I do not think he did; I have no recollection of his having done so.

Mr. LAPOINTE: He didn't oppose it.

Mr. ELLIOTT: I have heard no opposition. The amount is required towards the construction of an addition to the public building at Prince Albert to provide adequate accommodation for the postal, customs, Dominion lands, national parks and forestry services. The requirements in these various branches in Prince Albert have increased, as the population has increased, out of all proportion to the existing accommodation.

Mr. McQUARRIE: Any recommendations?

Mr. ELLIOTT: From nearly everybody. Some years ago the post office gave up to the taxation branch a portion of the space they occupied, on the understanding that if required this space would be returned. Now the post office has made application for the return of this space or its equivalent. A new sketch has been prepared showing the additional accommodation required by the Department of the Interior, which necessitates a rearrangement of the whole scheme. It is considered that to enclose a portion of the court at the rear of the post office will give better accommodation than taking the space now used by the taxation branch. This will provide for the Department of the Interior, the parks branch and the forestry branch.

Mr. STEVENS: Will it include the Soldier Settlement Board?

[Mr. Elliott.]

Mr. ELLIOTT: I do not think so.

Mr. FORKE: It is intended to have the Soldier Settlement Board in the new immigration building when it is completed.

Mr. FRASER: Will this amount complete the building?

Mr. ELLIOTT: That is the estimate.

Item agreed to.

Regina—tractor for postal purposes, \$1,350.

Mr. LUCAS: Is this a standard tractor?

Mr. ELLIOTT: This is a standard tractor requested by the department, costing \$1,350. We are getting this kind of tractor in almost every case.

Mr. FRASER: Where are they made?

Mr. ELLIOTT: I have not that information, but they are the tractors used by the railways for similar work.

Mr. SPENCER: Why does a tractor come under this department? Why is this not provided by the Post Office department?

Mr. ELLIOTT: The Post Office department makes the request and we have to pay the money, just as we have to build the post offices.

Mr. SPENCER: This is the supply department?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes. The Postmaster General makes a request, and we have such faith in his requests that we try to grant them as far as possible.

Mr. FRASER: That is how the Post Office department shows a surplus from year to year; they do not pay for their equipment?

Mr. VENIOT: I am sorry, but there is no surplus.

Item agreed to.

Regina—armoury, \$33,500.

Mr. GARDINER: Will the minister explain this item?

Mr. ELLIOTT: This is the first payment on the purchase of a building for armoury purposes in the city of Regina. As a means of providing adequate armoury accommodation it is proposed to erect a building by private enterprise by an organization to be incorporated under the name of the Regina Armoury Association. The city of Regina is prepared to donate a site worth \$40,000,