

mantels, decorating furniture and furnishings, tenders were not called for, and the major portion of the work went to the T. Eaton Co. Ltd.

The cost of the landscape work came to over \$31,000, with an additional 10% commission of over \$3,100 to the landscape artists.

The garage, Stable and Coachhouse cost \$14,637.00.

A cement ballustrade cost \$7,404.00.

Fire-place fittings and grates came to \$34,088.29.

An item of \$684.00 for "cut flowers" turned out to be for bulbs and plants, but it was an example of the reckless way in which the accounts were made up and passed.

Amongst the items that were disclosed and which the Liberals condemned as wastefully extravagant were the following:—

Donegal rug for stateroom.....	\$1,429.00
Donegal rug for Drawing-room.....	1,380.00
Donegal rug for living-room.....	898.00
Furniture for State Reception Room.....	3,597.00
One commode	700.00
60 Dining Room Chairs @ \$24.....	1,440.00
Drawing-room furniture	2,004.00
8 prs. rose silk curtains	800.00
4 prs. green silk curtains	428.00
Curtains for ballroom	448.00
2 writing room curtains	190.00
Brass poles and fittings	1,234.00
State reception room table	310.00
Screens and other articles, including 2 Elizabethan hall tables @ \$150.....	499.00
Rugs and tapestry	2,405.00
Oriental rugs for palm-room.....	1,165.00
Bedroom suite—the Duke.....	1,589.00

In the session of 1918 a further investigation in the Public Accounts Committee showed that 976 tons of coal costing \$4,608.00 were purchased for the use of Government House during the preceding winter to heat this cold and costly castle, at a time when the coal famine and suffering were most acute in the Province.

The Government attempted to explain away this colossal expenditure by comparing Government House with the houses of American millionaires and others. The provincial architect considered there was nothing extravagant about the place, and yet it was shown that the main hall at Government House had marble floors, walls, pillasters, columns and balustrades.