

Elevator.	Quantity		Price per ton.
	tons.	lbs.	
Port Arthur Terminal Elevator Co.	2,012	1,410	35.00
Robin Hood Mills Co. Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co. . .	65	1,860	35.00
M. Sellers & Sons	1,616	1,280	35.00
Thunder Bay Elevator Co.	173	1,490	35.00
Western Terminal Elevator Co.	565	60	35.00
	1,075	1,510	35.00

GRASSHOPPER PLAGUE EXPECTED IN THE WEST.

Mr. GOULD:

1. Have any representations, petitions or other correspondence been received by the Government from representatives of various municipalities in South-eastern Saskatchewan, pointing out that from present indications there will in all probability be serious grasshopper plagues in districts overrun last year?
2. If so, what action has been taken to avoid a repetition of the destruction caused by the said plague?
3. Will the Department of Agriculture take immediate steps to investigate the advisability of sowing flax in the districts so infested, and if necessary supply flax seed in place of the wheat and oat seed now held?

Hon. Mr. TOLMIE:

1. We have had no petitions or other correspondence from representatives of any municipalities in South-eastern Saskatchewan regarding the expected outbreak of locusts in 1920. Our own officers, however, have personally investigated many districts in South-eastern Saskatchewan as well as portions of Manitoba and have found large numbers of eggs of destructive species, which certainly point to the probability of another outbreak occurring in 1920.

2. In order to meet any threatened outbreak of locusts in the Prairie Provinces in 1920 officers of the Entomological Branch, working in close co-operation with provincial officials, will conduct a vigorous educational campaign so that farmers in infested districts will know exactly what remedial measures to adopt. In this latter connection the importance of widespread community action will be specially emphasized. A special circular dealing with the locust pest is now in press and will soon be available.

3. The advisability of sowing flax in infested districts is of questionable value. The point has been previously raised that if flax is sown in soil infested areas, the land would be kept clear for a definite period in spring during which time the young hoppers would be starved owing to lack of food. The reply to this of course is that in addition to the fields which had been prepared for crop, all stubble fields, roadways and pastures as

well as unoccupied areas would also have to be kept free of vegetation. This latter of course is impossible.

A valuable consideration in locust infested districts is to obtain a vigorous growth of the crop before it is attacked and to sow crops that are best able to withstand the attacks of these insects. In this connection rye being of quicker growth and more hardy, would doubtless be the best of all cereals to sow. Flax, on the other hand being sown late and having far less resisting power than cereals would suffer far more seriously were it to be attacked by locusts. Taking into consideration all these circumstances we could not consider the abandoning of cereals in favour of flax to be a wise policy.

MATERIAL IN NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Mr. COPP:

1. Was any of the material used in the construction of the new Parliament Buildings imported from the United States?
2. If so, what different kinds of material was so imported, what amount of each, and at what cost?
3. How much has been paid contractors for the construction of said buildings under their contract on the percentage basis?
4. Have said contractors been paid in full? If not, how much is still due them?
5. How much has been paid the architects on said buildings to date?
6. To what architects were amounts paid and how much to each?
7. Have they been paid in full? If not, how much is still due them?

Hon. Mr. REID:

1. Yes.
2. 4,859 cu. ft. Indiana limestone, W. Mc-Millan & Son, Chicago, \$2,455.66; 84,229 cu. ft. Ohio sandstone, G. P. Sherwood & Co., Montreal, \$103,649.63; 1,000 brls. Atlas cement, Bremner, Ltd., Montreal, \$5,477; 400 brls. Atlas cement, Barrett Bros., Ottawa, \$2,439.36; 11,500 brls. fire brick, Barrett Bros., Ottawa, \$576.50; 147,000 ft. conduit, Can. General Electric Co., Ottawa, \$27,221.52; 19,025 conduit bushings, Can. General Electric Co., Ottawa, \$632.68; 4,520 conduit couplings, Can. General Electric Co., Ottawa, \$855.89; 36,263 conduit locknuts, Can. General Electric Co., Ottawa \$549.32; 441 conduit elbows, Can. General Electric Co., Ottawa, \$1,389.36; 18,000 enamel brick, Dartnell, Ltd., Montreal, \$1,949.50; 260 Auth terminal and battery stop, Eclipse Plating & Sales Co., Ottawa, \$1,776.68; 645 Auth connectors, Eclipse Plating & Sales Co., Ottawa, \$9,908.86; 260 bronze nipples, Eclipse Plating & Sales Co., Ottawa, \$588; 1 annunciator, Eclipse Plating & Sales Co., Ottawa, \$3,571; Miss. electrical mtl.