

Yesterday I placed before you certain statements in regard to railway expenditure by the Dominion, and expenditure by Manitoba itself on railways in the Province, and to-day I wish to place before you a statement prepared by the Department of Public Works, showing the public buildings which were constructed in Manitoba with Dominion funds. I will produce this as Exhibit "V".

MR. PLAXTON: It covers a great more than public buildings.

MR. McMASTER: It covers buildings, and forestry offices, and fishery inspection, and lake and river improvements. The amount is a very considerable sum -- \$950,167.56. And then there were expenditures --

THE CHAIRMAN: Have you collected, though, Mr. McMaster, items of expenditure which would have been provincial if the resources had belonged to the Province?

MR. McMASTER: That is my belief, sir. We will run over them, so that we may be sure that we are taking the right view. Had the Government at Ottawa not owned the lands, or rather not held the lands which were owned by the Queen -- in order that the correct constitutional language may not be departed from -- it would have been necessary to erect buildings in the West in order to take care of the work.

The Winnipeg Dominion Lands Office: the note which I have is:

"This building was erected in 1873 and continued in use for Dominion Lands Services until 1909, when its offices were transferred to one of the upper storeys of the new post office.