

a set number of papers, or are the papers selected for different contracts?

Mr. FISHER. The practice is to advertise in large cities, where a large number of the contractors live, and in smaller places within a fair radius of the place where the work is to be performed.

Mr. ALCORN. All Reform papers.

Mr. FISHER. Both.

Mr. BARR. I notice that \$392 has been paid for advertising the Hamilton drill hall.

Mr. FISHER. That is probably for advertising all over western Ontario.

Mr. BARR. Are notices sent to the papers, or do they put in the advertisement without any instructions?

Mr. FISHER. The King's Printer sends notices to the papers.

Mr. DANIEL. Does the minister advertise only in papers which support the administration, or does he advertise in papers generally?

Mr. FISHER. I think we give a preference to those which support the government.

Mr. DANIEL. He does sometimes put an advertisement in a paper that does not support the government? Could he tell us what Conservative papers these advertisements appear in?

Mr. ALCORN. The amount spent for advertising the Guelph armoury was more than ten per cent of the amount spent.

Mr. FISHER. The Guelph armoury is an \$80,000 contract.

Hamilton drill hall—addition, \$100,000.

Mr. SPROULE. How much will that building cost?

Mr. FISHER. \$300,000 in round numbers.

Mr. SPROULE. Did the city furnish the site?

Mr. FISHER. No, we purchased it and paid \$30,000.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. How was the site purchased?

Mr. FISHER. Through the Justice department, no doubt on the recommendation of the Militia department.

Mr. SPROULE. Who has the contract?

Mr. FISHER. Mr. George Webb.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN. A first-class builder and a good contractor.

Mr. SPROULE. Was it given to the lowest tenderer?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Hamilton post office—alterations to building, &c., \$10,000.

Mr. ALCORN. I find that the Office Specialty Manufacturing Company figures extensively in the Auditor General's Report for supplies to the different post offices. It figures for \$193.12 to the London post office, \$2,897 to the Guelph public building, \$1,406 to the Galt building \$652, to the Chatham building and so on. Are all these purchases made without tender?

Mr. FISHER. Very likely. The explanation was given the other night. There are only two firms who can supply the letter boxes and other post office fixings, and we give the contract on fixed prices which were established some years ago.

Kingston military buildings—barracks for Royal Canadian Field Artillery, \$18,000.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. Last year we spent \$6,900 for new stables for the Royal Military College. What is the explanation of that?

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. Formerly the college used the horses attached to the field battery, but that was found exceedingly inconvenient. The commandant has been urging us for years to take this step, and I thought it was in the interests of the college to build these stables.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. How many horses?

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. I do not remember.

London post office—additions and improvements, \$7,000.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I notice that Mr. H. C. McBride, architect, was paid seven and a half per cent commission on \$23,000 expenditure, \$1,725.

Mr. FISHER. That is the standard commission paid an architect for superintending repairs and alterations.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did he superintend as well as do the architect's work?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Mr. ALCORN. What is the explanation of the payment of \$617 for extra work for moving defective wall?

Mr. FISHER. When they got to work they found another piece of wall not indicated in the contract which was defective and which had to be removed.

London military buildings—new stores building, \$12,000.

Mr. SPROULE. Was there not a very large item for a military building some years ago?

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. My hon. friend is thinking of the drill hall, which is completed. This is a small building for stores. We had been renting a building for many years which was not satisfactory, and it was thought better to construct a build-