

ings. I am informed that the expenditures from 1914 to 1924 have been largely in repairs to the buildings and on work done on the grounds. As to the furnishings, practically nothing was spent during those years. So that a year or two ago the government were faced with the question of practically recarpeting and refurbishing the whole of the house. That is to a large extent the nature of the expenditures, the details of which I will give. Certain amounts accrued in 1926-27 and were paid in 1927-28, amounting to \$2,334.53. I have not the details, but they were for certain demands made before the end of the year and paid after the beginning of the following year. For carpets, rugs, draperies, table linen and things of that kind, there was an expenditure of \$5,045.75; for glassware and dishes for the various households, \$8,832.50; for silverware, \$399; for pavement of property, \$4,508.40; for new verandah and steps, \$3,859.40; for tennis courts and enclosures, \$1,754.30; for materials used in connection with repairs—I can give my hon. friend the list of materials if he wishes it—\$10,858.28; and pay list for labour, \$12,407.84. That is how the \$50,000 is made up.

Mr. STEVENS: How much is that?

Mr. ELLIOTT: That is \$50,000. Now, for the present we are requested to make certain other repairs including a new fence around the grounds, estimated at \$6,000. It is proposed to replace the old fence, which is practically falling down, with an iron fence.

Mr. GARDINER: Any stock around there?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes, a good deal at times.

Mr. SPENCER: Is the present fence iron?

Mr. ELLIOTT: No; it is a wooden fence. Then there is the decoration of the ballroom, \$2,000. There is a request for a tennis pavilion, \$2,000, and, for the installation of additional bathrooms on account of further requirements in that direction, \$1,500.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: What does that mean?

Mr. ELLIOTT: What it says. Also carpets, \$2,000, and dishes and glassware, \$3,000. These are all that we have details of. The balance of the \$50,000 will be made up of materials for general repairs to the buildings and for work done by the men.

Mr. IRVINE: What became of the furnishings which must have been there prior to the purchase of the new outfit? Certain silverware must no doubt have been there before. What has become of it?

[Mr. Elliott.]

Mr. ELLIOTT: It is all there still. The silverware that was there is preserved and is still in use. This is additional silverware required.

Mr. IRVINE: If this keeps up you will have to build a house to store the silverware.

Mr. GARDINER: Can the minister give us the details for the balance of the item?

Mr. ELLIOTT: The rest is undetermined; it will consist of general furnishings and repairs.

Mr. GARDINER: You will spend all the money?

Mr. ELLIOTT: My hon. friend need have no doubt about that.

Mr. ADSHEAD: On page 33 there is an item of \$60,000 for improvements, furniture, maintenance and so forth. I presume the minister will give us the details of that item.

Mr. ELLIOTT: The question is a pertinent one, and I propose to give the details showing what are covered in that item. I may point out that there is a regular staff of gardeners and labourers—

Mr. GARDINER: Let us have some of the items.

Mr. ELLIOTT: There is a regular staff of some thirty-five men. The salaries for the thirty-five men ordinarily engaged as servants are estimated at \$45,346; then there is \$3,200 for additional assistance and for the repairs, purchase of materials, supplies and so forth used in connection with the grounds and premises, \$11,453.

Mr. SPENCER: That is out of the \$60,000?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes.

Mr. SPENCER: Will the minister tell us what furniture is being bought?

Mr. ELLIOTT: There will be nothing for furnishings if you pay the salaries of the thirty-five men out of the \$60,000, but I think those are the terms under which this item has been usually passed. For years, however, no furnishings have been supplied under it, because it has gone to pay the salaries of the servants and for material used around the building.

Mr. GARDINER: Are these thirty-five labourers employed under the patronage system?