

an ugly spot along one of the main driveways of this capital city. When I saw that figure for Tunney's Pasture I had some understanding and sympathy for it. I do not think it has been wasted by a long measure.

Senator CONNOLLY: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could go off this subject for a moment. I wonder if General Young would supply some information on policy and practice with reference to the use of rented space in Ottawa as opposed to space that is owned by the Government.

General YOUNG: As this is a question which applies throughout all of Canada we are endeavouring to apply some basic formula to it. Where we can rent more cheaply than we can build we continue to rent, but where the reverse is the case then we have been embarking on our own construction program. In the city of Ottawa we are currently spending more than \$2 million a year on rented accommodation. Much of this is at a rate higher than we think should obtain.

The CHAIRMAN: Is the matter of relieving unemployment a factor in the decision to erect public buildings? Do you feel you should not answer that question?

General YOUNG: I think I had better not answer it.

The CHAIRMAN: I am not asking for an opinion from you on this but I know there has been some talk that the new post office building to be erected in Winnipeg, which will cost some \$12 million has been undertaken to help relieve unemployment.

General YOUNG: That is not the case, sir. To go back to your first question, I think I am perfectly correct in saying that unemployment has not entered into the picture. Unemployment certainly did not enter into the picture in Winnipeg. That accommodation has been required for a long time and is urgently necessary.

The CHAIRMAN: That was the view of the Post Office people?

General YOUNG: It was before my time that the decision was made to proceed with it, but there seems to be ample evidence to me that the building was necessary.

Senator LAMBERT: To bring this to a head, you referred earlier to a committee which you consult with in connection with the erection of new buildings either in Ottawa or outside of Ottawa.

General YOUNG: The special committee I mentioned consists of senior people and is an Ottawa committee. We have instituted within the department a new committee of our own senior people. It considers all buildings in Canada.

Senator LAMBERT: If a building is to be erected in the Ottawa areas I assume that this committee consults the Federal District Commission and the officials of the Capital City Planning Area. I do not suppose there is a move made without their approval.

General YOUNG: No, sir.

Senator LAMBERT: That is very important. I suppose in your internal committee a decision to erect a new building is arrived at only after considerable discussion. I suppose there is considerable discussion in Cabinet as well.

General YOUNG: Yes, sir. I would also point out that the economics of the town involved would be considered. What is the future of the town? What are the present requirements? This committee is quite new and sat yesterday for the first time, but they have found one or two buildings to be unnecessarily large. They considered them too expensive for the requirements.