

National railways. The systems of telephones and telegraph services in Canada was not built with a view to making a profit but rather to give service to certain sections of country that could not be served by private interests or by those who would take the work up with a view to making a profit. We have transferred some of our lines especially along the Grand Trunk Pacific, to the Canadian National and we have been relieved of expense in that connection. The suggestions made by my hon. friend as to savings are not new; in fact, they are fairly well worked out in the department. I was in hopes that we might cut this vote this year, but that is not possible. There is a large section in between Atlin and Whitehorse that is uninhabited except in and about Atlin and that section requires to be served. Then there is a section about Mile 47 in the Yukon where the maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines and wireless would not serve the people and I am advised that a telegraph and telephone service will have to be maintained within that area. The matter is receiving the attention of the department. I had hoped we would be able to make a considerable reduction this year, but it was not possible. I hope it may be next year.

Item agreed to.

Alberta—Dominion public buildings—Improvements, repairs, etc., \$17,000.

Mr. SPENCER: Has the government decided to do anything with regard to building a new post office at Calgary?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): We have not made plans for early construction.

Mr. SPENCER: What is the rent being paid for the temporary offices?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): We will come to that under the vote for rentals.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Is there any prospect, in the near future, of the completion of the post office building in Calgary?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): We have consolidated our offices there, and no doubt in time the government will be required to put up a building there. It would be a rather expensive building, and we will carry on for the time being as at present.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Have we not already purchased the site?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): Yes.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): What are the taxes paid annually on that site?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): None.

Mr. SPENCER: Have plans and specifications been prepared for the new post office?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): There were plans prepared some time ago.

Item agreed to.

Experimental Farms—new buildings, replacements, repairs and improvements, etc., \$200,000.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): I notice an increase in this item. What is the explanation?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This amount is required towards the construction of new buildings, additions and alterations, at the several experimental farms, at Charlottetown, Kentville, Nappan, Fredericton, Goderich, Lennoxville, Morden, Brandon, Indian Head, Rosstern, Scott, Lethbridge, Lacombe, Summerland, Agassiz, Invermere, and Sydney.

Item agreed to.

Installation of fuel saving devices for public buildings, \$12,000.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Is this a revote, or are we continually putting in fuel saving devices?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): We have been installing these in various places, and the reports from our janitor service are that the devices are very good. They are installed now in some forty or fifty buildings. The device is not only effective in saving fuel, but relieves the smoke nuisance to some extent.

Item agreed to.

Flags for Dominion Public Buildings, \$5,000.

Mr. SPENCER: Is this a revote or an annual charge?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This is an annual vote.

Item agreed to.

Ottawa public buildings and grounds—Water, \$45,000.

Mr. GARDINER: Are we paying more for water, or using more of it?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This amount is required to pay the corporation of the city of Ottawa. We are buying water on a meter basis. The charge is 13 cents per 1,000 gallons for the first two hundred million, and 10 cents for each 1,000 gallons over and above that. The expenditure last year was \$39,335.

Item agreed to.