

Mr. URIAH WILSON. The fact that the minister is not able to lay a plan on the table warranted the hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) in asking that the item stand.

Mr. FISHER. I shall not be able to lay the plans on the table this session as they will not be ready.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. From what the Minister of Militia (Sir Frederick Borden) has said they ought to be ready, for the decision to put up a building was come to two years ago. The minister is not ready to go on with the work but still he wants the item passed at once. What guarantee have we that anything will be done this year at all? We may be just in the same position next year as that in which we have been in the last two years.

Mr. FISHER. I do not think so.

Toronto post office—additional postal station 'F,' \$37,000.

Mr. MONK. Is that to complete?

Mr. FISHER. Yes. \$14,000 was paid for the site and the contractor has received \$56,000 to date. Total expenditure to date, \$73,000. Probable cost \$115,000.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. Where is the site situated?

Mr. FISHER. Corner of Young and Charles streets.

Brandon drill hall, Manitoba, \$30,000.

Mr. MONK. Does the hon. minister not think we have done enough? There are no representatives from Manitoba here. We might, in any event, take up the Saskatchewan items.

Mr. FISHER. It is only half past ten and it is not quite fair to delay the work of the House because members are not present. However I have no objection to taking up Saskatchewan.

Alameda land office, Saskatchewan and Alberta, \$2,000.

Mr. FISHER. This is for the erection of a one story building with stone foundation. It is for the Dominion lands branch and is going on this year.

Barracks for permanent corps (Strathcona Horse), \$40,000.

Mr. LAKE. Where is this barracks to be, and when is it proposed to go on with it?

Hon. Sir FREDERICK BORDEN (Minister of Militia). It is hoped, by the Department of Militia at any rate, that this work will be proceeded with at once. It has been talked about for a long time, and I am exceedingly anxious that the building should be constructed. I believe that the military authorities to whom the matter was referred gave it as their opinion that either Calgary

Mr. MONK.

or Medicine Hat would be equally advantageous from a military point of view for the location of these buildings. I believe it has been settled that they shall be at Medicine Hat.

Mr. LAKE. Is the Department of Public Works going to be able to start these works this year? I observe votes appearing for a number of these military buildings year after year, but we do not seem to get any further than voting the money for them.

Mr. FISHER. I will do my best.

Mr. MONK. Are any plans prepared?

Mr. FISHER. No.

Mr. MONK. Any estimate of cost?

Mr. FISHER. I have none.

Mr. MONK. No report of any kind?

Mr. LAKE. I am afraid the Public Works Department is in a bad way.

Calgary public building—enlargement for post office and examining warehouse purposes, changes, fitting, &c., \$35,000.

Mr. FISHER. This is under contract.

Mr. LAKE. I understood that when \$30,000 was voted for this last year, it was to complete the building?

Mr. FISHER. I think there must have been a mistake about that. The probable cost of the building is given at \$106,000. The contract is for \$77,000.

Mr. LAKE. Is this for an enlargement of the present building?

Mr. FISHER. Yes, for an enlargement of the post office and examining warehouse building, with changes and repairs.

Edmonton immigration building, \$7,000.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. Is that to be a new building?

Mr. FISHER. Yes, it is to house the immigrants while they are arranging what part of the country they will go to.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. What will be the total cost?

Mr. FISHER. It is given at \$16,945.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. How do you heat the building, with steam or with hot water?

Mr. FISHER. With hot water.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. That is a pretty expensive arrangement.

Mr. HERRON. Is any arrangement made for immigrants in the southern part of Alberta?

Mr. FISHER. I have nothing before me on that subject. I think we have no request from the Department of the Interior with regard to that.