

whatever as to the expenditure, but most assuredly the building was in a very dangerous condition.

Item stands.

Public buildings—rents, repairs, furniture, heating, etc., \$324,000.

Mr. REID: There is an increase in this item, owing to the advance in the price of coal, of about 20 per cent.

Mr. PUGSLEY: What is the price of coal to the Government in Ottawa?

Mr. REID: It is \$9.25 a ton.

Mr. MCKENZIE: I have been informed by a citizen of Ottawa that the fuel controller has no authority under the Order in Council appointing him to enforce his injunctions or to inflict punishment for infringement of them.

Mr. REID: The intention was that the fuel controller was to get the coal to parties in Canada at a reasonable price. I should prefer to look over the Order in Council before saying just what his powers are.

Progress reported.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Reid, the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

Tuesday, September 4, 1917.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

REPORT PRESENTED.

List of shipping, issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, being a list of vessels on the registry books of the Dominion of Canada on the 31st December, 1916.—Hon. Mr. Hazen.

THE MILITARY SERVICE COUNCIL.

Right Hon. Sir ROBERT BORDEN (Prime Minister) laid on the Table copy of Order in Council, dated 3rd September, 1917, appointing the Deputy Minister of Justice, Oliver Mowat Biggar, of the city of Edmonton; John H. Moss, of the city of Toronto; Louis Loranger, of the city of Montreal, and Lieutenant Colonel H. A. C. Machin, of the town of Kenora, Ont., a council to advise and assist in the administration and enforcement of the Military Service Act, 1917, to be known as the Military Service Council; the Deputy Minister of Justice to be chairman of the council.

[Mr. Roche.]

SUPPLY.

The House in Committee of Supply, Mr. Stewart in the Chair.

Harbours and rivers—Nova Scotia—Ben Eoin—wharf, \$2,200.

Mr. KYTE: Is this for the construction of a new wharf?

Mr. REID: These small items are for repairs at different places.

Mr. KYTE: When is this money to be spent?

Mr. REID: As soon as the vote is passed. In some cases work is being proceeded with now.

Mr. SINCLAIR: Will the minister explain why he has dropped certain items that were in the estimates during the last few years and introduced new ones? For the last five or six years there has been in the estimates an item for a wharf at Cole harbour—which is as necessary, in my judgment, as any wharf proposed to be built on the coast of the Maritime Provinces. This item has been dropped from the estimates, and certain other items dealing with works not nearly so important have been introduced. This is not an isolated case; quite a number of projected works in estimates and new items have been in Nova Scotia have been dropped from the Estimates and new items have been inserted in their places without any apparent reason. Upon what principle has the minister made up these supplementary estimates?

Mr. REID: This amount is required to construct a creosoted timber wharf 175 feet long and 16 feet wide—with a head block 20 by 30 feet—and a small warehouse thereon, 10 by 14 feet. The estimated cost is \$1,634.50, made up as follows: creosoted piling, \$819.60; native round logs, \$25.20; dimension timber, \$260; timber, plank covering, \$163.20; driving and securing 40 piles, \$147; sand and gravel in approach, \$34.50; warehouse, \$175; land, \$10; total, \$1,634.50; superintendence, contingencies, etc., \$365.50; total, \$2,000. Add ten per cent for advance in prices of labour and material since the report was made, \$200. This is really a new work; it is in the constituency of Cape Breton South.

Mr. KYTE: I understood that this was a new work, and I was rather surprised at the minister saying this item was for repairs.

Mr. REID: I was speaking about the preceding item.