

Mr. ELLIOTT: My hon. friend will get the final blow just as soon as I get it, and I do not intend to get it until I absolutely have to. It is thought that two million dollars will meet the requirements for some time to come. This expenditure will build two of the three units that are proposed. There will be an additional unit later on. It may not be required for perhaps ten or twelve years.

Item agreed to.

Dominion public buildings, improvements, repairs, etc., \$35,000; Winnipeg—Fort Osborne barracks—new boilers, \$45,000; Winnipeg post office—installation of pickup tables, \$7,000; Winnipeg — Minto street armoury — fittings, \$16,000; Winnipeg immigration building No. 2 —repairs and improvements, \$2,700.—Total, \$105,700.

Mr. CANTLEY: What is the \$45,000 for in connection with Fort Osborne barracks?

Mr. ELLIOTT: These are new boilers required for the barracks. This sum is needed to provide for the installation of the third unit of three modern boilers there.

Mr. CANTLEY: Did we not have a similar item last year in connection with these boilers?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes. The replacement of the existing boilers was commenced in 1926-27, the work to be spread over three years. In 1926-27 the first unit was installed, under contract with W. G. Edge, Limited, of Ottawa for \$29,500. In 1927-28 the second unit was installed by the James Ballantyne Company of Winnipeg, the contract being for \$35,397. In order to complete the work it is necessary to install the third and last unit this year, the appropriation being what is now asked.

Mr. GARDINER: Are the units of different sizes?

Mr. ELLIOTT: I have not the specifications, but no doubt they are different.

Mr. GARDINER: The first unit cost \$29,000, the second \$35,000 and the third unit will now cost \$45,000. Unless there is some difference in size and in other respects, an explanation should be given.

Mr. ELLIOTT: I have no doubt there is a difference in the performance of the different boilers.

Item agreed to.

Saskatchewan—Dominion public buildings—improvements, repairs, etc., \$17,000.

Mr. SPENCER: What are the particulars in regard to the \$17,000 for Dominion public buildings?

Mr. ELLIOTT: This is the general vote. It covers buildings all over the province. The amount expended for this purpose last year was \$16,998; the previous year \$16,139; the year before that \$16,477. It is the usual vote.

Mr. SPENCER: The depreciation in public buildings in Saskatchewan is not as great as the depreciation per annum in connection with Rideau Hall.

Item agreed to.

Prince Albert—immigration building, \$45,000.

Mr. GARDINER: What is the need for this building?

Mr. STEVENS: It is the Prime Minister's riding; why should there not be a building there?

Mr. LAPOINTE: They deserve something.

Mr. STEVENS: Surely.

Mr. ELLIOTT: It is one of the many fortunate ridings in the country at the present time. The amount is required towards the purchase of a site and the erection of an immigration building at Prince Albert. The proposed building will be a two storey brick structure 90 feet by 35 feet, the estimated cost being \$45,000. The erection of the building was requested by Mr. W. J. Egan, Deputy Minister of Immigration and Colonization, in communications extending over a number of years. In his letter of November 15, 1926, he states:

The department has for some years past had an immigration hall at Prince Albert, which, while possibly meeting our needs at the time of construction and for some period afterwards, is now found to be altogether inadequate. The building is frame, one-storey, 26' x 70' x 10', divided into two sections, practically one-third of it being used for the janitor's quarters, leaving available only eight rooms with a double bed in each for the use of immigrants and giving a maximum accommodation for sixteen persons only.

The movement of immigrants to this section has been gradually increasing yearly and in the spring of 1926 we had occasion to accommodate approximately 350 new arrivals in three months. What we have in mind is a two storey frame building capable of accommodating one hundred persons including families, the upper floor to be devoted to dormitories for men and women with separate rooms on the lower floor for families, together with quarters for the caretaker.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): How many places in Saskatchewan besides Prince Albert have immigration buildings?

Mr. ELLIOTT: I am afraid my hon. friend will have to ask the Department of Immigration; I could not give the information offhand. I might point out that the population of