

doubt whether the Regina Trading and McCallum Hill buildings are rented by the army.

Mr. BENCE: Yes, there is a recruiting centre in the new McCallum Hill building, at an annual rental of \$6,800.

Mr. RALSTON: Would the hon. member give me the number of the return to which he is referring?

Mr. PERLEY: It was brought down on March 15, I believe; I just copied the main part of it.

Mr. BENCE: I am sorry I have not the number. It was passed as an order for return on March 15 and tabled on May 13.

Mr. RALSTON: I have these notes with regard to Regina. My hon. friend had an idea that not much construction had been carried on there. There was some construction, though perhaps not much when compared with the construction in Ottawa or Halifax; it amounted to a little over \$200,000. There was additional accommodation for the Canadian Women's Army Corps, which I think I saw when I was there; there was the amalgamation of the two depots, No. 12 and No. 12A; I think that is out near the exhibition buildings, if I am not mistaken. There were repairs to the Keist building for the use of stores; the construction of a recreation room, and provision of a parade ground. Those are all in Regina properly. Then at Dundurn, as my hon. friend knows, there was accommodation for C.W.A.C. personnel and there were expenditures on the water supply. My hon. friend knows also that a complete training centre was established at Maple Creek, at an expenditure of something like \$500,000. In Saskatoon there was an officers' mess and repairs and renovation to the stadium, totalling a little over \$30,000. At Prince Albert there was an expenditure of \$340,000 at the basic training centre.

Mr. ADAMSON: What were the expenditures during the last fiscal year at Camp Borden?

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): While the minister is getting that information perhaps I could ask something with reference to Saskatchewan. First, I should like to refer to the conditions of the barracks at Saskatoon. In the early stages of the war it was necessary to put men in any quarters that were available, but since that time many fine huts have been built and other buildings have been taken over and fixed up. With that

in mind, I was shocked during the Easter recess when I visited the exhibition grounds in Saskatoon and saw the conditions under which these men had to live. They have built a new officers' mess which is a lovely building, but the quarters for the men underneath the grandstand are just about as undesirable as I could imagine. The quarters were not filled, but even as it was they were badly crowded. I understand that all the beds have been occupied and probably will be again, and if that should happen there certainly would not be sufficient cubic feet of air per man. I checked the number of wash basins and showers and the toilet facilities with the idea of writing the minister when I came back. I have been too busy to do that, but I can give him the figures. There are certainly not adequate washing and toilet facilities for the number of men quartered there. If I remember, there were about sixty-four wash basins and about eleven or twelve showers, but I am speaking only from memory; the figures are upstairs. But the facilities were not adequate to take care of the number of men quartered there then, and most certainly they would not be adequate if all the beds were occupied.

The men pointed out to me that they had no facilities for washing their clothes and the result was that many of them had to send out their laundry. This was quite a heavy item of expense especially for the married men who had assigned part of their pay. Laundry facilities should be provided so that these men could wash their clothes. A pipeline running along one side of the stadium had been covered with manure to protect it from freezing. I do not know whether it is to remain covered, but even though the day on which I was there was not very warm, I could hardly stay in one end of the sleeping quarters because of the stench. In really warm weather that end of the barracks would be positively uninhabitable. After three years of war I was surprised to see men in quarters like that, especially when there are so many fine quarters in other places.

I should also like to ask the minister about the fire which took place in the barracks at Regina. The newspapers report about a quarter of a million dollars' worth of damage. I should like to know if there has been any investigation into this fire. There have been rumours of sabotage, but those rumours always start. Has there been any investigation as to the cause of the fire and whether there was adequate fire protection and whether there were adequate fire fighting facilities? Are proper precautions