

public money for the grading and paving of streets around the drill hall at Amherst, and leaves Sackville and other towns absolutely without a decent and respectable place for the people to get their mail, it is a disgrace to the Public Works Department and the Government of this country. Our people have to pay their taxes, and pay handsomely at the present time, and yet the town of Sackville and other places throughout the country are left without decent postal accommodation. It is no more right to pass this item of \$18,000 for the town of Granby than items to provide for decent postal facilities in the town of Sackville and other places throughout this Dominion where they are urgently required.

Grosse Isle Quarantine Station—new buildings and repairs, \$200,000.

Mr. J. D. REID: This is for the construction of a superstructure for the new hospital at Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, the foundation of which was completed in 1915. It will comprise a medical building 40 by 34 feet, administration building 54 by 54 feet, five ward units each 126 by 40 feet, with passage connecting same. It is also proposed to build two wings at the present time.

Mr. DENIS: Will this item cover the cost of the whole work?

Mr. J. D. REID: It is proposed to build five wings at a cost of \$100,000 each. That would make \$500,000.

Ontario—Dominion public buildings—improvements, repairs, etc., \$35,000.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: What is this for?

Mr. J. D. REID: It is for the purpose of keeping in repair the buildings throughout the whole province.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Is it the customary vote?

Mr. J. D. REID: Yes.

Hamilton Post Office—improvements, \$8,000.

Mr. J. D. REID: This is for a mezzanine floor for the whole ground floor of the Hamilton Post Office and to provide increased accommodation for the postal employees. The building is overcrowded and in a very bad state. We had a report only a week or so ago. It is absolutely necessary that something be done to protect the health of the employees.

Mr. PEDLOW: Has the minister, in these Ontario items, an appropriation for an extension to the post office building at Renfrew?

Mr. J. D. REID: These items are not for new buildings or extensions. The \$35,000 item is a general vote to be used for repairs to buildings throughout the whole province. When the item is passed, we shall not have power or authority to use any of that money for new work or extensions.

Mr. PEDLOW: I understand that application has been made to the department for an extension to the Renfrew post office. The accommodation at the Renfrew post office is entirely inadequate for the business that is done, and I understand that the postmaster has made application for an extension to the building in order to provide proper accommodation for the work that has to be carried on. I understand also that plans have been prepared by the department and that an inspector of the department has surveyed the situation and recommended that the work be proceeded with. The condition at the Renfrew post office is pretty much the same as the conditions as represented by my hon. friend for Shefford at the Granby post office. The present building was erected when the population of Renfrew was about 4,000 people; to-day the population is in the neighbourhood of 7,000 people, and in addition to the extra work necessitated by the increased population there is also the work that is made necessary on account of the rural mail service, Renfrew being the centre for a large district. In view of these considerations, the present accommodation is not adequate. If there is no item in the Estimates for this purpose I appeal to the minister for consideration of this request from the Postmaster at Renfrew for this additional accommodation which is required there, which I understand has been reported on favourably by an inspector of the department.

Mr. J. D. REID: I have had a request from Renfrew for such an extension as the hon. member advocates and we have a report which would justify proceeding with the work. When the Supplementary Estimates are under consideration I hope to be able to do something in connection with the Renfrew case, which is among very many other urgent cases that have come before us.

Mr. MANION: As it is in order now for members to say a few words in behalf of their constituencies, I think it is time for me to say something in connection with a post office in my riding which I have been pressing upon the Government now for about four years, or at least since the Union