

government comes forward again with a similar vote of \$50,000 for further expenditure in this regard. The minister ought to indicate precisely what this is required for. Has this \$50,000 which he is now asking for, or any portion of it, been already spent?

Mr. ELLIOTT: The purposes for which this \$50,000 is asked are set out with more or less detail in the report presented to the department by the architect as the result of representations made to him by the controller of the household. It is required for general alterations and improvements, and for the purchase of certain furnishings for Rideau Hall. Certain details are given.

Mr. STEVENS: Would the minister read those details?

Mr. ELLIOTT: I shall be very glad to. The alterations and improvements are of a general nature, owing to the fact that for many years the hall and the furnishings were allowed to depreciate. Perhaps it would throw some light on this question to say that from 1914 to 1920 an appropriation was made each year of \$65,000, the amount which was being expended at the outbreak of war.

Mr. STEVENS: Does that correspond to the vote of \$60,000?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes; it is because the \$60,000 referred to in the other vote will not be sufficient to meet some extra requirements owing to the dilapidations that have occurred on account of the \$65,000 practically not having been expended since 1914. Prior to that year we were spending generally about \$65,000. In 1914-15 the vote was a little over-expended—\$65,176. As a matter of fact I think that has usually been the case.

Mr. STEVENS: Does that \$65,000 include fuel?

Mr. ELLIOTT: No, that is for repairs to all these various buildings. They form a long list and cover an extensive area. Most of them are pretty old and require some repairs every year. After the outbreak of war the expenditures were cut down to the limit, running around \$40,000, and necessary repairs were not attended to on account of the great demands made upon the treasury by the war.

Mr. GARDINER: Will the minister give us those expenditures?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes.

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| 1914-15.. . . . | \$65,000 | \$65,176 |
| 1915-16.. . . . | 65,000 | 57,000 |
| 1916-17.. . . . | 65,000 | 63,000 |
| 1917-18.. . . . | 65,000 | 58,000 |
| 1918-19.. . . . | 65,000 | 41,000 |
| 1919-20.. . . . | 65,000 | 44,000 |
| 1920-21.. . . . | 50,000 | 49,000 |
| 1921-22.. . . . | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| 1922-23.. . . . | 60,000 | 58,000 |

From that time on \$60,000 has been voted each year and always spent—sometimes a little over-spent.

Mr. GARDINER: Will the minister give us the over-expenditures?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes. In 1925-26 the over-expenditure ran to \$2,698. In 1926-27 the vote was not exceeded, and the same applies to the vote for the following year. It will be seen that during those years the aggregate amount not spent was less than the total over-expenditure. I am giving the figures so that my hon. friends will see the dilapidation that has taken place in all these buildings. At this juncture perhaps I might refer to the list of buildings that are included in this property and which have been a part of it for some time. The following buildings are included: The governor general's residence; cloakroom; greenhouse; conservatories; potting shed; military secretary's residence; two semi-detached residences on Lisgar road; duplex apartments, Lisgar road; lodge at front entrance gate; superintendent's residence, Thomas street; garage; stables; laundry; dairy; guardroom and shed; curling rink; refreshment room; yard of rink; workshop; stores buildings. There is a long list of buildings covering a great area and requiring considerable repairs annually. The repairs have not been made since 1914 to anything like the extent which the government has considered proper, and that depreciation accounts in a large measure for the expenditures which have had to be made in recent years.

Mr. SPENCER: Are these buildings all built of brick or stone, and if so is the depreciation very considerable?

Mr. ELLIOTT: All the buildings, except the superintendent's house, which is of frame, are of brick or stone.

Mr. STEVENS: Will the minister come back to the \$50,000 item both for last year and for this year, and tell us what was spent last year and how he proposes to spend the amount this year?

Mr. ELLIOTT: I have referred to the depreciation in the buildings and structures generally; I have said nothing about furnish-