

SUPPLY—PUBLIC BUILDINGS — QUEBEC
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Foster, Hon. Geo. E.—Con.

have prayer after prayer, petition after petition asking for mail routes, 684. Asks before the vote is passed for the Postmaster General's opinion, 685. Wants to call the attention of the House to the way in which the minister argues, 691. The moment you put up your building you saddle the country, with maintainance, 692. That is a charge for ever on the revenues of the country, 693.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—688.

No comparison between the town of Milton and the village of Marieville, 688. The Liberals twenty years ago denounced the building of the post office in Marysville, N.B., 689. Very illogical to cite that as justification for the present vote, 690.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria)—683.

Asks the number of towns of greater population which have not been favoured with a post office, 683. Asks if there is to be a space all around the buildings, 688. The place is pretty well surrounded by post offices, and cannot give much postal revenue, 689. Has not heard anybody on that side object to that, 695. No objection to reasonable expenditure; but \$25,000 in a little two by four village, 696. Is unreasonable and therefore the minister's argument does not hold good, 697. Asks the authority for the population, 700.

Lennox, H. (South Simcoe)—686.

What the member for Toronto has done in the past can have nothing to do with the question, 686.

Marshall, D. (East Elgin)—695.

A test of expenditures made on post offices in other places, perfectly justifiable to spend money where it is needed, 695.

Pugsley, Hon. William (Minister of Public Works)—679.

The building to be used for custom house and post office, cost about \$25,000, 679. The parish of Ste. Marie de Monnoir will also use this post office, 680. Buildings Foster did not protest, the building is required for both purposes, 681. Marieville is a progressive town, new industries constantly springing up, 682. It is wonderful how Foster's views have changed since he was a minister, 686. Should not go to a greater expenditure than is reasonably necessary, 687. The cost of maintainance and repairs will be reduced to a minimum, 688. Have just built a post office at Georgetown, and one at Glencoe, 694. In the estimate under consideration there are very few new items, 695. These public buildings are reasonably and fairly required, 696. We are going to accommodate Lethbridge, 697. Not giving any reason why this item should be reduced, 699. It would not be reasonable to support the amendment, 700.

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Seasmith, J. A. (East Peterborough)—693.

Protests against spending \$25,000 for a post office in a place of less than 2,000, 693.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—693.

Has drawn attention for several years to what he considers a growing abuse, 693. Places larger than Marieville with no post office; Markham given one to carry the riding, 694. They were just as unjustifiable two years ago as they are to-day; the case of Lethbridge, 697. According to figures it has grown at the rate of 50 a year, 699.

Wright, Wm. (Muskoka)—683.

Pointed out last year that post offices were being built, where they are absolutely unnecessary, 683. Evidently there is not the number of people, or they do not use the post office, 684. We have been waiting three years for that wharf, can get neither wharf nor post office, 690. Would not want a \$25,000 post office in a little village, 691.

Quebec custom house, \$50,000—824.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—827.

So long as the amount is not changed, or the meaning altered it can be amended, 827.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—824.

It is very important that we should repair the old house unless we have money to burn, 824-5. Better let this item stand until the minister of Customs has made up his mind, 826. If the minister will make it clear that this item is for repairs, that will make it all right, 827.

Paterson, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Customs)—826.

What we want is a custom house in which the business can be properly transacted, 826. Has seen neither the estimates nor the plans, 827.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Public Works)—824.

To enter upon the restoration of the building partially destroyed by the recent fire, 824. Suggestion to take the burnt area for Transcontinental terminal purposes, 825. Not yet decided but certainly worthy of careful consideration, 826. This vote put in for repairs, if the building is moved, a new building will be required, 827. Then, there is no objection, 828.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—825.

Understood that the Customs business was elsewhere, and that this was simply used for landing waiters, 825.

Quebec East—public building, \$40,000—828.

Blain, R. (Peel)—829.

The wording of the item rather indefinite, does not say what the building is used for, 829. Asks how sites are selected in