

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): Both capital and revenue. The amount actually expended, as I have said, was \$32,758,065. For the previous year the appropriation was \$30,522,389, but only \$25,206,558 was actually expended. It will be observed that in every year the amount actually expended is considerably less than the appropriation.

Sir EUGENE Fiset: If I understand the minister well—

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): Just a moment. For 1928-29 the appropriation was \$27,038,409, but only \$20,680,902 was expended—a larger amount unexpended in that year of expanding revenue than was expended last year when the revenue was shrinking.

Sir EUGENE Fiset: What I should like to ascertain from the minister is this: There was provided in the estimates last year a total amount of \$38,000,000 or \$39,000,000, out of which only \$32,000,000 was spent. Is it a fair question to ask the minister if these credits that have not been expended should be treated as a deduction from the \$20,000,000 that was voted last session for unemployment?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): I do not find any relation between these two items. I have considered the matter and discussed it from every angle, and I think when I remind the hon. gentleman that in previous years there were similar and larger amounts unexpended when there was no unemployment relief, that ought to be pretty conclusive evidence that there is no relation between the two matters.

Sir EUGENE Fiset: There is this relation: If the government had gone on with the expenditure of money voted by parliament there would have been \$6,000,000 less expended on unemployment throughout Canada.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Hanson, York-Sunbury): This discussion is out of order, and I am going to call item No. 186. Item 185 has been passed and there is nothing before the chair.

Sir EUGENE Fiset: I should like to direct your attention to the fact that the minister himself started the discussion on Item 185.

Mr. GIROUARD: I understand the minister kindly allowed item 185 to stand until to-day.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Hanson, York-Sunbury): This discussion has gone far enough and I am going to rule it out of order. I now call item 186:

Ontario

Belleville public building—addition to site, \$20,000.

Belleville public building—improvements to heating, \$1,100.

Brockville—public building—alterations and improvements, \$12,000.

Copper Cliff—public building—under contract, \$26,000.

Dominion public buildings—improvements, repairs, etc., \$125,000.

Fort Frances—public building, \$1,500.

Fort William—public building, \$50,000.

Gore Bay—public building—under contract, \$4,000.

Guelph—public building, \$50,000.

Hawkesbury—public building—alterations to fittings, \$1,500.

Keewatin—public building—under contract, \$8,000.

Leamington public building—improvements to heating, \$1,200.

New Liskeard—public building, \$61,000.

North Bay public building—improvements, \$1,100.

Orillia public building—alterations, improvements, etc., \$5,000.

Parry Sound—public building, \$25,000.

Penetanguishene—public building, \$57,000.

Perth—public building, \$25,000.

Port Arthur public building—addition and alterations—under contract, \$5,000.

Port Credit—public building—under contract, \$40,000.

Stratford public building—addition, \$41,000.

Sturgeon Falls—public building—under contract, \$5,500.

Sydenham—public building—under contract, \$4,000.

Thorold—site for public building, \$4,000.

Toronto—customs house—under contract, \$670,000.

Toronto—postal station "A"—mechanical equipment, improvements, etc.—under contract, \$33,500.

Welland public building—alterations to fittings, \$2,000.

Windsor—combined public building and C.N.R. terminal, \$100,000.—Total, \$1,379,400.

Mr. GIROUARD: I understand item 185 was passed on the understanding that we would be able to return to it to-day. I ask the minister now if that was not the understanding.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): Item 185 stood for the purpose I have stated.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Hanson, York-Sunbury): Item 185 has been reported by the committee and so appears in the votes and proceedings, but there was opportunity left to make an explanation, which the minister has made. The next item is 186, which is now before the chair.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): I should like to direct attention to the fact, Mr. Chairman, that you are now following an arbitrary rule that always has been ignored in the past, and I should like to suggest also for your consideration that if such rules are to be followed by the chairman you will not make a very great amount of progress.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): Allow me to make a statement, Mr. Chairman. Item 185 was left open with the distinct understanding that