

Mr. ELLIOTT: I explained before my hon. friend came in that all the amount had been spent, or commitments made for its expenditure.

Mr. CANTLEY: For what purpose?

Mr. ELLIOTT: For the building in connection with the citadel, and for quarters for the servants of the Governor General.

Mr. CANTLEY: The understanding last year was that the major portion of this amount should be expended on the walls of the citadel.

Mr. LAPOINTE: No. I have last year's debates in my hand; I will send the volume over to my hon. friend, and he will see that he is wrong.

Mr. CANTLEY: The understanding was that it was to be spent on the restoration of the walls of the citadel, rather than on the governor general's quarters. If we are going to restore fortifications, we have fortifications at Halifax, to which reference was made today by the junior member for Halifax, and I submit that the fortifications there are just as important and have just as great an historic interest as the fortification at Quebec. If we are going to have the governor general residing a portion of each year in different provinces, I think it is just as important that he should visit the "bluenoses" as the people of Quebec. We have at Halifax the Admiralty House, which has not been kept up for some considerable time. If you spent a quarter of a million dollars on the citadel building, that sum is a great deal more than the whole fortification works at Quebec cost when first built. As a resident of Nova Scotia I claim that justice be done us in this as in other matters which we have brought to the attention of the house.

Mr. BOURASSA: Last year I reminded, not the Minister of Public Works particularly, but the government, of the state of the walls of the citadel. I am more interested in the preservation of the citadel wall than in the embellishment of that horrible thing which is called the governor general's residence in the citadel, and which has no value of any kind whatsoever, neither historical nor architectural. It is the ugliest thing that could be imagined. It desecrates the citadel and honours neither the governor general nor the people of Canada. It seems to me that small repairs to the amount of a few thousand dollars would be sufficient to keep that horrid

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thing in proper condition for the lodging of Their Excellencies for three or perhaps six weeks of the year, if they happened to be there. As far as the citadel itself is concerned, every time I am at Quebec, if it is fine weather, I take pleasure in going round the citadel, climbing the stairs from Dufferin terrace, walking round the walls, and coming back by the plains of Abraham, or going round the other way. The last time I was there I noticed that the walls, which were beginning to tumble down two years ago, were tumbling down still further. Nothing was done last year to save them. Not one cent of the \$100,000 voted last year for the embellishment of that ugly thing which will never be capable of embellishment was used for the maintenance of what is really beautiful and historic in the citadel. I would ask the government to do something more for the maintenance of the citadel, and all that it carries with it of valuable remembrance of the past, and to devote a little less to the upkeep of that gubernatorial—I do not know what to call it—it is certainly not a palace—

Mr. LAPOINTE: Mansion.

Mr. BOURASSA: If it is suggested that it is a proper thing to supply some lodgment for Their Excellencies when they come to the province of Quebec, I entirely agree with the members from the other provinces who have spoken, that the governor general should be supplied with a residence in each province. That might become a little costly. It seems to me that the governor general might well reside in the various houses or mansions that are at the disposal of the lieutenant governors of the provinces. I do not think the governor general should feel humbled or that his dignity or office would be lowered in any way by the fact that he lodged under the same roof as the lieutenant governor.

While I am on my feet I wish to make good a promise that I made to my good friends of Cape Breton when travelling through that very fine part of the province of Nova Scotia last summer. I revisited Louisburg after an interval of some thirty years, and I found there a notice to the public, asking them to do their share in maintaining that historic spot, but, of course, the people who pass there are not very many. It seems to me that the government and parliament of Canada, representing the whole people, should do something for what remains of Louisburg, and I would say the same for Amherst and Beausejour. They are all