

HON. MR. EULER: I would like to ask this; does that include the old original Chateau?

HON. DR. MANION: It does not include the property.

HON. MR. EULER: That is the original cost.

HON. DR. MANION: That is the marked total cost. If we can build the Chateau, with 550 rooms for less than \$9,000,000, I think we ought to be able to build a first class hotel in Vancouver for less than that.

HON. MR. EULER: The original Chateau was built how long ago—20 or 25 years ago, when building was very cheap?

MR. HANSON: Finished in 1912.

HON. MR. EULER: To get down to the point, the new wing which consists of 250 rooms, cost how much?—\$7,000,000?

MR. McLAREN: Six million.

HON. MR. EULER: I am quite willing to make a comparison with this new wing of 250 rooms, and you should build a good hotel in Vancouver with almost 600 rooms for—

HON. DR. MANION: It has not 600 rooms.

MR. GRAY: 595.

HON. DR. MANION: Well, I submit that the Chateau, which is probably one of the most beautiful hotels in the world—

HON. MR. EULER: Quite so.

HON. DR. MANION: —is quite good enough for the city of Vancouver, and is a worthy competitor of any hotel in the world. But that is not the point; I am not really arguing the point. The point is that they settled with the city of Vancouver to build a hotel costing \$3,500,000. That is the point Mr. Hanbury brought out.

HON. MR. EULER: A first class hotel there will be different from a first class hotel in a small town.

HON. DR. MANION: That is a bit of nonsense, because I have in my city, Mr. Euler, what they call a first class hotel, a hotel which has only 100 rooms, and it cost to build about \$700,000 or \$800,000, but it is called a first class hotel. As Mr. Hanson says, what constitutes a first class hotel is a matter of opinion. There are lots of hotels in Europe that are absolutely first class hotels, but they could not compare with the Chateau Laurier. I think Sir Henry will agree with me in that, because they do not go in for the luxurious surroundings of the Chateau Laurier. I am not saying this in a critical sense, I am just saying it is a matter of opinion as to what constitutes a first class hotel.

HON. MR. EULER: I am just trying to get an answer to my question whether it is possible in the city of Vancouver to build a first class hotel containing 500 rooms for \$3,500,000. My impression is that you cannot do it. I would like to know that. I do not think that you could compare a first class hotel in Vancouver with what is called a first class hotel in Fort William, and I am not reflecting upon Fort William at all, but a first class hotel in Fort William would not do as a first class hotel in Vancouver.

HON. DR. MANION: Certainly it is a matter of opinion what a first class hotel is. That is what I am pointing out. I agree with you in that. I do not mean to say that an \$800,000 hotel in Vancouver would be satisfactory, but there is a vast jump between \$3,500,000 in 1926 and the cost that is estimated in 1930.

HON. MR. EULER: You added another 100 rooms.

HON. DR. MANION: All right, but in the same proportion it does not come to \$9,000,000. I did not mean to argue this thing out.