

I shall have to believe that Canada wants royalty, and if she does she will have to foot the bill.

Item agreed to.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Will you call the next item, telephone service, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. STEVENS: Why do you want to jump to telephone service?

Mr. ELLIOTT: We are not jumping; we are there now.

Mr. STEVENS: We willingly agreed to go to that item and pass it, but now we should get back to the resolution that we were dealing with and finish it.

Mr. ELLIOTT: At the suggestion of my hon. friend I will jump back.

Ottawa—towards purchase of building for government workshops, \$12,750.

Mr. GARDINER: What is this?

Mr. ELLIOTT: It is the sixth annual payment on the purchase of the property.

Item agreed to.

Ottawa—towards purchase of Daly building, \$118,000.

Mr. SPENCER: How much is still to be paid on this building?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Four payments.

Mr. GARDINER: What was the original price?

Mr. ELLIOTT: One million dollars.

Item agreed to.

Rockland—public building, \$5,000.

Mr. SPENCER: Explain.

Mr. ELLIOTT: This \$5,000, of which \$2,500 is a revote, is for the fittings, lock boxes, grading, sidewalks, and so on, required for the completion of the post office erected at Rockland during the year 1927-28.

Mr. LUCAS: What is the postal revenue?

Mr. ELLIOTT: \$2,412.

Mr. LUCAS: And the population?

Mr. ELLIOTT: 3,256.

Mr. LUCAS: Was this recommended by the postal department?

Mr. ELLIOTT: I do not see any recommendation here.

Mr. GARDINER: How would the item get into the estimates without a recommendation?

[Mr. Irvine.]

Mr. ELLIOTT: A delegation of the residents and the local authorities interviewed the minister on February 26, 1924, resolutions were passed by the town council, and other representations were made locally.

Mr. SPENCER: Has the local member recommended this?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes.

Item agreed to.

Toronto—customs house, \$500,000.

Mr. GARDINER: Explain.

Mr. ELLIOTT: This is another case where a building was required years ago, but on account of shortage of funds, due largely to the war, we have had to defer it until the present time. We have been renting buildings for the customs and other services in Toronto, paying fairly good rentals, but not getting the desired accommodation. The construction of the customs building will be started this year.

Mr. McQUARRIE: Have you got the site?

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes, we own the land already. One of the reasons why it is advantageous to put up the building on our property close to the railway station is that to-day we are paying \$15,000 a year for the transfer back and forth of the mail and customs packages that have to be dealt with in the examining warehouse. We expect to save a considerable part of this expense. I may tell my hon. friend very frankly that we are not putting up this building until we think it is required.

Mr. MANION: So the Toronto people have said.

Mr. GARDINER: What is the estimated total cost?

Mr. ELLIOTT: What we propose to construct will cost, as near as possible, two million dollars. We are making a beginning this year.

Mr. DUNNING: It will be more than that ultimately.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Yes, but all that is to be constructed at the present time will cost two million dollars.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Where are the Toronto members?

Mr. ELLIOTT: I do not think they object.

Mr. GARDINER: Let us have the final blow now.