

no hesitation in saying that the postal revenues from Rosetown are larger than those from any other town of equal size in the Dominion, and during the last twenty years we have been agitating for a building suitable to the volume of business that is done. At Rosetown we also have quite a large branch of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and I hope the government intends to make the new post office building large enough to accommodate that force as well.

From the copy of the supply bill that I have before me I observe that subsection 1 of section 4 empowers the Governor in Council to raise a loan of \$200 million for public works and general purposes, and I take it that this sum is in addition to the other estimates. I should like to ask the leader of the government if he has any information as to what public works are intended to be undertaken with this money.

I notice in the estimates numerous items of expenditure for piers, harbour facilities, dredging, buildings and other public works throughout the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and Ontario, but except for work being done along the Fraser river, no provision is made for such improvements in the western provinces and British Columbia.

The estimates provide that the sum of \$100,000—which I presume is an annual expenditure—be set aside to cover the cost of the committee appointed to inquire into and make plans for the beautification of Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: Is any allowance made for guide services, to direct the people when the beautification scheme has been completed?

Hon. Mr. ASELTINE: The bill just shows the lump sum of \$100,000. The plans and specifications for this development have been in course of preparation for a number of years, and it seems to me that by this time they should be in such form as to indicate exactly what it is intended to do in the future. I believe that the services of the planners should be dispensed with, and that instead of our paying large sums to people outside the country, we should place the matter in the hands of Canadian engineers and architects. I am surprised to see this large item in the estimates, particularly when we are anxious to cut down expenditures.

Notwithstanding what I have said about reducing expenditures, I should like to see the government spend some money on reopening "Lovers' Walk" around the Parliament Buildings. When I came to Ottawa in 1925 that was one of the beauty spots of the city; but

it has been closed for several years because it is said to be unsafe. I suggest to the government that the reopening of that walk would be an attraction to people visiting Ottawa from other parts of Canada and the United States.

I do not suppose that the Parliament of Canada has anything to do with the practice of lining the city of Ottawa streets with garbage cans in the mornings. When I get up early to go for a walk, and see a line of these containers stretching into the distance, it is not a pleasant sight. I hope the honourable senator from Ottawa (Hon. Mr. Lambert) will take note of this situation.

In my remarks on the beautification scheme yesterday I forgot to mention the lack of town-planning which is so apparent in the city of Ottawa. In every other city I have visited, and certainly in those of western Canada, provision is made for laneways behind the buildings, where garbage may be deposited and collected. It would seem to me that the city of Ottawa should in the near future consider the advisability of making provision for garbage collection, especially in new subdivisions where there is plenty of land. The honourable senator from Ottawa may have something to say on this point.

At the outset of my remarks I said that I did not think we could do much at this time with regard to these items. As the leader of the government has pointed out, we have studied them in the Finance Committee; we have also studied them in our rooms; and I might add that, to make myself as well-informed as possible, I have been a faithful attendant in the gallery of the House of Commons, where I listened to the explanations with reference to hundreds of items.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: The honourable senator from Rosetown asked a question relating to section 4 of the draft bill empowering loans of \$200 million for public works and general purposes. I speak subject to correction, but I think that each year there is an identical provision in the Appropriation Act to enable the government to meet any deficiency of cash revenues which may arise during the ensuing year. As I understand it, the provision is not of the nature of long-term borrowing for any specific work, but is to provide for temporary financing—for instance, to redeem treasury bills or meet other current obligations. Section 4, subsection 4 of the bill contains these words:

All borrowing powers authorized by section five of chapter seventy-eight of the statutes of 1947 which are outstanding and unused shall expire on the date of the coming into force of this Act.