

Mr. LENNOX. Do I understand that we are to pay \$12,000 in all or \$24,000 in all for this building?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. \$24,000 in all.

Mr. MONK. Will that finish the work?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. That will complete the work.

Thetford Mines—public building, \$8,000.

Mr. CASGRAIN. May I ask the hon. minister what kind of a public building he is putting up at Thetford Mines?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. The total cost is estimated by the chief architect to be about \$10,000.

Mr. CASGRAIN. May I ask what kind of a public building the government is erecting at Thetford Mines? Is this a post office, custom house, or excise office or is it a mint?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. It is used for a post office and custom house.

Mr. CASGRAIN. I want to call your attention to the fact that the population of Thetford Mines, according to the last census, is 1,605. Yet, you are spending \$8,000 for a public building in that locality. I know that there is Thetford North and Thetford South but the population of Thetford South is only 600. Thetford Mines is in Thetford North and the population is only 1,600. In a place of this importance are we going to erect a public building which will cost \$12,000? I cannot see what you are going to put in the post office or the custom house.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I am pleased to say that the revenue warrants this very much more than some that have been voted. The postal revenue is \$2,405, and the customs duties are \$3,544, so that the revenue is very good.

Hon. Mr. TARTE. I would like to ask the hon. minister whether a site has been acquired?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. Yes, the deputy informs me that a site has been procured.

Hon. Mr. TARTE. How much has been paid?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. \$1,900.

Mr. SPROULE. From whom was the site acquired? Was it given by the village, or the town, or bought outright by the government?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. The site was purchased from King Bros. of Quebec for \$1,900.

Mr. SPROULE. How much land?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. 50 x 100 feet.

Mr. BOYD. The hon. minister gave as a reason for the expenditure in Thetford Mines that there was an income of \$2,405 from the post office.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. And a customs revenue of \$3,544.

Mr. BOYD. And you are spending something like \$12,000 in that place.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. \$10,000.

Mr. BOYD. For the whole province of Manitoba the estimates only include \$5,000. I will read to the minister a few of the towns in Manitoba and the North-west which are left out in the cold, because the members who represent these constituencies seem to be backward in drawing the attention of the government to the post office revenue derived from them. Boisvean, a growing town, has a post office revenue of \$2,651, but we don't hear the member who represents it asking for a post office in that town.

An hon. MEMBER. Who is he?

Mr. BOYD. The Minister of the Interior; he is away. Take the town of Carman, in the county of Lisgar, which has a post office revenue of \$3,440, and we are spending nothing there, and the member for Selkirk (Mr. Stewart) does not protest. The town of Deloraine, also in the constituency of the Minister of the Interior, has a revenue of \$2,281, and there is no expenditure there. There is the town of Carberry, with a revenue of \$3,335, and there is no expenditure there. There is the town of Neepawa, with a revenue of \$4,135 and no expenditure; the town of Selkirk, represented by that stalwart gentleman (Mr. McCreary) has a revenue of \$2,193, and there is no expenditure there. The town of Souris, with a revenue of \$2,728; the town of Virden with a post office revenue of \$2,926, and also a large revenue from customs, is to have no expenditure. Then we come to Edmonton, in a constituency represented by a supporter of the government; its revenue is \$6,039 from the post office, and there is no expenditure in that growing place. It is the same in the town of Lethbridge, which has a revenue of \$4,524. The town of Moosejaw, that can scarcely accommodate the immigration flowing in there at the present time, has a post office revenue of \$4,427. It is represented by my hon. friend from West Assiniboia (Mr. Scott), and we do not hear a protest from that gentleman because there is no expenditure in that town. It is most unfortunate, Mr. Chairman, that I have to get up to speak of these things. Surely, in the great province of Manitoba and in the North-west Territories, towards which the eyes of the world are directed now, \$5,000 is not sufficient for public buildings, when the little town of L'Assomption with a post office revenue of \$465 is to have \$10,000 spent on a public building. The town of Prince Al-