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promptly following the commission's recommendation they were implemented. After the estimates in this regard had been passed last December, survey parties commenced working in the area and I understand that the information gathered at that time confirmed the reports of the commission and the action of the government in implementing the commission's recommendation.

Item agreed to.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Public printing and stationery—

723. Printing of *Canada Gazette*—further amount required, \$17,000.

Mr. Hellyer: I wonder whether the minister could tell us if this increased cost is due to a greater number of orders in council that had to be printed?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): No, there was more printing cost.

Item agreed to.

724. Printing and binding the annual statutes—further amount required, \$3,000.

Mr. Hellyer: In respect to this item I wonder whether the minister could say whether the additional amount required is due to an increase in cost or to an increase in laws passed?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): It is due to an increase in cost because of the increased volume of printing of statutes passed.

Item agreed to.

725. Reimbursement of the Queen's printer's advance account for the value of stores which have become obsolete, unserviceable, lost or destroyed, \$41,467.

Mr. Fisher: I think we should have a little more information than is contained in the details of this particular item. I think I understand how this is done but could we have some details as to the type of material that has become obsolete, lost or destroyed?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): This is an annual write-off item. The sum involved here is \$41,467 and is made up of the following items to be written off inventory as obsolete or unserviceable, and there are five of them. The first is the Winnipeg printing unit, sub-store No. 653, \$41.01. The second is purchasing, procurement and stores—Hull, inventory No. 112, \$28,356.69. The third is the Edmonton printing unit, \$352.98. The next item is the outside printing production branch, St. Patrick street, Ottawa, inventory No. 663, \$10,268.43, and the last item is procurement purchasing and stores, Hull maintenance store No. 620, \$4,488.11, totalling \$43,507.22.

Mr. Fisher: Two or three of these items seem to be fairly substantial. I do not have

[Mr. Baldwin.]

the figures here to check, but could the minister indicate whether this write-off is about average for a year or is higher than normal?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): This figure fluctuates materially from year to year. In the fiscal year 1956-57 the amount of this item was \$123,326. That was unusually high but there was a fire at the Edmonton operations that year, and two other items as well were involved. In 1958-59 the figure was \$14,573, so it is quite clear that this fluctuates from year to year.

Mr. Fisher: I can understand that forms which go out of date from year to year are destroyed, such as the census forms which were printed and then superseded because of protests by hon. members from the province of Quebec, but could the minister tell us if most of this loss or destruction is related to forms, or printed material such as actual publications?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): I am informed that this item embraces stores and equipment, and included in the write-off are forms that have become out of date and are no longer in use.

Mr. Fisher: Would the added expense of printing new census forms and the destruction of the old be included in this item or would it come under a departmental item?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): I am informed that the cost of the new census forms does not enter into this present item.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public buildings construction and services—

Construction, acquisition, major repairs and improvements of, and plans and sites for, public buildings listed in the details of the estimates, provided that treasury board may increase or decrease the amount within the vote to be expended on individual listed projects,—further amounts required—

726. Nova Scotia, \$1.

Mr. Fisher: I would like to know in each of these cases in which constituency the particular structure is?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): In regard to item No. 726, the location of the post office is at Bras d'Or. I do not have the information regarding the relationship of the locations of these various works to federal or other constituencies, but perhaps if I give the hon. member the geographic locations he will be able to relate them to the constituencies.

Mr. Fisher: I just wanted to make sure that they were all located in constituencies represented by members supporting the government. I looked hopefully to find if some