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*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.*—*Con.*

whole thing is unfair; other officers of the same class do not receive bonuses, 422. You are obstructing now, 428.

*Goodeve, A. S.* (Kootenay)—448.

The case of Dr. Saunders residence is not parallel with the one before the committee, 548.

*Henderson, D.* (Halton)—422.

Strange for a minister to hand over to an office the control of public money, 422. Has not shown the House that in any way he restricted the architect as to cost, 423. Clinton postoffice, a suitable building could have been erected for \$10,000 or \$12,000, 424. The minister should put a firm hand upon the expenditure of the country, 425.

*Meighen A.* (Portage la Prairie)—427.

Asks the cost and purpose of the Azimuth huts, 427. Moves to reduce the item by \$5,000—428. Criticizes the character of the house, what the government should build, 537. Renews his motion to reduce the vote by \$5,000, 538. The viciousness of this proceeding was laid before the minister last session, 543. The whole matter is on a par with many others that came before the committee last session, 544. There is ample reason for moving for a diminution, 545. The circumstances have altered since last February. Facts now before them, that were not then, 546.

*Middlebro, W. S.* (North Grey)—543.

Does the minister think it would be fair to charge an official more than one third of his salary for rent, 543.

*Oliver, Hon. Frank* (Minister of the Interior)—427.

Are simply putting the chief astronomer in a position where he can do the best and most work, 427. Necessary to have the chief architect's residence near his work, 428. This is not an improper expenditure of public money, 429.

*Pugsley, Hon. William* (Minister of Public Works)—416.

To complete the chief astronomer's residence and two Azimuth huts, 416. It is a special case and was fully explained last session, 417. Has no instructions about furnishing the house. Plans were prepared in the usual way, 418. It is not the intention of the government to furnish the house, 419. A fairly good residence ranges from \$15,000 to \$30,000 in Ottawa, 420. Would suppose \$1,000 would be a fair rental, 421. Understands the chief astronomer will have the house rent free, 422. His directions were to prepare suitable plans for a building, 423. The amount of his first estimate will not be materially exceeded, Tenders were received, 426. They are intended for the purpose of testing steel tapes, 427. The building is only one

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story but 177 feet long, 428. The chief astronomer will pay as a rent a sum equal to the rent of a suitable residence, 536. Not prepared to say the amount, it would approach \$1,000 a year, 537. The plans were submitted to Dr. King; everything met his approval, 539. The house is of brick, and as nearly fireproof as possible, 540. Contractor acted in good faith, cannot now reduce this vote, 541. The building is nearly completed and we shall have to pay the contractor, 542. Should pay as rental the same as he would for suitable accommodation in the city, 543. I did state about \$16,000, 544. There is still due on the contract, \$8,370, 545. He said I led the committee to believe that this building was going to cost \$15,000, 546. The whole building when completed will cost a little over \$16,000, 547.

*Schaffner, F. L.* (Souris)—541.

Would like the details of the house, with which this one is compared, 541. Asks what the heating and lighting will cost, 542.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—537.

Should know definitely whether it is the intention of the government to furnish the house or not, 418. Asks if the chief astronomer ranks as a deputy minister, 427. An allowance is to be made to him for a house, or a house to be rented, 537.

*Taylor, G.* (Leeds)—541.

Asks that the contract be laid on the table, 541.

*Turriff, J. G.* (Assiniboia)—417.

Very expensive buildings have been erected for officers in connection with the Militia Department, 417. Thinks Dr. King is punished sufficiently by having to live in a house that costs \$17,000, 538.

Ottawa Public Building—instrument testing and standardizing buildings, Cliff street, \$8,500, 572.

*Pugsley, Hon. William* (Minister of Public Works)—572.

A small building for the purpose of standardizing instruments—surveying instruments, 572. The need of a testing room has been represented in the very strongest way, 573.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—573.

Instrument standardizing is done by the Inland Revenue Department, should not have two buildings, 573.

Ottawa Victoria Memorial Museum, \$260,000—566.