

Hon. Mr. EULER: Not so much nowadays.

Mr. HANSON: A good many circumstances would have to be taken into consideration. What would be a first class hotel in Ottawa or Toronto would be a luxurious hotel in my town.

Hon. Mr. EULER: Not in Vancouver.

Mr. HANSON: Possibly not.

Hon. Dr. MANION: There is no doubt that the order in council cites that the proposal was recommended to the Minister by Sir Henry Thornton in a letter.

Hon. Mr. EULER: There was a first class hotel built in the city of Toronto recently, which contains about 1,000 rooms or a little more, and cost I think, \$17,000,000.

Mr. HEAPS: Does the \$3,500,000 referred to in the order in council take into consideration the cost of the land?

Mr. GRAY: That is what I was just going to ask.

Hon. Mr. EULER: What is the land worth?

Hon. Dr. MANION: \$700,000.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: \$700,000 odd dollars, my recollection is, but I will have it looked up; I cannot answer off-hand.

Mr. HANBURY: Neither would that include the cost of equipping.

Hon. Mr. EULER: I would like an answer to that question, if I can get it, whether you can build a first class hotel with 500 rooms for \$3,500,000, I do not think you can.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Quite frankly, after considering the whole situation and discussing it, we came to the conclusion subsequently, that we could not.

Hon. Mr. EULER: The railway came to that conclusion?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Yes.

Mr. HANSON: That is your opinion?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Yes.

Mr. GRAY: Has there been anything extra added that would make up the difference between \$3,500,000 and \$9,000,000?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: 95 rooms were added. That was made in this way. We had a certain site of a certain size, and the additional 95 rooms would relatively amount to not very much, and after discussing the whole situation with our traffic officers, and a general examination of it, we came to the conclusion that as long as we had gone that far, 500 rooms, we had better take advantage of the situation and make the hotel 595 rooms, instead of 500.

Hon. Mr. EULER: That was the decision of the railway authorities, I take it, not of the government.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Yes, and therefore we assumed responsibility.

Hon. Dr. MANION: What is the number of the rooms in the Chateau?

Mr. HANSON: About 600.

Hon. Dr. MANION: I submit to my friend, Mr. Euler down there,—

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I think there are about 550 rooms.

Hon. Dr. MANION: The Chateau cost less than \$9,000,000.

Hon. Mr. EULER: Not much less.

Hon. Dr. MANION: Something less.

Hon. Mr. EULER: The new wing alone cost \$7,000,000.

Hon. Dr. MANION: The present cost is \$8,535,000 plus \$145,000 which would make it \$8,680,000.