

Lemieux) could sell property right on St. James street in Montreal very easily at the present time. Mr. Baillie values this land now at fifty cents per square foot on the waterfront, thirty cents per square foot in the middle and twenty-five cents per square foot near the railway tracks.

My hon. friend knows that property to the west of that, a mile or so further from the city of Montreal, is being laid out in lots and is sold very rapidly at a higher figure. The average value of the property is 35 cents per square foot, but taking it at the lowest estimate of 25 cents per foot and it is worth \$767,745. Lot nine, north of the tracks, contains 64.3 acres, and it is valued at from six to ten cents a foot. If we take the lowest valuation of 6 cents this would give for the property north of the tracks the sum of \$168,141 at the present time. This, with \$767,745 for the property south of the track, would make a total of \$935,886 that this property would be worth to-day for building purposes. If we take the total area of 5,873,340 square feet at five cents per foot—land is selling for ten and fifteen cents a foot and as high as twenty cents for the front part between the tracks and the water, as my hon. friend knows—this would give a value of \$293,667; or if we take it at ten cents a foot, which is less than the average of the piece north of the track, the value would be \$587,334. I was rather surprised at the way in which my hon. friend slid over the Lafontaine park transaction.

Mr. LEMIEUX: It has nothing to do with the question.

Mr. HUGHES: Why mention it then?

Mr. LEMIEUX: Because the Orders in Council were passed at the same time.

Mr. HUGHES: I was surprised at my hon. friend referring to St. Helen's island.

Mr. LEMIEUX: The barracks were formerly on St. Helen's island.

Mr. HUGHES: They were never on St. Helen's island, never in the history of the world.

Mr. LEMIEUX: The militia drilled there.

Mr. HUGHES: They drilled in Fletcher's field and at Logan's farm also.

Mr. LEMIEUX: It was when St. Helen's island was sold to the city that the Government started to build the barracks at Longueuil.

[Mr. S. Hughes.]

Mr. HUGHES: The Order in Council was passed in 1905, but the Act was not passed until 1908.

Mr. LEMIEUX: In 1911, \$100,000 was voted by this Parliament for the construction of barracks at Longueuil.

Mr. HUGHES: You waited six years, until just before the election. \$100,000 was voted just on the eve of an election for the construction of barracks at Longueuil, near the city of Montreal. It is quite consistent with the hon. gentleman's whole procedure.

Thirty-one acres of Logan's farm were handed over to the city of Montreal by the Liberal Government—possibly my hon. friend was engineering the deal—and for what purpose? This property in the city of Montreal belonged to the Militia Department. Some of it was handed over in fee simple, and forty acres was leased for ninety-nine years at a nominal rental. The whole of St. Helen's island, worth millions of dollars, was handed over to the city of Montreal. This property rightly belonged to the Department of Militia, and yet all that this Government has got out of it is the paltry sum of \$200,000.

Mr. LEMIEUX: It is all gobbled up in the other deal.

Mr. HUGHES: My hon. friend is very anxious about the other deal. What is wrong with the selling of this Longueuil property? If it is so very valuable as my hon. friend states, we can sell it to-morrow and make enough out of it to build the barracks.

Mr. LEMIEUX: You have given it away.

Mr. HUGHES: We have just given the swamp part of it to the marine people, to the Marine Department.

Mr. LEMIEUX: For a navy?

Mr. HUGHES: I do not know whether it is for the raising of ducks or the building of dockyards; it is immaterial to me. What we parted with was a swamp, but we have retained the better part of it and we propose disposing of that for the best advantage of the Department of Militia and of the Dominion of Canada.

As regards the Longueuil site, it was entirely unsuitable and almost inaccessible. On the question of changing the site, if my hon. friend will produce five officers who will say that the Dorval site is not infinitely better than the other, I will take it back at a valuation, make a fortune on it incidentally, and put the barracks on the