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standing idle since 1923. The superintendent's house, the inspector's house, the jail, the hospital, stable and mess room are to be saved. The renovation work was commenced in August, 1945. All the main buildings are ready for use. Our citizens suggested a mounted police memorial and Indian museum. The government accepted this plan provided citizens would furnish and equip this memorial and museum. The challenge was accepted. Men and women of training and ability offered to help plan, equip and interest their fellow citizens. Our plans are well advanced. Citizens are being asked to furnish the necessary funds. This endowment fund will be used to furnish and operate this memorial and museum. Our citizens may elect to honour mounties and old-timers by their gifts. It is aimed to clothe this memorial with dignity, reverence and beauty, vitalized from the rich pages of history. May its best traditions be preserved in our future citizens.

Rooms of the superintendent's house are reserved for this memorial. A room will be reserved for each of the following phases of police history: the march of 1774; the early police posts; the rebellion of 1885; the story of the Yukon and South Africa; commemorative days; and the force in wars I and II.

Actual objects used will be taken from these days and donated in memory of these men. The mounties colour scheme will be used in the furniture and draperies. The hospital stable will honour the mountie's horse. It will contain the museum of agriculture. It will be used to depict western drama from a stage overlooking the junction of the Saskatchewan and Battle rivers three miles distant. The Eagle Hills, the city of North Battleford, the town of Battleford, St. Thomas college and the occupational therapy buildings of the mental hospital are within a three-mile radius. There are 40 acres reserved for gardens and recreation grounds on this magnificent plateau. These will be beautified.

The guard room will contain the famous pictures of the force and serve as an art gallery, containing the best pictures interpretative of western life. The famous old mess hall building will be used for an auditorium and an Indian museum to interpret the culture of Crees, Blackfeet, Sioux and Assiniboines. One wing will be devoted to the story of fur companies and natural resources. The inspector's house contains the orderly room of early days. Five rooms upstairs will be set aside for the scientific section, archaeology, minerals and soils, astronomy, ceramics, stamps and coins. Located in suitable corners will be the natural history story told in habitat groups, visualizing the scenes of

the mounties, the trapper, the settler, and at the same time showing the birds, animals, insects and plants of the Red river trails. The advisory committees of each division are free to plan for their own division. It is planned to build a fund for each division to make this an institution of national importance and relate it to the museums of Canada and the United States. Books, documents and pictures will be preserved in the archives for the scholar. Monthly lectures will be given to interpret the fields covered in the museum. There will be social gatherings especially for the pioneers. The old palisade which sheltered the beleaguered garrison in 1885 is to be partly rebuilt around the main gates. The bastions will be replaced.

Not only will the memorial and museum preserve and enlighten, but it will serve as a link with old posts of the past. Fort Pitt of 1829 days is to be rebuilt this year by Mr. Hougham. It is hoped other old fur posts will be rebuilt throughout western Canada. May our citizens read the cultural story as they journey from one pioneer locality to another. Each has its wonderful story. From this point other centres may be revitalized. Thus may the spirit of creativeness be fostered to enrich the economic, social and cultural life, giving new hope and faith in a brave new world such as our pioneers struggled to build.

I could go into many details, Mr. Chairman, to show why we require some financial aid in connection with these projects, but I will not take up the time of the committee to do so now. I will take that matter up later with the minister.

In conclusion I should like to say that I trust the minister will give favourable consideration to our request for financial aid for these worthy projects. They will cherish memories of these great men who played so admirable a part in the early history and development of our great northwest, and preserve the folklore and tradition of our real Canadians, our Indians.

Mr. Hodgson: I should like to come back again to the question of travelling expenses of \$38,850, and the sundries of \$67,041. This seems to me to be a tremendous amount on travelling expenses and sundries account in one item of this department. Can the minister give us a breakdown of that?

Mr. McIvor: While the minister's assistants are looking up this information, perhaps I could make my request and speech now.

The Deputy Chairman: Very well.

Mr. McIvor: I have my first request to make of the minister; and of course in another