

lottetown is a large marine port, many sailors coming there from ships trading in all parts of the world.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The annual expenses of that hospital do not come within my Department, but I will take a note of what the hon. gentleman says, and my colleague will give him an answer to-morrow or next day.

Mr. DAVIES. I would like to mention that there was a good deal of conversation in Charlottetown about this matter, and I understood from the public press that the Medical Superintendent had resigned, or had been notified that his services were not required. I do not know whether a successor has been appointed, but it was rumored that the patients had been put under the treatment of the general hospital, which is managed by Sisters of Charity. This is an admirable institution, doing good work; but it is questionable whether the class of patients requiring to be treated in a marine hospital, and the diseases from which they generally suffer, could be properly treated in a hospital managed by Sisters of Charity.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I only know that the Sisters of Charity have been entrusted with the care of the patients at the rate of, I think, \$5 per week.

271. Public Buildings—New Brunswick: Sussex Post Office, Custom House, &c..... \$4,000.00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The whole estimate is \$13,945, and an additional amount of work to be provided for, \$4,000; estimates for 1883-84, \$3,826, or say \$9,000. This \$4,000 for the current year, with what is in the Supplementary Estimates for next year, will cover the whole amount. The cost will be, I think, \$13,000, which includes land, I believe.

272. Public Buildings—Quebec.....\$67,095.35

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. There are four items under this head, the first being Montreal Dominion Building. On the Montreal Custom House, by an inadvertence \$6,029 provided for in the Estimates of 1881-82 were not carried forward. Therefore, we have to provide for it by a warrant. The remainder of the vote is for the construction of two additional hoists in the Montreal Examining Warehouse, costing \$1,600. We also ask \$57,000 for a wharf, a site for an immigrant building at Lévis. In the large fire which took place there, our emigration buildings were destroyed. These were on Grand Trunk property, and we have thought it better that the Government buildings should be on its own site, and consequently more isolated and less exposed to fire than it was formerly. The building will be about midway between the ferry and the Grand Trunk property.

Mr. BLAKE. Does this estimate include the cost of the building?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Yes, both the site and the building. The building will cost about \$15,000.

Mr. BLAKE. Is the hon. gentleman going to build a wharf or buy a wharf?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. We are to buy a beach and build the wharf.

Mr. TROW. Is there any necessity for such a large expenditure there? Emigrants, as a rule, leave there immediately on landing.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. It is an absolute necessity.

273. Public Buildings—Ontario.....\$9,750.00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The \$4,000 for the erection of immigration buildings at Hamilton, is required to cover a special warrant for the sum expended, by the recommendation of the hon. Minister of Agriculture, who reported that the necessity for proceeding with the work was urgent. The next item is \$2,500 for an immigrant building at

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Sarnia, also on the recommendation of the hon. Minister of Agriculture, that it was required.

Mr. ROSS. I think the Government should see that these immigrant buildings are, in all cases, built near the main railway station. I notice that there is an immigrant building in Ottawa, not hard to find, but very far from the station. In Toronto the immigration office is a very poor affair.

284. Public Buildings—Manitoba..... \$14,650.00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The first item is for an immigration building at Brandon, \$9,150. That is to pay the contractors for additional work performed by them in accordance with their contract. The total amount expended will have been \$17,350. The next vote is \$5,500 for additions, alterations and fittings in the Winnipeg Post Office. These were required to provide accommodation for the public, as many complaints were made that the postoffice was too small, and that many people had to remain for hours before they could get their letters. A building will be erected temporarily, so that the public may be attended to and the service properly performed. This, with the city boxes, will, no doubt, be sufficient until the new postoffice is built on the site of the present one. The temporary building will be put up in sections, so that it may be taken to pieces again and shipped wherever required.

276. Public Buildings—Immigrant Buildings at Prince Arthur's Landing.....\$6,000.00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. We expect a large immigration out there, and will have to provide a shed for their accommodation. \$6,000, under the circumstances, is very moderate. We have not yet selected the site.

277. Public Buildings—Repairs, Furniture, Heating, &c.....\$39,610.00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The first item is an addition to the amount voted last year. Among other items are the salaries of engineers and firemen for 1882-83, which were unprovided for. The second item is the heating of the Public Buildings, Ottawa. Fuel was dearer this year, and having new buildings a greater quantity was required. The same thing may be said of the gas, \$750. With respect to the next item, the custom that has been followed for years has been to have the water rates for the last quarter to be paid the following year; and we thought it better this year to pay the last quarter, when due, so as to begin the new year clear. I have been informed, by the Chief Architect, that new hose was required. In the Department of Indian Affairs on Wellington street, Ottawa, we had to provide for improvements and for rent, plumbing, gas fitting, electric bells, &c., \$2,000. In the Department of Interior, Dominion Lands Branch, we had to provide for the construction of a gallery and a supply of cupboards and doors, \$1,080. In the Assistant Receiver-General's Office I ascertained that the vault doors were not burglar-proof and had to be replaced by others. This amount was authorized to be expended, and we now ask authority from Parliament for the expenditure, which was urgent. Heating the Dominion Buildings: this amount was not included in the appropriations of the different Departments. The fact is, there is a misunderstanding about it. It was thought that my Department would provide for this service last year, but the Council thought it was too late at the time to do it and the matter dropped. But for the following year it has been determined that this service for the large Departments shall be provided through my Department. Then, finishing rooms in attic, furniture and so forth, Winnipeg Land Office, \$2,300. It has been found that this building is too small for the service, and this amount is asked for in accordance with the requisition of the hon. Minister of Interior.