

Mr. CARLING. I am informed that it is all for binding. Large numbers of public documents and papers and all the manuscripts were bound.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Surely that would not be an ordinary usual charge?

Mr. CARLING. No, it is not an ordinary usual charge, but an extra charge.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I do not know whether the hon. gentleman has been long enough in the Department to have had his attention specially called to these matters. But with respect to these archives, I mentioned once or twice that there was reason to believe that very important papers were to be found in some of the American States, more particularly in New England. I want to know if any steps are being taken to procure copies of the rarer manuscripts in the various libraries in the New England States. I called his predecessor's attention to that matter, and something was said about the desirability of making an enquiry.

Mr. CARLING. Correspondence is now going on in reference to this subject.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I am inclined to think there is a good deal of interesting and valuable matter connected with the early history of Canada to be found in the New England State libraries, and I happen to know that the New England societies have been paying a great deal of attention to these matters within the last two years. It would be worth while for the hon. gentleman to make a note of this, and to cause some attention to be directed that way. A few hundred dollars expended there would, I am inclined to think, produce very interesting results.

Preparations of Criminal Statistics..... \$4,000 00

Mr. VAIL. There is an amount for extra services in the Agricultural Department, and I do not see how that can come in here. On this item of criminal statistics, \$4,323 were spent last year, and to make up that item there is extra services in the Agricultural Department, \$1,012. It seems a large amount for extra services in making the criminal statistics. I do not think that ought to appear in the Agricultural Department.

Mr. CARLING. This is chiefly for extra clerks, copying and compiling a large amount of statistics.

Dominion Exhibition \$16,000 00

Mr. FISHER. I would like to ask the Minister whether any decision has been come to yet as to whether this exhibition is to be held this year.

Mr. CARLING. Applications have been made from different parts for this money, but no definite decision has been come to yet.

Mr. FISHER. I would strongly urge upon the Minister that this grant should be given to the exhibition of the Eastern Townships' Agricultural Association, in Sherbrooke next fall. Last fall this association held its opening exhibition in the city of Sherbrooke, which may be called the capital of the Eastern Townships, and that exhibition gave promise in the immediate future of a very important agricultural union of the people from all over the Province of Quebec, and I may also say from all over the Dominion. A great effort is to be made this year that the second exhibition of that agricultural association shall be a very much greater success than it was last year; and knowing, as I do, that this association is taking a great deal of pains and spending a great deal of money to perfect their new grounds for the exhibition, I trust the Government will aid them by having the Dominion Exhibition there this season. I understand that the Quebec Local Government has agreed that the

grant for the Provincial Exhibition shall be given to this association at Sherbrooke, and if additional assistance is given by the Dominion Government, there is no doubt whatever that the exhibition this fall at Sherbrooke will be one of the best which has ever been held in the Dominion of Canada. The association of which I speak is a young organisation, just commencing a work which, I think, will be of the greatest benefit to the Eastern Townships, and I think it is only fair that it should receive the assistance and recognition from the Dominion Government which the holding of the Dominion Exhibition there this year would afford it. I refer to this matter as being myself a member for one of the counties of the Eastern Townships, and especially as being interested in this association, which the people of the townships hope will become a permanent one, and will be of great value and assistance to the agricultural interests to that part of the Province of Quebec. I trust, therefore, that the Dominion Government will favorably entertain the application which, I understand, has been made to them, that the Dominion grant should be given to that association.

Mr. CARLING. An official application has been made by the Agricultural Association at Sherbrooke, and I also understand that the Provincial Exhibition is likely to be held there.

Mr. FISHER. That has already been decided.

Mr. CARLING. An official application has been made and strongly urged by the member for Sherbrooke, the member for Richmond and Wolfe (Mr. Ives), and the member for Compton (Mr. Pope). I can only say that the matter is receiving favorable consideration.

Mr. SHAKESPEARE. I would suggest to the Minister of Agriculture that he should consider whether it would not be well to have this exhibition in British Columbia. I think that would be a most desirable place, and I am certain the people of Eastern Canada would embrace the opportunity of visiting that part of the Dominion which the opening of the Canadian Pacific Railway will shortly enable them to do at little expense. I sincerely trust the Minister will take this matter into his serious consideration.

Mr. HESSON. There are other points, as well as the city of Sherbrooke and the Province of British Columbia, that deserve some consideration. I also am an applicant for a grant by this Parliament to an agricultural exhibition. The city of Stratford is a young, flourishing and enterprising city, the centre of a fine agricultural district, yet it has never had a dollar's support for agricultural purposes, since this Government came into existence. Stratford is well situated for railway accommodation, it has six railway outlets, and is in the centre of one of the finest agricultural districts in Ontario. Indeed I may say it is the garden of Canada, and I think the Minister of Agriculture might very fairly consider the claims of Stratford. A grant has gone to London, to Hamilton, to Guelph, and frequently to Toronto, but, Stratford, the hub of Canada, has been omitted. I trust the Minister of Agriculture will not overlook us any longer. He is a neighbor of my own and should have some consideration for the flourishing county where agriculture is far from being neglected, but still it could be encouraged by the Government. The Eastern Townships are also pressing their claim. I trust the Minister of Agriculture will consider that there are also points elsewhere which have claims that should be pressed and would be pressed.

Mr. WATSON. I hope the Minister of Agriculture will not lose sight of the North-West. I have an idea that British Columbia is a little too far west and Sherbrooke a little too far east, that Stratford does not belong to us, and that the exhibition should be held at Winnipeg, which is