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Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver City)—613.

Canadian gold should find its way to a Canadian mint. The cities of Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane have been built up by shipments of Canadian gold mined in Canada—613-4.

Mulock, Hon. Sir William (Postmaster General)—618.

Mr. D. R. Wilkie, manager of the Imperial Bank, was very strong in favour of a national mint—618.

Ottawa Public Buildings—telephone service, \$4,600—6814.

Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—6814.

The total amount required for telephones at Ottawa is \$9,738—6814. There have been some additional telephones put in—6815.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—6814.

How much does the telephone service cost altogether? This is in addition to what was granted in the main estimates—6814. That is a very poor estimate, knowing what each instrument costs and knowing how many you require—6815.

Victoria National Museum and other buildings, \$250,000—754.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—765.

What is to be done with the building which is at present known as the Geological Survey building?—765.

Blain, R. (Peel)—755.

When will this building be completed?—755. Would it not be better for him to have a plan made out comprising everything, and call tenders for the building and equipment complete rather than deal with a number of separate contractors?—759. In the most recent and up-to-date buildings in Montreal the contract was let, not only for the building, but for the lighting and heating at one time—761.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—755.

Was there not some delay or difficulty as to the signing of the contract with Mr. Goodwin?—755. What kind of a building is this to be, what material, etc.?—756. Is it the general practice of the department, in getting sites for public buildings, to employ a broker and pay him a commission?—758. Could minister (Mr. Hyman) give a more detailed statement as to the expenditure of that \$40,000? What was the purchase price realized at auction for the property?—765.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—757.

Is the building to be fire-proof?—757.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Minister of Public Works)—754.

The vote of \$250,000 is to make provision towards the erection of the Victoria Memorial Museum—754. The contract has

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been let to Mr. George Goodwin, Ottawa, for \$950,000. With the usual allowance for heating, contingencies, etc., the total estimate will amount to about \$1,250,000—755. Gives specifications of building—757. It is not the policy of the department to call for tenders for the heating until the building is practically roofed in—759. The usual course is to ask for tenders for the building, and then, when the building is nearing completion, to call for tenders for equipment—760. The question of providing electric light for a lot of iron sheds is entirely different from the lighting of a building like this—762. It is estimated the total cost of building will amount to \$1,275,000—763. Shall always be glad to give the House the fullest information in regard to any work proposed—764.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—755.

Is there no report of the Public Works Department later than June 30, 1903?—755. How have the offices and buildings, that this item of \$170,000 was supposed to partly cover, progressed?—756. When the item was first brought in the statement made by the minister was that the main building was to be 208 feet long and the wings 126 feet—757. Objects to Acting Minister of Public Works' (Mr. Hyman's) way of doing business—762. When a public work is proposed we want to know what is the estimated cost, in order that we may vote the money intelligently—763. The titular minister (Mr. Hyman) told the House last year that in performing any new work he would place an estimate before the House of the cost of the work—764.

Lennox, H. (South Simcoe)—760.

Has the hon. minister regard to the possibility that there may be a change in the conditions within two years?—760. If the government is right in the present instance, they must be far wrong in the case of the Davis contract—761.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—755.

How many tenders were there and will the minister give us the different tenders?—755.

Western Departmental Block—addition, \$85,000—765.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—766.

How many offices will this give?—766.

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After that \$115,000 is expended the new space that is created in that building will be all taken up by the present officers of two of the departments—766. An expenditure of \$115,000 ought to do something more than is done in this case. Have these two departments any outside rentals?—767. Will the improved system of having your officers work in larger rooms, where they can work with the