

citadel is situated in my constituency, and I never knew until the estimates came down that there was any question of having a vote to repair the governor general's quarters.

That was absolutely true, and I repeat the story told the house last year with respect to that. Then I went on to say:

I have made no representations to the Minister of National Defence or any minister with reference to this matter, but I may say that the repairs had been asked for by His Excellency, Lord Byng, and by other governors general. Moreover it is, I understand, the intention of the government and of Their Excellencies to receive the Prince of Wales at the Quebec citadel next summer when he comes to Canada, and it is only fitting that the quarters should be put into proper repair and made fit to receive the Prince.

Mr. ERNST: That was done.

Mr. POWER: No, it was not. The committee will understand that last year no attempt was made on my part to deceive any member. I stated my position quite frankly and to a large extent that is my position to-day. I am supporting this appropriation because I understand the estimate first provided was not sufficient to carry out the work intended. Whatever may be said with reference thereto by other members, I can assure the committee that the governor general's quarters are part and parcel of the ancient citadel. Those of us who have been to Quebec and have come up the river have seen the citadel frowning over the river St. Lawrence. It is that portion in which the governor general's quarters are situated.

Mr. CHAPLIN: We would rather see it smile.

Mr. POWER: More than likely the hon. member would. If he will come to Quebec I shall not be on the citadel but I shall be on the wharf and I shall meet him with a smile and a long one—quite a few smiles. As I was saying, this was part and parcel of the old citadel. The outer walls are falling on the terrace known as the Lord Grey terrace. It is true, as the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) says, that the inner walls and the walls of the moats are perhaps in a more dangerous condition, but I think he will also tell the committee that he may have noticed scaffolding on the outer walls where repairs were actually going on last year. I am particularly interested, quite apart from the historic standpoint, in that the portion of my constituency which gives me the largest majority is situated immediately beneath the citadel and if the walls fall down I shall lose

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a great deal of my majority. I have made repeated representations to the government to see to it that my majority is not wiped out by a landslide, and I am in hopes that within a very short time steps will be taken to ensure that that portion of the cliff and citadel do not fall down. This amount, however, is being expended to a large extent in repairing the walls.

With reference to the interior I understand the reluctance which hon. gentlemen opposite and indeed hon. gentlemen in all parts of the house have to voting money for interior fittings; but as has been explained by the Solicitor General the quarters are part and parcel of the citadel, and I do not think any member would wish us, in repairing the outer walls, to leave the inside an empty shell. If we are to do something with the inside of it, would there be anything better than to continue the tradition of housing the governor general of the country therein? Hon. members will understand that if we are to expend money on the walls, we must also see to it that there is something inside. As has been explained by the Solicitor General, the governors of this country, long before confederation, long before the start of the British regime, since the early days of the colony, have resided in Quebec. The earlier governors resided in the Chateau St. Louis on the site of which the famous Chateau Frontenac has been erected. Later the governors were commanders in chief of the garrison and they were quartered with the troops in the citadel. It is only fair, it is only reasonable, if we intend to maintain the traditions of the past, that we should so maintain them as to make these ancient historic places comfortable to the uses to which they were put in past years. For that reason I think members should without too much difficulty be enabled to make up their minds to vote again for the estimate.

With regard to laces and so forth, I want to be quite frank with the committee. When I supported this vote last year I had no idea that this amount was to be expended for such uses as this. But it has been shown by the minister and by other speakers that if we are to house the governor general, we must house him in a manner befitting his position and dignity. Personally I would not need \$70,000 worth of furniture in a house and I do not know any hon. member who would require as much as that. But education and my ex-