

went over the whole field and came to the conclusion and decision that these men were entitled to their fee and that the building should be continued to its completion, which was done fairly and profitably.

I recite these facts because I know you are up against the same proposition in the library reconstruction, the payment of \$20,000 fee for the library. I know it was not possible to do what you wanted to have done for that, but I just mention it to show the difficulties and to say that I had that experience and also to say that you have a good building here costing about \$15 million.

Senator LAMBERT: We have covered the West Block and Cartier Square. What about the National Library? Is that held up for a while?

General YOUNG: That is to be built on the site where presently is located No. 3 Temporary Building. The plans are under way. One of the problems which confronted the Minister was the timing of its start. It would have been possible to have started about 8 months ago or so earlier than we now contemplate, but doing so would have meant that temporary accommodation would have to be found for the Department of Trade and Commerce. If we had gone ahead it would have meant a double move for Trade and Commerce, they would have to move from their present quarters in No. 3 Temporary Building to other temporary quarters and then into the building that is being built for them near the Veterans Memorial Building. So the view was that construction should be held up until the Department of Trade and Commerce moved into their new building.

Senator LAMBERT: The plans are practically completed?

General YOUNG: The plans are well under way.

Senator LAMBERT: What about the estimate of cost?

General YOUNG: We have a preliminary estimate.

Senator CONNOLLY: When you say Trade and Commerce will move into its new building, where is that located?

General YOUNG: It is the one beside the Veterans Memorial Building.

Senator QUINN: The Department of Trade and Commerce occupies quite a lot of space in the West Block does it not?

General YOUNG: They occupy space all over, sir. They have No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 temporary buildings.

Senator QUINN: The reason I ask you that, General Young, is that there has been a lot of comment made upon the plans to tear down the West Block. Opinions have been expressed to the effect that it should remain as it is for fear of changing or impairing the present architectural style. I have heard the opinion expressed that it would take an enormous amount of money to tear it down and to rebuild it and that there are not as good mechanics today as there were when the building was put up. Would it be possible in consideration of the fact that Trade and Commerce is moving out of there, for you not to give consideration to three floors as sufficient and that you might be able to remodel the inside and leave the exterior alone.

General YOUNG: A very careful study has been made of this. There is a great demand for office accommodation for members of Parliament, and the only area in which we can provide this accommodation for members is in this area. If that was renovated we would not get the accommodation required. There are other factors to consider, and one is the cost of renovation and the parliamentary library is an example of that.

Senator QUINN: Would not the space vacated by the Department of Trade and Commerce be enough to accommodate the members?

General YOUNG: Oh no. Trade and Commerce have only a small part of the West Block. Fisheries, Secretary of State, the Dominion Coal Board, and Public Works are in there too.