

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL—*Con.*

Foster, Hon. Geo. E.—*Con.*

ings, 551. Asks the destination of the vote, 555. Wants more information to see if the estimate is extravagant and to have the plans, 555. The accepted plans might be hung in the Railway Committee room, 556.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—553.

Should have a complete estimate of cost, 553. The cost of other government buildings in Ottawa, 554. The minister may expect to be held down very closely to the estimate he has given, 555.

Lennox, W. (South Simcoe)—7169.

Asks the style of architecture, 7169. It was intended to provide quarters for the Supreme Court, 7171. Understood it was one of the main objects the government had in view, 7172. Will send the letter to the department, 7173.

Middlebro, W. S. (North Grey)—552.

Should not vote on any estimate made on cubic contents only, 552. On such an expenditure they should have a great deal of information, 553.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Public Works)—548.

The question of these buildings has been before the House for some sessions, 548. This vote to complete land payments and enable the department to ask tenders, details of the block, 549. The estimated cost made on the cubic contents, amounts paid to date, 550. The purchasing agent and solicitors, two properties to be purchased, the inside, 551. Present rentals of buildings and leases, 552. Proposes to complete the plans, call for tenders, and tear down old buildings, 553. Are paying in rentals 4 per cent on \$3,500,000, 554. Foster's suggestion, reasonable, 555. Will bring down the plans and give all the details possible, 556. The item stood over at request of Hon. Geo. E. Foster, 7166. Had a statement prepared and sent him, regrets his absence, 7167. Will get the information and submit it to the committee, 7168. Would say that it partakes of Roman style, 7169. No plan satisfactory, decided to have chief architect prepare plans, 7170. Hope to call for tenders during the coming summer, 7171. Not desirable to have the Supreme court housed in the departmental building, 7172. Will direct examination and report to be made, 7173.

Sharpe, S. (North Ontario)—7167.

Suggest it be supplemented by the rentals in each case, 7167. Should have capital expenditure made on the buildings by reason of the terms of the lease, 7168. Supposes the contract will cover everything, 7169.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7167.

Thought all this information was specifically asked for, 7167. Asks if there has been a contract asked for, 7168. Asks if it is intended to bridge the canal, 7169. Asks the superficial area, 7171.

Wright, Wm. (Muskoka)—552.

Asks where the centre of the building will be, 552. Saw a plan including a bridge across the Rideau canal, 553. Asks to have the accepted plans brought down, 556.

Ottawa Astronomical Observatory—additional buildings, &c, \$11,000—416.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—425.

The minister has not stated whether he places any limit on these buildings, 425. If the reasons given are sound the three assistants should be supplied with houses, 427.

Blain, R. (Peel)—539.

Not fair to condemn an official when the responsibility rests on the government, 539.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—418.

Asks if the estimates were prepared under the instructions of the minister, 418. Last year the minister deprecated extravagance, this appears rather contradictory, 419. Understands the salary is \$3,000. Is he to pay rent? 420. Asks the ordinary rental for such a house, 421. The minister said \$1,000 would be reasonable rent, 537. Suggests it would be a mercy to Dr. King to reduce the rental by \$5,000, 550.

Bradbury, G. H. (Selkirk)—547.

The discussion has proceeded on the belief that this building was going to cost \$15,000—547-8.

Burrell, M. (Yale Cariboo)—425.

Have not ascertained what the chief astronomer's views are as regards this

Crocket, O. S. (York, N.B.)—420.

Have to judge of the minister's extravagance, by his use of the public moneys, 420. Does not understand how the minister accounts for the \$25,000 vote for this building, 542. Asks if the other items are for the other building, 543.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—426.

Makes the addition of the votes \$26,000—426.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—416.

Asks concerning the buildings, 416-7. This expenditure is simply outrageous, there is no justification for it, 419. The minister ought not to go to St. John when we are talking of Ottawa, 421. The