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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA  
2:30 o'clock, Wednesday, February 15th, 1961.

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions  
Reading and Receiving Petitions  
Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees  
Notice of Motion  
Introduction of Bills  
Orders of the Day

MR. E. PREFONTAINE (Carillon): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I would like to direct a question to the First Minister. In view of the fact that no mention was made in the Speech from the Throne on aid to private schools, may I ask the First Minister whether a statement about government policy on this matter will be given to the House and, if so, when?

HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Premier) (Wolseley): Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry that I cannot give the honourable gentleman any information on the subject which he has raised at the present time.

MR. T. P. HILLHOUSE (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question towards the Minister of Utilities? What effect, Sir, is it going to have on the completion of the Manitoba Telephone System Building, the bankruptcy or financial difficulties with Supercrete Limited?

HON. J. B. CARROLL (Minister of Public Utilities) (The Pas): Mr. Speaker, I'll take that as notice if I may and bring in an answer as soon as I can.

MR. HILLHOUSE: . . . also take notice of this supplementary question which he can answer at the same time. Is it true when tenders were called for that building that they were limited to people who could supply Supercrete and that the limestone people were not allowed to tender?

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. Consideration of the speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor. The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. D. WATT (Arthur): Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and an honour for myself and my constituency to be called upon this afternoon to move the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, for which honour I thank the First Minister and Executive Council. And may I express my pleasure, Sir, at seeing you back in the Speaker's Chair, and may you be there for many years to come. It was during my first session that I realized the responsibility which rests on the shoulders of the Speaker of the House, and you Sir, have carried out these responsibilities with unbiased decisions. I am sure that all members of this Legislature will agree with me.

In looking over Hansard this morning it occurred to me --that is, last year's Hansard-- it occurred to me that I should mention the welcome afforded to myself and the other new members from both sides of the House, and the thought occurred to me that here was a group of men not struggling for individual power but rather groups debating on the best way we might preserve the precious democracy which is threatening ever near to our shores.

I should like to say a few words, Sir, about my constituency, and to point out some of our problems - and to point out to you some of the contributions toward the social and economic welfare of the province. Going back for a few minutes to earlier days when the southwest portion of the province was considered to be an arid area, at which time, and since, we have been subjected to wind, to drought and weed contamination, and the general influx of insect pests and plant diseases that steadily moved from the southern areas. Through the use of chemical weed control, insect poisons and modern farming practice we have overcome most of the obstructions to the progress of agriculture in this area. And I may say that out of these hardships have developed a strong and resolute agricultural people, and with the support of loyal businessmen and tradesmen, we now play a strong part in the economy in the economic development of the province. High production of sheep is a credit to the municipalities of Albert and Edward; that is in the extreme southwest corner of the province. Purebred herds of cattle have brought recognition over the constituency for our breeders. Registered grain growers also form a very important part in our economy and in the relief of congestion through their

(Mr. J.D. Watt, cont'd)....export market to the United States and overseas.

On soil conservation, some strip farming is being practised but I would especially mention the tree planting programme that has been carried out in the Lyleton area. Here hundreds of miles of trees have been planted which have converted what may well have become an arid area, or a desert area, into one of the beauty spot of Manitoba. People in the Lyleton area are very proud of this accomplishment. While driving through this area last fall I found good crops of wheat, oats and barley, also corn and other forage crops, and I suggest that it would be well worth the time of any member of this legislature to visit the southwest area in the tree plantation projects.

The Town of Melita is the largest centre in this constituency, and during the last few years with the assistance of the Provincial Government have carried out a major street paving programme. Water and sewage have been installed bringing major development to both residential and business areas. Here in Melita is operated one of the largest mink ranches in Canada. In the constituency there are two seed plants and two creameries located at Reston and Melita providing very considerable employment.

Now, Mr. Speaker, probably one of the greatest needs in southwest Manitoba is water conservation and control. Many thousands of acre feet of fresh water run off every year through the Assiniboine, the Pipestone, the Antler and the Souris Waterways. Negotiations are now underway with the Federal Government to have dams installed to control this fresh water which is finding its way back to the salt waters of the Hudson Bay--waters which must necessarily pass through the City of Winnipeg where flood problems have caused you a great deal of damage. Oak Lake is the only major body of water in the constituency. It consists of approximately 6,000 acres. This constituency extends 60 miles north from the United States boundary and from the Saskatchewan boundary 40 miles east to No. 21 Highway. No control over this body of water has been given consideration until the present government recognized the need for water control in the area. And with a view to controlling the water level at Oak Lake a topographical survey is now being taken, and if found feasible, water control would be of benefit to all the people in southwest area. This would definitely increase the already existing tourist attraction to this part of the province. In support of the development of this water conservation and recreational area No. 83 Highway would play an important part, and as you know, No. 83 Highway has developed into a major thoroughfare extending from the Gulf of Mexico and ever deeper into the northern part of the province. Development of recreational facilities would draw very considerable revenue from tourists on this great connecting link between Canada and the United States.

Now, Mr. Speaker, as referred to in the Throne Speech, the number one problem facing agriculture today is marketing--marketing of many of our agricultural products. In January of this year the National Conference proposed by Manitoba's Minister of Agriculture was arranged whereby a steering committee was established to study agricultural problems. This was the first time that a committee of such national scope representing every province in Canada, the Federal Government and the major farm organizations has been held. Dean Weir of the University of Manitoba School of Agriculture and Chairman of the steering committee has said and I quote, "The whole research programme would be in the interests of more than the farmer. It would affect all those who use agricultural goods and it would affect the housewives who buy in those great agricultural markets, the food stores".

Well, Mr. Speaker, a very important aid to the agriculture mentioned in the Throne Speech and effected by this government is the Manitoba Credit Corporation. This corporation is of particular value in keeping young farmers on the land who might have migrated to the urban centres where we at present already have surplus labour. And I might point out, as was pointed out in the Throne Speech yesterday, that 40 percent of all loans have been made to young farmers between the ages of 21 and 31.

On crop insurance which was mentioned in the Speech from the Throne, crop insurance is still in its infancy. Intensive research by the government is bringing about changes in crop insurance offered to the farmers whereby they will be offered coverage in premium on an individual basis. The government has also extended this program to include the beet growers who farm more or less to the south of us.

(Mr. J.D. Watt, cont'd).....Establishment of the secondary high school areas in the province has generally been accepted as a forward step in the advancement of our educational system. Inequality of the tax burden has been adjusted. In my own school district of Fort Labosse, I can verify the taxes in those school districts which were not previously supporting a high school are more in line now with those districts upon whose shoulders rested the responsibility of maintaining high school education. Now in the Fort Labosse area every child has a right to attend a high school. Under the vocational training agreement between the Dominion and the Province known as Schedule M, courses for unemployed persons are designed to fit them for available employment. The shared cost of the Federal Government has increased from 50 to 75% as of November, 1960. This has enabled Manitoba to increase its program. Double shift courses are being offered at the Manitoba Technical Institute and six courses are now being given in double shift and are all in operation. It also has enabled us to provide the same courses at Brandon where three courses are now in operation since January 23rd and we expect to provide three additional courses in due time.

The Health and Welfare Plan has brought relief to many needy persons and under the medicare plan essential services are provided by qualified professionals of your own choice, which includes medical, home and office calls, dental care, optical, including eye-glasses, and all drugs on prescription. And I wish to point out, Sir, that professional groups are making their contribution to this plan and in so doing have shown their responsibility to those in need. As mentioned in the Speech from the Throne, the financing of the Manitoba Hospital Services Plan will be brought before this Legislature for consideration. Now it is my firm belief, Sir, that a deductible clause or deterrent, if you will, would put a break on the rising costs of hospital services. Social services are necessary in this province to protect the weak and the under-privileged, but in providing social services we must guard against the danger of undermining those qualities of individualism which form the foundation upon which the Province of Manitoba has been built.

Telephones. The expansion of the Manitoba Telephone System has now provided dial telephones to 80% of the subscribers in the constituency of Arthur. The dial telephone system has proved very successful in this area and has been well received, and I trust will soon be offered to all of the subscribers of Manitoba.

The Department of Public Works, as was pointed out in the Speech from the Throne, in the year 1960, road-building program has been one of accomplishment. I mention again the Gypsumville-Grand Rapids road which was undertaken around the beginning of the year and saw a bus operating over a 112-mile stretch by November. This Manitoba project is the second longest stretch of road to be built in Canada in any one year.

Here I wish to make special mention of the access road program which has brought relief to many small towns and villages whose finances heretofore prohibited the type of road that they now enjoy, and it is my hope, Sir, that this program will soon be available to towns and villages adjacent to secondary highways.

And now, Sir, I think that I have spoken long enough. I look forward to legislation this session which will be in the best interests of the most people in the Province of Manitoba. Thank you!

Now, Sir, I have the honour to move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Cypress, that an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows: To his Honour Errick F. Willis, Q.C., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba. We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba in session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious speech which your Honour has been pleased to address us at the opening of the present session.

Mr. Speaker read the motion.

MRS. THELMA FORBES (CYPRESS): Mr. Speaker, I consider it a great honour to myself and to the Constituency of Cypress to have been asked to second the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. In greeting you, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to see you resuming your duties as Speaker of this House. We, as members of the Assembly, hold you in high regard for your capable and fair decisions. May you enjoy your office for many sessions to come. I would like to have you Sir, and all members of this Assembly consider, with me, what has been happening in Cypress and in our neighbouring constituencies. To view a countryside you

(Mrs. Thelma Forbes, cont'd.)....must make use of its roads and highways, and I invite you to No. 2 Highway running through the heart of the southern portion of Cypress Constituency and connecting the west and southwest of Manitoba with the City of Winnipeg. At long last No. 2 is receiving attention. Last year the portion between Rathwell and Cypress River was built. I watched every detail of that construction. I compliment the contractor and his men and I commend this government for the quality of that highway, truly a road designed to eliminate the chuck holes to which we had become so accustomed. And it will be extended. Not only are the people of this area being recognized with a highway passing their door but also by access roads into their towns of the same superb workmanship that constitutes the highway. The cost of these access roads is being borne 100% by the government and more, many of these towns here and throughout the province are taking advantage of the government's plan to have their arterial streets paved whereby 60% of the cost is being borne by the government. This, Sir, is the first time in the history of Manitoba that such valuable worthwhile programs have been offered to the towns and villages of this province. First consideration of course, is being given to the rebuilding of the existing highways but several new projects were also in our last year's program. In our area construction was completed from Rathwell to Notre Dame to No. 23 highway for a cross-country connecting link. What a boon to this countryside! What a far cry from what existed just two short years ago--and it will be extended. The Province is developing a comprehensive plan of roads, bridge and highway needs for all Manitoba, but we in the south-west and central Manitoba hope that proposed Highway No. 28 will be a part of this design. This highway would connect Carberry, Glenboro and Cartwright with the now completed American highway just six miles south of Cartwright. This highway would serve a countryside, peopled by the descendants of some of Manitoba's earliest pioneers. I'm afraid, Sir, that all too often our long established areas remain in the background while new developments receive more than an equitable share of our program. We also propose 28 for sincere consideration.

All members here could tell of road-building activities in their areas for Manitoba is awake. This government is providing a network of hard surface highways to meet the needs of growth and development. Quality roads, Sir, for every invested dollar of the taxpayers' money.

Progress in education is evident everywhere. The one-room school is disappearing, new elementary schools are being built or enlarged to accommodate these children. Since the Division Plan has come into being, every child can be accommodated in a high school. School buses are on all roads and highways. Many divisions have completed their building program, some are in the construction stage and others are still in the planning stage. Thus a start has been made on suggestions offered by the Royal Commission on Education, but it is increasingly evident that many problems have arisen. We in our area find that much improvement and more planning should have been given to the question of boundaries right at the local level. We also find that the Commission was lacking when it did not specify where schools should be built. The question of school location in areas where towns have fairly equal pupil count is causing more emphasis to be placed on who gets the school, rather than on the cost of education itself. This is a problem apparently unforeseen by the Commission. Many other suggestions require deep and comprehensive study before implementation so as to avoid the many pitfalls that we encounter. Regardless of this and our various difficulties though, education has taken a much needed forward step.

Our area as elsewhere has mixed blessings in the field of agriculture. Several of our young farmers have received loans to improve and establish themselves on farms. Assistance has been given in our area to create an interest in special crops and we are hopeful too, that a province-wide crop insurance plan will soon be ours. However farmers still continue to have surpluses in wheat and dairy products. They are still faced with an ever-increasing production cost. We wish this government well in its efforts to gain greater marketing opportunities and in its National Agricultural Meeting which will convene in Winnipeg this coming April.

May I also pay tribute to this government, Sir, in the keen interest that they have given to preserving some of the farm history of Manitoba. Our government has recognized those who have worked so diligently to establish a Farm Museum at Austin by providing a

(Mrs. Thelma Forbes, cont'd.)....building there which will protect the perishable items and so preserve the history of farming in Manitoba for future generations.

Unemployment exists in our area as elsewhere in Manitoba. It is the number one problem in our economy and we must strive to bring about an expansion of this economy sufficient to provide job opportunities for our constantly increasing labour force. Our government has assisted some of our rural towns with its industrial development fund. Small industries throughout the area employ several of our men and women. The extent of credit to small businesses has made possible things that were previously beyond their reach. Since the distribution of power Manitoba rural life, and possibilities there, has been literally changed. The Manitoba Power Commission and the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board have assisted Manitobans everywhere. Their consolidation will serve Manitoba even better. The Manitoba Telephone System has also played an important part. The extension of their automatic dial service is appreciated in many areas. We realize that the extension of this must be gradual but I would ask that the members of the proposed study groups for the Manitoba Telephone System would give due consideration to long old established areas of this province, areas which still have more than a dozen subscribers on a line. I would ask that they too share in the money spent - not necessarily new dial systems but merely more service.

During 1960 the government completed a program of drainage in the Seine and Fairford River areas--diversion channels so greatly needed for the control of water. Municipalities received assistance for flood damage but the drainage problem is a key source of trouble to all our municipal men. They are eagerly anticipating more government assistance and guidance in solving their drainage problem. The Red River drainage problem has received considerable attention. We in western Manitoba would ask that more attention be focused on the problems created by the Assiniboine. In our area we hope the proposed Holland Dam, a storage reservoir capable of providing flood control and water conservation will be given more consideration.

Our constituency has also felt the impact of the great advances the government has made in the field of human betterment. Every effort was made to supplement pensions for those in need. One thing each member here will agree with me on, I'm sure, is that if there is reward for services rendered it is when you bring a ray of sunshine into the lives of the aged, into the lives of the needy. Our medicare plan has given the needy free doctor services, dentures, glasses and hearing aids, a most welcome and worthwhile supplement to their pensions. The government has relieved our municipalities of the care of medical indigents. It has assisted in making available low rental accommodation for our senior citizens, but much more is needed. The field of welfare is ever widening. However, extreme caution must be exercised here. We as members must be ever sympathetic to the demands for welfare in our areas but we must not just seek rent, food and clothing for these less fortunate people, but we must aim to give help of lasting value. We must get across to a great percentage of our welfare cases that their first and vital problem is within themselves. We must help our fellow man face and solve this inner trouble right on the home front. Our government's proposed development of new community health service care right in our own areas will be well received. Their assistance in the rehabilitation right in our own communities will be deeply appreciated. Yes, caution must be exercised in the field of welfare. We are all aware that once something is given to the public it's hard to take it away, but what portion would anyone say is not needed? What portion would anyone cut off? Surely not the help to the aged and to the needy, but one phase of welfare, not only in Manitoba but across Canada, a form of welfare given to men and women during the best years of their lives, welfare that many are reluctant to accept. A spot of welfare that could stand close scrutiny, is family allowances.

This session, Sir, promises to be an interesting one. The legislation presented to us in the Throne Speech will be of great assistance to all Manitoba. I again wish to express my thanks for the honour accorded to me and to my constituency and it gives me great pleasure to second the resolution and the reply to the Speech from the Throne which was so ably put forward by the Member from Arthur. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

MR. D. L. CAMPBELL (Leader of the Opposition) (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Carillon that the debate be adjourned.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and following a voice vote declared the motion carried.  
MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, before I move the adjournment of the House I think there is the ceremony of the introduction of one of the new members that should take place at this time.

MRS. FORBES: Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to introduce Mrs. Carolyn Morrison the member for Pembina, who has taken the oath, signed the roll, and now claims the right to take her seat.

MR. SPEAKER: Let the honourable member take her seat.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, on this happy and harmonious note I should like to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce, that the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and following a voice vote declared the motion carried, and the House adjourned until 2:30 Thursday afternoon.