

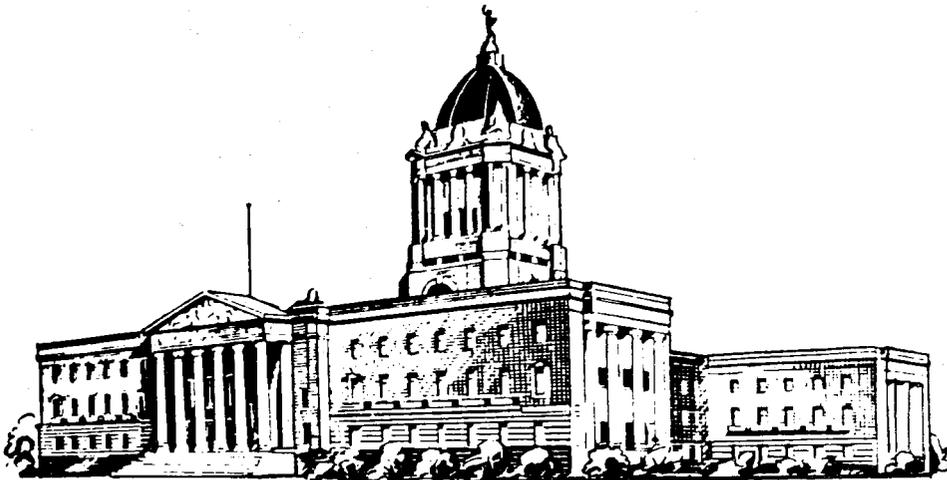


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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
10:00 o'clock, Friday, February 1, 1974

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees; Ministerial Statements.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

HON. SIDNEY GREEN (Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management) (Inkster): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to table the Return to an Order for an Address for Papers No. 4 on the motion of the Honourable Member for Arthur. This is being tabled in the House. My information is that it was mailed to the Honourable Member for Arthur and the political parties of the House on October 10th, 1973.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

HON. HOWARD PAWLEY (Attorney-General) (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, these are copies of all regulations passed since the last sitting of the Legislature required by statute to be tabled in the House and I'm doing it today.

MR. SPEAKER: Any other ministerial statements? Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills; Oral Questions.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

HON. SIDNEY SPIVAK (Leader of the Opposition) (River Heights): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I would like to direct a question to the First Minister. In view of the announcement today by Alberta of the increase in wellhead price of natural gas I wonder if he can indicate what the average increase in home heating price will be in Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. EDWARD SCHREYER (Premier) (Rossmere): Mr. Speaker, I have not had an opportunity to become aware of the precise nature of the increase that is intended to be brought about by the Province of Alberta; and I might add that at the Energy Conference held in Ottawa just recently there was a certain understanding arrived at relative to wellhead prices insofar as consumer domestic prices are concerned in Canada and any increase that is to take effect before the first of April would not be in accordance with that understanding. I'll have to take the Honourable Leader of the Opposition's question under further advisement.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, just by way of clarification, I was referring to natural gas and not to oil and that's my understanding of the announcement. And I wonder then if the First Minister in taking the question as notice will be in a position to confirm the possibility on the reality of an increase of approximately 50 percent for Manitobans?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, that is the reality of it of course. If a producing province or jurisdiction decides to bring about an increase in the price of a natural resource then those other parts of the country have to be prepared to make adjustments. Of course there is some process also involving the National Energy Board insofar as transmission is concerned.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, another question to the First Minister. I wonder if he can confirm the fact that the Manitoba Hydro have now applied to the National Energy Board for permission to export power to the United States?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions with the federal authorities and the National Energy Board. I cannot confirm at this moment that a formal application has been already submitted but that would be the intent at an early date.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, I wonder if the First Minister can confirm that arrangements or negotiations have been finalized with the United States for export of our surplus power?

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, certainly there have been discussions, Mr. Speaker. I'm not able to report today that such have been finalized.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, to the First Minister. Well I wonder how he can reconcile this announcement with the statements made in connection with the Energy Conference of the potential of a national power grid and a regional power grid of . . . ?

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I believe the honourable gentleman is asking for an opinion.

MR. SPIVAK: Well I'll frame the question another way, Mr. Speaker. In view of the announcements that have been made by the government at the Energy Conference of consideration for support of a national power grid and a regional power grid would it be the intention of the government to still pursue the export of power to the United States?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, there is no difficulty in reconciling both aspects. In fact, of course, Mr. Speaker, there is fairly widespread agreement that it would be desirable to have an increased capacity of power transmission capability in Canada, or in other words national and regional power grids, and there has been a request that more systematic analysis be given to that possibility. But there is no thought that this can be done in a short period of time.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, I wonder if the First Minister can confirm the length of time of the potential sale - that is the contractual length of time that is now being negotiated with the United States for the sale of power. Is it short term, long term, and how many years?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, the use of expressions such as "short term" - "long term" in itself requires further definition. How short is short and how long is long?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes. I wonder if the First Minister can confirm whether the potential sale to the United States is for fifteen years?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, various periods of possible sale agreement have been discussed including fifteen years, ten years, five years, there's been no definitive conclusions reached in that respect.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, I wonder if the First Minister can confirm whether it will be government policy to in fact sign a contract with the United States leaving the matter of a national power grid and regional grid unsettled at this particular time?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the matter of a national power grid is not expected to be settled within a period of time that would be short enough that would meet with the interests of the province insofar as the possible sale of hydro-electric energy is concerned. Furthermore of course the National Energy Board would have to give approval to any proposed export sale, and accordingly both the national and provincial interests will be well considered.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

HON. I. H. (Izzy) ASPER (Leader of the Liberal Party) (Wolseley): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the First Minister. Can the First Minister on the same subject give this House some assurance that prior to an application to the National Energy Board being made for the export of power to the United States under the proposed contract, that the plan will be tabled or made public and made available for debate in this House or in Committee?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, there is no difficulty in doing that although I would have to register a caveat that there is a certain sequence to be followed here. Matters that are under current negotiation, until those negotiations are concluded it would be I don't believe, Sir, in the public interest to reveal the provisions or precise nature, and also the National Energy Board will have also to deal with this application or proposal in a formal way. But opportunity for debate is open to honourable members at the time of Capital Supply, just to mention one.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister responsible for the Manitoba Development Corporation. Can he confirm that the former president of Flyer Industries, Thomas Ault, was fired, or was Mr. Ault's departure voluntary?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to indicate that my information from the Manitoba Development Corporation which is responsible for supervision of those companies in which the Corporation had shares indicated to me that an arrangement was made with Mr. Ault for severance as between the Corporation and Flyer Industries of his pre-existing relationship.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary. Was the Minister quoted correctly when he was reported to have said words to the effect that . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I do believe that the honourable gentleman is getting into an area which does not serve the procedures of this House, trying to verify something in some other area.

MR. ASPER: To the same Minister, Mr. Speaker. Did the government encourage the departure of Thomas Ault from Flyer Industries?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, there was no ministerial involvement in what occurred between the Development Corporation and Mr. Ault. The Government assumes ultimate responsibility for everything that is done by its Crown Corporations or Corporations which are responsible to the government, but there was no ministerial, or to my knowledge, back bench on either side involvement in the change of relationship between Mr. Ault and Flyer Industries.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Will the Minister then confirm that the two corporations involved, Flyer Industries and Saunders Aircraft, will both show a substantial loss again this year?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I believe that it has been indicated publicly, was done to my recollection one day prior to the election, that there will be significant losses in the Manitoba Development Corporation of the same nature as was seen by members in the previous year, on the books of that corporation, and these two industries that the honourable member has mentioned, Saunders Aircraft and Western Flyer Industries, are both very major concerns in their first years of development, and the honourable member would certainly think we were geniuses as against private industry if we were able to have a different showing for such firms as he is quite aware reflect in the private sector.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel. --(Interjection)-- The honourable member has had two supplementaries.

MR. ASPER: . . . point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member state his point of order.

MR. ASPER: I wouldn't want the Minister to have misinformed the House and I . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order please. The honourable member is expressing an opinion not a point of order. If he has a point of order, I'll listen.

MR. ASPER: The point of order, Sir, is that the Minister has made a mis-statement of fact or has created an impression of fact which I am sure he would not want . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order please. Again the honourable member is expressing an opinion and not a point of order. The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK (Riel): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Mines and Resources. Can he advise whether the Federal Government has issued the license for the Churchill River Diversion?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I am not the Minister to whom the Manitoba Hydro Corporation reports. I assume that when he pursues his question, he'll have to be specific as to what type of license he is referring to.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: Perhaps my question should be directed to the First Minister, Mr. Speaker, as to whether the Federal Government has issued a license for the diversion of the lower Churchill and what implications it has for the hydro project.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

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MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, like my colleague, I would have to invite the Honourable Member for Riel to specify what license he is referring to. I assume he is referring to a license that would be granted under the Navigable Streams Act, and in that connection, Mr. Speaker, I would have to take it as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I have a question to the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services. Can the Minister tell the House what action the government is taking in respect to the critical shortage of hospital beds in the City of Winnipeg?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. SAUL MILLER (Minister of Health and Social Development) (Seven Oaks): Mr. Speaker, I deny that there is a critical shortage.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Is the Minister or the government carrying on any negotiation, discussion with the Federal Government in respect to the 200 empty beds in Deer Lodge Hospital which could be used as non-acute beds?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, those discussions have been going on ad nauseam and are getting nowhere.

MR. PATRICK: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Has the Minister talked to any of the hospital administrators in the City of Winnipeg in the last short while to find out if there is a critical shortage of hospital beds?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, as the honourable member knows, my appointment to this office is just a few days old. I have spoken to administrators, I don't know what the honourable member means by the last short while, but I have had occasion to speak to administrators. So if that's the information he wants to know, yes.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. BUD SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Honourable the Minister of Labour. I would like to ask him if he can advise the House, whether any Manitoba Government employees have been threatened with loss of their jobs if they join the Canadian Union of Public Employees?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour) (Transcona): Mr. Speaker, I did receive a letter from an official of CUPE making certain allegations involving, as I understood from the letter, three individuals out of 12,000 or more employees that may or may not have been threatened, and that's as far as I am aware. And I would like to take this opportunity, however, of declaring that if such a practice, or such occurrences are drawn to my attention definitively and naming precisely the individual concerned, as far as I am concerned I would ask that they be severely disciplined if they are trying to threaten the rights of the employees of the government service.

MR. SHERMAN: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I am sure the House thanks the Minister for that reassurance, and I would ask him further whether the situation then is one in which he has not had definitive examples laid before him?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister. The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. HENRY J. EINARSON (Rock Lake): Mr. Speaker, I direct this question to the Minister of Agriculture. I wonder if the Minister is prepared to make public all details of the contract negotiated between the country of Japan and his government as it pertains to the sale of hogs and pork products.

HON. SAMUEL USKIW (Minister of Agriculture) (Lac du Bonnet): Mr. Speaker, I would have assumed by now that all of those matters would have been clear in the minds of members opposite. There is no such agreement, Mr. Speaker. The Government of Manitoba does not have an arrangement with anyone anywhere with respect to the sale of pork.

MR. EINARSON: Mr. Speaker, I direct a second question to the Minister, and ask him if he's prepared to make public all details of the contract negotiated between the Government of Japan and the Hog Marketing Board as it pertains to hogs and pork products.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I think the member opposite should appreciate that we have some ten marketing boards, ten or eleven in this province, who run their own affairs and therefore it is not really my duty to relate any terms of any agreement as between those boards and

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(MR. USKIW cont'd) . . . any purchaser anywhere in the world of their products.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Virden.

MR. MORRIS McGREGOR (Virden): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct this question to the Honourable Minister of Finance. Did the Minister mislead this House when he announced that the mineral acreage tax would be not applied to individuals?

HON. SAUL CHERNIACK (Minister of Finance) (St. Johns): Mr. Speaker, it's unfortunate that the Member for Virden was either not present or has no memory or has not the capability of reading what transpired during that time in the debate and Hansard reveals it all. The answer is, the Minister of Finance in introducing the Bill did not mislead anyone but stated what the Bill was designed to do as of the time of introduction. It was honourable members opposite who assisted the legislation to be varied and drafted the way it finally came out and the honourable, I think he is the Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition, concluded by complimenting the government for listening to members opposite in carrying out the amendments to the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. WARNER JORGENSON (Morris): Are we to assume then that the Minister was not aware of his own legislation when he was piloting it through the House?

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please, I believe it's again asking for an opinion. That is contrary to the rules of this House. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. GEORGE JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Mr. Speaker, I address my question to the Minister of Labour. With respect to the recent pay increase that has been awarded to the Provincial Civil Service, is it the intention of the government either by legislation or by regulation, to change the binding arbitration award and grant the Civil Service of the province the increase that at least the government had offered them?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, at the present time it would not be the intention of the Minister of Labour to change the conditions and terms of the Arbitration Board. The Employees Association made representation to the Minister responsible for the Civil Service to appoint a board. The Minister of Labour, who is also the Minister responsible for the Civil Service Commission, appointed such a board. Unfortunately the first chairman of the board passed away and there was some delay because a second one had to be appointed by the Chief Justice of Manitoba, and when the award reached my hands on December 21, it was a unanimous award of a properly constituted arbitration board and I have no inclination, at least at this time, to make any changes within that award.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I direct a supplementary question to the Honourable Minister. Do I understand by his remarks that he's satisfied that the civil servants of the province were treated fairly?

MR. PAULLEY: That, Mr. Chairman, could be subject of a long debate as to what "fairly" means. On reviewing other adjustments to civil service organizations and unions across Canada, I find that on an analysis ours was certainly not out of line.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell. Does the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie have another supplementary?

MR. G. JOHNSTON: I again ask the Minister to answer the question.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I direct my question to the Attorney-General and I would like to ask him if it is now the policy of the government, as announced by the Chairman of the Manitoba Liquor Commission, to carry out a program that states prohibition in certain portions of Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I'm unaware of any announcement by the Chairman of the Liquor Control Commission to entertain any thoughts of any stage prohibition through any part of Manitoba.

MR. GRAHAM: In order to clarify the situation then, Mr. Speaker, maybe I should enlarge on the initial question.

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MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable member asked a question.

MR. GRAHAM: Is it not a fact, then, that the Liquor Commission did remove low-priced wines from the liquor stores in certain parts of Manitoba?

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, there was the removal of certain low-priced wines from a part of Manitoba as part of a general pilot project. In respect to that area, the Liquor Control Commission is now studying the results of that pilot project to ascertain whether or not the practice there ought to be applied elsewhere or should be eliminated completely.

MR. GRAHAM: A supplementary. Since this is the policy of the government, is there any other area in the province that they plan on carrying out the same type of program?

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I thought I had answered the honourable member earlier to the extent that the results of the pilot project will be evaluated carefully by the Liquor Control Commission and then the Commission will determine whether or not, as a result of the study of those results, the practice ought to be extended elsewhere.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Brandon West. --(Interjection)-- The honourable member has had four questions on the same topic. The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: As a supplementary, has the Minister consulted with the Human Rights Commission when he was making these decisions?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. EDWARD MCGILL (Brandon West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance and relates to the Mineral Acreage Tax Act. I would like to ask the Minister if it was his intention to have this tax apply to pioneer farming families of Manitoba who have reached an age where they are unable, either by age or physical infirmity, to continue to be active farmers. Was it his intention to tax those people?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, it was the intention of this Legislature to tax the mineral rights of land in Manitoba other than those owned by farmers who were farming the land. That was the intent of this Legislature, and all the member has to do is to read the Act and he would know that that's the case. If he needs additional help he can read Hansard.

MR. MCGILL: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I'm just trying to relate the Minister's original remarks on this Act to his present answer and ask him again if he personally intended this Act to apply to those pioneer families who are not now able to continue farming actively.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Again we are getting into the area of asking members' opinions, which is contrary to our procedure. I would request the members to give some thought to their questions. The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. MCGILL: Mr. Speaker, as the Minister who introduced the bill I'm simply asking him to confirm his original remarks.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it Hansard is a matter of record, and whether it's printed there or not is not subject to further debate as to what is said - and that's badly put. Hansard reveals what was said and the honourable member, I know, must have read Hansard through and through on the entire Act and should know exactly what the debate was. What his intention was when he voted is beyond my knowledge.

MR. MCGILL: Mr. Speaker, a final supplementary question. In view of the Minister's remarks, is it his intention to introduce amendments to the Mineral Acreage Gas Tax, or Mineral Acreage Tax Act, during this current session of the Legislature?

MR. SPEAKER: That's anticipating - out of order. The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister responsible for MPIC and Autopac. The Minister has announced added classifications in respect to rates, and can the Minister explain the different classifications? Perhaps if I'm more specific, does the Minister regard driving an automobile to and from one's home to a place of employment, is that business or pleasure?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. BILLIE URUSKI (Minister responsible for Manitoba Public Insurance Corp.) (St. George): Mr. Speaker, the announcement that was made with respect to new classifications, there's only one classification was "business use", and the definition is that if the

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(MR. URUSKI cont'd) . . . individual uses his automobile more than 15 percent of his time for his business use or if the automobile is registered in the name of a business, then it would fall under this category.

MR. PATRICK: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Even if, say, the automobile is used less than 15 percent for business but as long as it's registered in a company or partnership or corporation, is it still classified as business use?

MR. URUSKI: If the vehicle is registered in the name of a business, that is correct.

MR. PATRICK: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister tell us what increase in rates will be for business as compared to what was the one classification before - all purpose.

MR. URUSKI: The new business rates are somewhat lower than the 1971 private industry rates in Manitoba.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. DAVID BLAKE (Minnedosa): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is also to the Minister responsible for the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation. I wonder if he could inform the House how many municipal fleets or how many municipal vehicles will be affected by the new business rate, and give us some indication of the dollar. . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I believe a question of that kind should be an Order for Return. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY MCKENZIE (Roblin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. And I wonder can the Minister give the House any evidence of Olympic lottery tickets being sold in Manitoba through local based agencies?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. RENE TOUPIN (Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs) (Springfield): No I can't, Mr. Speaker.

MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister is prepared to allow Canada's Olympic Committee permission to sell lottery tickets in Manitoba through our Manitoba based agencies?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, that's a matter of government policy.

MR. MCKENZIE: I have another question, Mr. Speaker, for the Honourable the Minister. I wonder can the Minister explain to the House the new type of WestCan, is it, lottery that's supposed to replace the Manitoba Golden Lotteries?

MR. TOUPIN: I'll take that question as notice.

MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I wonder when the Honourable Minister is taking that for notice if he could advise the House of the formula that will be established; will it be established on provincial populations; who will issue the directions; and what type of profit is Manitoba--the agencies to get if they are involved in the scheme?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, I would suggest to the honourable member that he wait for the legislation to be brought to this House.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister responsible for the Manitoba Development Corporation. In view of his indication to the House a few moments ago that Flyer Industries would suffer losses this year, can he tell us what severance pay was paid to Thomas Ault upon his leaving the presidency of that company?

MR. SPEAKER: The question is repetitive; it was already asked in respect to . . . The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: With respect, Mr. Speaker, I don't think that the honourable member previously asked this question.

MR. SPEAKER: Not in that form.

MR. GREEN: I indicated to the members of the House last year that it would not be my intention to answer questions on the day to day operations of commercial enterprises within the ambit of the Manitoba Development Corporation. I will answer a question which involves an emergency situation or which will greatly affect the people of Manitoba, as I have done previous times in the House. The other form of question which the honourable member is asking and which is quite proper, will be answered by the Chairman of the Manitoba Development Corporation when he appears before committee, when the statements of all the companies in which the Development Corporation has shares will be tabled, and when the statement of the Development Corporation itself will be tabled, and when, as was done last year, the Chairman of the Manitoba Development Corporation answered questions not only reflecting those statements but questions right up to the time that he was appearing before Committee except where he felt that those statements would endanger or in some way affect the commercial operations of one of the companies . . . dealing with.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I do believe the honourable gentleman is straying from the question and is giving a further explanation, not to the question but to his opinion about what will occur and that, I would suggest, is not part of the procedure of this House.

Order please. Orders of the Day. The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: A supplementary question. Will the Minister give us an undertaking to produce Mr. Ault at the committee for examination?

MR. GREEN: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. ASPER: Is it then the case that the government still takes the position that they

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(MR. ASPER cont'd). . . will tell the public about this exactly what they feel the public should be told and nothing more?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, it was for exactly that reason that I attempted to answer the previous question in the way in which I was answering it, because I know that there will be, during the House session, questions put to me on the day to day commercial transactions of companies within the ambit of the Manitoba Development Corporation. I want to tell the honourable member that I will not be making announcements every time that an executive is changed in one of these corporations; that we will not be going into all of the staff relationships as between the corporation and its employees or executive staff; that the members of this House will have an opportunity to have the Chairman of the Development Corporation answer all questions which will not affect the commercial viability of those institutions, and his judgment in that connection will be the subject of debate of honourable members who can tell the public what he . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I believe the Honourable Minister has made his point.

MR. GREEN: Well I'd just like to conclude this one sentence, Mr. Speaker. I would like the honourable member to know that none of this was available under prior administrations, who said that they could not even ask the Development Corporation what the money was going for.

MR. DOUGLAS WATT (Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Minister in charge of Autopac. Is it his intention to take over, as he has indicated through the news media, the body shops in the Province of Manitoba--and when I say body shops I'm including automobiles.

MR. URUSKI: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like the Minister responsible for MPIC to confirm that he would take my previous question as notice: how many municipal fleets or municipal vehicles will be affected by the new rate and how much?

MR. SPEAKER: I suggested earlier that that was really an Order for Return. The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the First Minister. Is there a proposal before the government at the present time for the development of the Churchill River west of South Indian Lake?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, if the honourable member is referring to studies which have been recently initiated relative to the possible construction of hydro-electric generating plants on the Upper Churchill west of South Indian Lake within the jurisdiction of Saskatchewan, then the answer is that it is under feasibility and environmental impact study.

MR. CRAIK: Well, perhaps more specifically, Mr. Speaker, is there a proposal before the government at this time which would dam the Churchill River from Granville Lake West?

MR. SCHREYER: No, Mr. Speaker, not to my knowledge, although I have just indicated to my honourable friend that there is a joint federal interprovincial study that is just recently under way --(Interjection)-- primarily having to do with Saskatchewan future possible hydro-electric development on the Churchill, but there is a Manitoba input of a minority nature in the cost of that study.

MR. CRAIK: . . . a final supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Then this does not envisage any power developed or power-producing structures in the Province of Manitoba then.

MR. SCHREYER: Negative, Mr. Speaker, although my honourable friend of course can speculate twenty, thirty years down the road, but insofar as the foreseeable future is concerned, that is not involved, no.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, my question is pursuant to a statement made on the CBC program this morning which indicates that the government may in fact be considering future. . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I wonder if that question relates to the procedures of this House or is it just seeking an opinion again.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, my question relates to the impression which the public will now have as a result of the program this morning. Can I ask the government if they have any future plans for the development as opposed to the preservation of the Seal and Hays

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(MR. CRAIK cont'd). . . Rivers for hydro-electric purposes?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, since I heard the beginning of the program which my honourable friend is referring to, and which I agree should have raised his curiosity in any event, the announcer on the program said that she was basing her story on a rumour, that there was a proposal before cabinet. I say that there is no proposal before cabinet. The announcer did not get in touch with the government to my knowledge to find out whether the rumour was correct, proceeded to have two critics of this proposed program which she acknowledged was a rumour, without asking whether in fact the rumour was correct.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the First Minister. I wonder if he can confirm to the House when the hydro rate increase will be announced by the government.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, there is nothing new to report beyond the indication that was given by the Chairman of Manitoba Hydro to the committee of this Legislative in that respect last, I believe it was March or April, and at that time - which is several months ago, ten, eleven months ago - indicated that a rate increase would probably be taking effect at the end of the first quarter of 1974. That's approximately correct as I understand it.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if the First Minister could confirm whether the Chairman of the Hydro Board has placed before the government the proposed rate increase?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, as to whether or not a proposal had been placed, forwarded from a Crown Corporation to the government, is very much an internal matter, but even though that be the case I'll answer the question. The answer is no.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: To the First Minister, Mr. Speaker, in his capacity as the Minister responsible for the behaviour or conduct of all ministers in the House and in government, Mr. Speaker, the question is, may we have an assurance from the First Minister now, in view of the answers given earlier by the Minister responsible for the MDC, that the members of this House will be given during this year the information about Manitoba companies in which we are financially interested, equivalent to the amount of information that a shareholder gets under the Manitoba Companies Act as was the undertaking last year.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the only assurance that will be given is that the same kind and nature of information that would be provided in the Parliament of Canada by the Government of Canada we will do here. That much and no more. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that we have in fact already been giving more, but we do not propose to depart completely from the constraints which are the reality of a question answered in the Parliament of Canada.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: To the First Minister, Mr. Speaker. If the information by the yardstick he's just set out is less than a shareholder of a company under The Manitoba Companies Act is entitled to, then members of this House will get less information. Is that . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: If it is less, Mr. Speaker, is the premise upon which we're speculating, and there's no point in answering questions based on speculation.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is hypothetical and in that sense is out of order. Orders of the Day.' The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Would you call the debate on the consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rupertsland.

MR. HARVEY BOSTROM (Rupertsland): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and fellow members of the Assembly. First of all I congratulate you, Mr. Speaker, on your re-election to the position of Speaker of this Assembly. I thank the Honourable the First Minister for extending to me the privilege of making the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. It's an honour not only for me as a new member, but also for the people of the constituency of

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(MR. HARVEY BOSTROM cont'd). . . Rupertsland. I would like to congratulate the First Minister . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The Chair finds itself in some difficulty. I'd like some guidance from the members. I do believe that before we can proceed we should have a motion before the House, and I know that we have-- from the information I gather it's been done both ways; I would certainly like to proceed in the correct fashion and if this House can make up its mind whether they want to go with a motion or whether they want to have the speech first and then the motion, I'm at your pleasure. The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, you're so correct when you said "both have been practiced", and having both been practiced and they have been established as a rule either way insofar as this House is concerned unless there's some definitive rule injected to make it otherwise, may I suggest that as the Honourable Member for Rupertsland has started, he be allowed to continue his remarks.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSON: Mr. Speaker, I would agree with the Minister of Labour that maybe a practice should be established in this House, and I think the proper procedure is for the honourable member to move his motion at the conclusion of his remarks.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The Honourable Member for Rupertsland may proceed.

MR. BOSTROM: I would like to congratulate the First Minister for the excellent record he has achieved in carrying out the duties of his high office. I was especially pleased - (Applause) - I was especially pleased with the statesmanlike stand taken by our Premier at the recent Energy Conference, in which he advocated a policy which was clearly in the best interests of the nation as a whole.

Mr Speaker, as the Member for Rupertsland, I believe I should briefly describe the nature and size of my constituency for it will better acquaint the members of this House with the major problems and issues which face my constituents. I believe the name "Rupertsland" is very appropriate for this constituency when one considers the history of the area. The name is found in the First Charter of the Hudson's Bay Company. It was used to refer to all the land drained by the rivers flowing into the Hudson's Bay. This of course included all the land as far west as the Rocky Mountains and as far south as the headwaters of the Red River in the United States. In fact the land in which we are presently situated was once part of Rupertsland. Fortunately for the member elected and representing this area, the boundaries have been somewhat reduced. The constituency of Rupertsland today has its northern boundary north of Norway House. It includes all of the northeast side of Lake Winnipeg as far south as Pine Falls, Stead and Thalberg. Many of the communities within these boundaries were founded in the early days of the fur trade. Norway House, for example, at the headwaters of the mighty Nelson River, was named after a group of Norwegians who constructed a trading post there for the Hudson's Bay Company in the early seventeenth century. Norway House was an important centre in the fur trade, as the Indian people traded with the Hudson's Bay Company, trapped furs, and transported these furs along the Nelson River to York Factory and as well transported goods with York boats in summer and dog team in winter.

Fort Alexander at the other end of the constituency also had its origins in the fur trade. It was originally a traditional Indian encampment at the mouth of the Winnipeg River. It was the French fur traders who first established a trading post in this area and it grew to be a lively centre in that business. Other communities along the east side of Lake Winnipeg also had their origins in the fur trade. They originally were established as seasonal encampments of Indian trappers and eventually grew into permanent settlements with the establishment of fur trading posts, churches and schools. Trapping in fact continued to be a major source of income for the people of this area until the last two generations - in fact until the last generation in many cases. The older members of my constituency can recall vividly the days of the fur trade, of the transportation of goods by York boat and canoe and dog team.

The economy of this area has evolved, however, to depend less on the traditional pursuit of trapping. Logging, mining and commercial fishing became important to the economy of this area. In fact, commercial fishing and logging continue to play a major role in the economy of this area. The numerous mines which once were very important in the area around Bissett have unfortunately all closed, with the last one which was working at Bissett,

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(MR. BOSTROM cont'd) Manitoba, closing in the 1960's. The pulp and paper mill at Pine Falls is virtually the only secondary industry in my constituency. The major primary industries now operating are those of commercial fishing, with some cattle and grain farming and logging, and of course to a lesser extent trapping and wild rice harvesting.

Tourism and recreation is definitely the industry of the future in my constituency. One merely has to travel over the area by aircraft to realize the fantastic potential of this area. The east side of Lake Winnipeg contains miles and miles of beautiful sand beaches, inland lakes teeming with the sports fish, and rivers which offer the best there is in white water wilderness canoeing. All of this could be made accessible to the populated southern areas of our province and the tourist market in the United States. What is desperately needed, however, is a road to open up the east shore of Lake Winnipeg. The people of this area then could benefit from lower prices and increased employment in the fuller development of the tourist and forest industries.

The problems associated with my constituency are similar to problems in other constituencies in northern Manitoba. The inland areas suffer from high prices, isolation, a lack of communication - a lack of proper communication facilities that is - a lack of community facilities and infrastructure and also a lack of opportunity to take part in the good life as it is commonly taken for granted in southern Manitoba. An area like this, an area in the north, has the most to gain from a government committed to social and economic reform. It has the most to gain because it is the area of Manitoba with the greatest need. The north has faced the most inequality in the past mainly because it was ignored by previous governments and has fallen so far behind.

The New Democratic Government has had an impressive record in northern Manitoba. The approach and attitude of the government has been most impressive to the people of the north. For the first time the government has taken an interest in the people of the north; for the first time a government really listened to their problems and attempted to do something about them. For example, in the past four years much has been done to reduce unemployment in the north, particularly through the Provincial Employment Program and through the introduction of the Northern Manpower Corps. Northern Manpower Corps activities have resulted in many job placements for northern people.

The Provincial Employment Program has been the most successful work program ever devised for northern communities. It provided seasonal employment in areas where the unemployment rate would ordinarily be in the order of 50 to 60 percent, and at the same time it gave communities the means to provide much needed recreation and community facilities and also a much needed pensioner repair program. The Provincial Employment Program also for the first time gave to northern people the opportunity to decide what they wanted to do with moneys that were going to be spent in their communities. In the past, governments have spent some token amounts of money in the north, though the way that money was spent was decided in Winnipeg and there would be a building of a bridge or a dock which perhaps the community wasn't so excited about, which wasn't a priority in the minds of the community.

Airstrips and pioneer roads were constructed in an attempt to reduce the isolation in northern communities. In fact the relative isolation of many of the northern communities has been reduced considerably. For example, Norway House is now one hour and fifteen minutes away from Winnipeg whereas it used to be at least three hours by an old Norseman. This is the result of the new airstrip which was constructed in this community. Improved communications in the north has also reduced the sense of isolation. In the past four years, in fact, television and dial telephones have been introduced to a number of remote communities. Norway House, Cross Lake, for example, have been hooked up in recent months. One of the most important landmarks in the New Democratic Government's programs for northern Manitoba is the introduction of local government to the remote communities, thus giving these communities for the first time decision-making power at the local level. The people in these communities obviously know what is best for their communities. However, this is the first time in their history that they were allowed to make decisions on moneys that were going to be spent on local services and facilities in their communities.

I must also mention the government's record in the promoting of business ventures in the north. Many independent businesses have been given the opportunity to develop in recent years from funding from the Communities Economic Development Fund and from special ARDA.

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(MR. BOSTROM cont'd) Businesses are now operating which would never have started without these agencies, mainly because the traditional banks in our province would not even consider loaning money in remote and rural areas. These and other programs by the New Democratic Government has rekindled hopes in the hearts of northern Manitoba. They now dare to hope that at last there's a government which cares, a government which has an interest in the north and takes the time to listen and to act on the priorities which are spoken by the northern people. The actions of this government have increased the confidence of people that at last we can begin to progress in the north. This confidence, I might add, was translated in the last election to five northern seats for the New Democratic Party.

The Throne Speech we heard yesterday indicated a continued major thrust by this government in the development of northern Manitoba. I was especially gratified to hear that the programs that I have just spoken about are going to be expanded and continued. I was also especially gratified to hear that the pioneer road program will be continued, for obvious reasons that I have mentioned above. The emphasis on employment and training will be welcomed in my constituency. There is a need to give top priority to training for jobs that exist in the north. Too often jobs in the north have gone to outsiders who have training, which northern people lack.

Training will also be required in communities for those industries in which the local people want to develop themselves. My constituency will also be happy to have increased decision-making at the local level, increased participation in local government. People want to have a greater say in how their affairs are operated. I can see the local governments in the north taking over a whole range of decision-making powers - many communities in my constituency for example want to assume control over the educational facilities, either by taking over those responsibilities from Indian Affairs or the Frontier School Division. My constituency will also be happy to hear that there will be continued improvements in transportation and communication. In fact I am informed that all areas of my constituency will be equipped with television and dial telephones by 1977.

The policies of the government for economic development are of a major concern to my constituency. The indication in the Throne Speech is that there will be assistance for local economic development. This is the kind of policy my constituency will be in emphatic agreement with; there is a very strong feeling in my constituency that the development of resources should be undertaken by the local people. We want maximum participation as well as ownership and control of resource development. It is time to speak out, to break out of the colonialism of the old approach to the north. By the old approach I refer to that of previous Conservative and Liberal Governments. They had a paternalistic approach to northern development. They simply assumed that people living in the north were not capable of running their affairs, or even of participating in local development. Their approach was to grab monopolies, or allow to operate those near monopolies in the northern resource development fields. These monopolies operated in practically all the resource fields, commercial fishing, logging, mining, wild rice harvesting and even, as was discussed sometime recently, in the northern transportation field.

It's not that these near monopolies did not operate efficiently, many of them did operate efficiently, but what about the benefits? Did the local people engaged in the work in the harvesting of the natural resources receive the benefits from the production? It's evident that they didn't. The commercial fishermen on Lake Winnipeg were almost always in debt to the fish companies. The loggers barely made a living and the wild rice harvesters were paid a mere fraction of the value of their production.

It's time that northern people had the opportunity to develop these resources themselves. The native people living in the north don't want to be just the guides and the laborers, they want to be the owners and the developers. It's time that the local people living in the area have first priority, first priority on funding and first priority on ownership and control of resource development. In this way the maximum benefits - in this way the maximum benefits go to the local area and the spin-off benefits will assist that area in further development of their resources.

The attitude of the New Democratic Government is one of respect and confidence in the people of the north as evidenced by the development of local community councils and encouragement of producer co-operatives and independent businesses in the remote areas.

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(MR. BOSTROM cont'd). . . The approach of this government is one of openness with a willingness to listen and to do those things that people indicate are needed. I believe therefore that this government has the greatest chance of bringing about development in the north through the local people doing the development themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the Throne Speech indicates a continued effort on the part of the New Democratic Government to bring about social and economic reform in all of Manitoba as well as the north. It indicates that this government will continue to play an important role in improving the quality of life for all Manitoba.

On this note, Mr. Speaker, I would like to move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Crescentwood, that a humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:

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. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Crescentwood.

MR. HARVEY PATTERSON (Crescentwood): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Premier, the Executive Council for the honour they have bestowed upon me today, that of being asked to second this Speech from the Throne.

I would like to give my personal thanks and congratulations to the Honourable Member for Rupertsland in the able way that he has presented his motion to move the Speech from the Throne and explain all of the ramifications of his constituency and I certainly wish him well.

I would like to also, Mr. Speaker, to congratulate you on your re-election as Speaker of the House. Knowing you for many years and working closely with you I know that your impartiality and fairness will be of the greatest benefit to this House, and I certainly wish you well.

I would also like to congratulate my fellow railroader from Logan constituency who has been re-elected as Deputy Speaker of the House, and I know that he will carry out his responsibilities in the most able and fair manner.

I would also like to congratulate and extend my best wishes and hope that the leaders of the official opposition parties and the members of those parties enjoy this session, and I certainly look forward to getting to know all of you better and trust that the debate will be lively and conducive and in the best interest of Manitoba.

As a newly elected member in this House of Assembly for the Province of Manitoba, I look forward to participating in the debate in the legislating of matters for the people of Manitoba and I certainly hope that I will enjoy my experience here, and I just want to say that one of the reasons, and probably the only reason, that I allowed my name to stand for nomination in the past election was the thrust of the New Democratic Party government. This was my main concern and possibly the only reason that I consented to running for office was the progress of nature, the true concern for the people of Manitoba that the New Democratic Party have shown to me since 1969. The equality of opportunity that is inherent in the programs of this government cannot be denied by anyone, and I certainly hope that I will be able to help continue that trend in this government.

Now I just want to say briefly, Mr. Speaker, that the Crescentwood election - I know you are all familiar with that great contest that we had in Crescentwood, and I just want the people of the opposition parties to know that I thoroughly enjoyed that particular campaign. We had outstanding candidates and it is unfortunate that the three of us couldn't win but as in any contest there has to be a winner; but there was one little mystery in that particular campaign --(Interjection)-- The honourable member asked me if I enjoyed it. I certainly enjoyed it because when you have a campaign of topnotch people you can do nothing but enjoy it, but there was one mystery candidate that we had in Crescentwood and we saw a little bit of literature around and heard a little bit about him in the news media. He was from something, The Triple G Party, but I never had the honour to meet that particular individual and apparently he didn't do too well in the results anyway so maybe the less that's said about him the better. But I just want to say, Mr. Speaker, that it certainly will be an honour for me to represent the people of Crescentwood and hopefully I can do so with the utmost confidence and I know that the people of Crescentwood will be looking to me for a lot of help and I certainly will be trying my very best to give it to them.

Crescentwood is a cosmopolitan constituency; it is varied in many ways. In the last few years we have had an influx of Italian citizens that are hopefully to become Canadian citizens in the not too distant future. These people are certainly a welcome addition to Crescentwood; they are industrious people; they are very friendly people, and during the campaign it was my pleasure to associate with the Italian people very much and even though many of them could not vote, they worked hard in the election, and they certainly participated in the democratic process. Also in what is commonly known as the Old Fort Rouge area, we have many Canadian citizens of Ukrainian descent and they are the real backbone of Crescentwood constituency, being the railway right close at hand and many of them work for the railway, and they are certainly old hands at politics and I certainly appreciated their support.

And I just want to say, Mr. Speaker, that everybody has been talking about Ukrainian week this week, and I certainly endorse that and hope the Ukrainians--a lot of my colleagues on this side of the House are of Ukrainian descent, and I certainly wish them well.

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I also want you to know that the Ukrainian Canadian National Magazine are putting out a centennial edition and it will be available in Manitoba some time in April or early May and --(Interjection)--how much he says? That's a New Democrat for you, always wants to know the price of things. But this magazine will be a very condensed document pointing out the historic background, the cultural background of the Canadian Ukrainian, and I recommend that if any of you get a chance to see that magazine, take note of the many important items in it.

Now just to give you a brief idea of the Crescentwood constituency, and I'm sure that many of you travel through that constituency in your daily travels in and around Winnipeg. You all know the vast development that went on along Grant Avenue, Taylor Avenue, and Cambridge on the high rise development. We have some very nice apartments there. It is a mixed income group that live in those apartments but the people that do live in them are a real industrious people and real nice people to get to know and I highly recommend them to any of you.

You all must be familiar with the low rent project that's been on Taylor Avenue for a number of years. That development has prospered well; the people have been very cognizant of the development, and have kept it up very well. It hasn't deteriorated and it is a good development.

I just must point out that my constituency borders on the constituency of the Honourable Leader of the Opposition and certainly I have a lot of people that know the Leader of the Opposition equally as well as myself, and I must say they are all good citizens in that area.

In the centre of Crescentwood Constituency we have some of the newer homes, 10, 12 years, and they are equal to a lot of the housing in the City of Winnipeg where the cost of housing has been rising tremendously, so this is more or less the better part of the constituency as far as that type of housing goes and there are really a lot of professional people, students, and that type of academic people in that area of my constituency.

Now north of Corydon Avenue up to Academy Road, is the older part of the constituency with a lot of heritage, with a lot of beautiful homes--they really had architecture in the days they built those homes--and a lot of prominent people live in that part of the constituency, business people, teachers, doctors, lawyers. I have one of your former colleagues, one of the Conservative members, he's now not in politics but he lives in that part of my constituency, and they are real --(Interjection)-- but don't be side-stepped by the fact that these are professional or business people because they are aware of what the New Democratic party is doing in Manitoba and I get a very sympathetic reception in that part of the constituency and you know, considering the type of individual that I am and the party that I represent, we did reasonably well in the election in that part of the constituency, and I hope that the future will see us do much better.

Along Corydon Avenue we have the older type blocks, very nice tidy blocks but that type of community where the people tend to live in apartment blocks rather than private dwellings. No doubt many of you have noticed the Manitoba Telephone Building on Corydon Avenue which is expanding all the time. This is where a lot of your TV comes in. --(Interjection)-- This guy in front of me is a lot of opposition here. I want to say that in the constituency I don't have a lot of large business concerns but in Crescentwood there are numerous small business concerns and this is the main thrust of the Crescentwood constituency, the small business - you know we've got a big lumber yard in Crescentwood; you are all familiar with the name McDiarmid, which is a historical name in Manitoba, and that is - I guess you could consider that a fairly large business.

But in Crescentwood we have a number of prominent churches in the community. We have the Ukrainian Holy Family, Catholic Church. We have the Harrow United Church, St. George's Anglican Church, the St. Ignatius Catholic Church, one of the biggest Catholic churches in Winnipeg and other smaller churches of various denominations. In the education field we have a number of very nice schools. We have Earl Gray School, LaVerendrye School, Grosvenor School, Rockwood School and we have a Mini-Skool which is a kindergarten school of private nature which is doing very well; we have the Grant Park High School, and I understand that one of our page boys is from Grant Park so that school has really developed over the past few years and is now one of the leading high schools in the City of Winnipeg.

We have in community clubs two of the finest in the city. We have the Earl Gray Community Club, we have the Crescentwood Community Club and also in the old Fort Rouge

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(MR. PATTERSON cont'd) . . . area we have the Fort Rouge Soccer Club that is very prominent in that area. They have had some of their players go world wide and play on world tournaments. And also on the Dominion scene their team has been travelling across Canada and really putting on a fine show for the Fort Rouge Soccer Club.

And as far as veterans are concerned in Crescentwood, we have the Rockwood Army, Navy and Air Force Unit No. 303 which is a very progressive unit, a well run unit and certainly welcome any of you to drop in there at any time and enjoy the social activity. Also in Crescentwood many of you possibly shop there in the Grant Park Shopping Plaza. It's one of the largest and most diversified shopping centres in Winnipeg and we really appreciate that shopping centre.

Now the senior citizens in Crescentwood are very prominent in all of their sections and we have the Legion Crest Apartments on Grant Avenue which is a legion-sponsored development and I'm sure that many of you know the director or manager of that particular development. I believe he used to sit in this House at one time, Mr. Jim Cowan, and he's really running a topnotch operation there.

At Nassau and Jessie we have a high rise senior citizens home which is one of the newer ones and it is full to capacity and I want to tell you that the people really appreciate that type of development and I'm looking forward to more of that type of development in the not too-distant future.

Over on the other side of the constituency we have a private senior citizens home, they call it McKinnon House and the people in there are real appreciative of that particular development.

And also in the constituency I have a nursing care home. I have the Winnipeg Convalescent Home on Hugo Street which very recently was in the news due to the nurses threatening to withdraw their services but I was happy to see that that particular confrontation was settled to the best interest of all concerned. We have the Central Park Lodge which is a rather large nursing home, a mixed development of light and heavy care patients and the people certainly welcome that particular home in existence.

Now in Crescentwood as I said we don't have the large business type of business but we do have a lot of the smaller business and the corner store operation where they have been in existence for years and years and it is to my way of thinking that this type of operation must continue, the corner store man must be allowed to exist in order to provide some competition for the big chains. So hopefully that this government will keep on the program of assisting the small business operators. We have TV repair shops, service stations, woodworking, shoe repairs, building cleaning and others and this type of small businessman really needs a lot of assistance not only in a technical and management advising way but he needs some financial assistance. I have noticed in the Throne Speech that there has been mention of the continuing program in that area and I certainly am happy to see that and I will be keeping in touch with the Minister responsible to make sure that we develop our programs in that area.

Now the CNR have talked of relocating some of their facilities and some of those facilities will make land available on the perimeter of Crescentwood constituency and we'll certainly be looking for a lot of new development in that particular area. In Crescentwood we don't want massive redevelopment schemes. The people have a lot of older type houses which they'd sooner have assistance to upgrade the houses, repair them, etc., rather than have them demolished and new development schemes brought in. This is the type of thing that the people in Crescentwood would prefer.

Now talking about our own particular government in this particular day and age, it has probably been one of the most progressive administrations that Manitoba has ever seen up to this time and no doubt many of us in the New Democratic Party can take credit for that and pat ourselves on the back a little bit that we all assisted to bring that about, but you know in any group or any organization there has to be a leader and in the New Democratic Party we have a leader. Now I know that some of my colleagues and possibly some of the Opposition refer to our leader as a small "c" conservative. --(Interjections)-- From the tone of your reaction I would take it that that is not quite true. Well I agree with you that that is not true. But also some of the media, some of the Opposition maybe refer to him as a loose "l" liberal. Now whatever that should be I don't know but anyway in my opinion the leader of our party is the best

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(MR. PATTERSON cont'd) social democrat that ever walked across the face of Manitoba. But anyway that so it be, that's just what I'm bringing to your attention, that you have to have the type of leader that we have in order to bring about the type of programs that you have seen become valid in the last few years and without the leader you can't just do it.

Now you know in Manitoba we have about the best situation where you can get the freedom of choice of any of your particular desires. You know there's many connotations to the freedom of choice but when you've got the freedom of employment, the freedom through the money to buy what you want to buy then I consider you've got the freedom of choice. Now the next thing is that I say that right at this particular juncture in time we have opportunity now, we have the opportunity to make Manitoba grow in the seventies, not to beat the seventies but in the seventies. I can assure all of my colleagues in this House that this province is going to continue to grow, it's going to continue to provide the opportunity for the people of Manitoba with the type of administration that we have and if you think you saw a lot of progress in the past just wait till you see what's coming in the future.

I just might say to my colleagues opposite that you know there is a time to oppose and a time to assist. I would suggest to the honourable members that you stop opposing progress and let's get on with the job of making Manitoba what it should be. You have to consider the steps that have been taken in the past and all I am requesting and the people of Crescentwood also, I found it very much in the election, was that there should not be too many hindrances put in the way of the New Democratic Party policy to be implemented in order that the people of Manitoba can get what they deserve after so many years. We were restricted in certain areas for a hundred years, hopefully the next hundred we can progress along the way.

I would suggest to the honourable members opposite that we take a look at what we can do in the future. We can do lots. I am sure that honourable members are aware of what we can do and all I'm asking is the co-operation in order that we can progress together for the people of Manitoba. (Hear, Hear) (Have I spoke 20 minutes already?) You know you see the odd figure in the paper and you let the people talk and not too many years ago the financial condition in Manitoba was around \$300 million. Today it's \$800 million. Now if you want to lop \$100 million of that off for inflation that still leaves us a progression of in the neighborhood of \$400 million. Now when you're implementing programs and running an operation in the nature of that value you have to be doing something for the Province of Manitoba and I would certainly hope that we continue in that thrust and that the development increase and the money input also increase.

I would like the honourable members opposite to--you know the old stop, look and listen program, well, you know, --(Interjection)-- I don't know, I seen a sign somewhere that said that, but you have to listen to what the leader of this party is saying, what he is proposing for the Province of Manitoba. Now you might not agree with the full impact of what he's saying but all I request you to do is listen and then try to assimilate what is happening, what he is saying because I can assure you that the people of Manitoba are getting the message quite clear.

In my travels around the City of Winnipeg and reading the newspapers and listening to the news media and what have you, the Leader of the Opposition, he intrigues me somewhat because I get the impression that he's a leftist in a right wing camp. All I'm saying to the Leader of the Opposition is that I wish him well in his endeavours to bring his party around to the modern day thinking in order that he can keep in tune with what we're trying to do in order to help the people of Manitoba become a better province. --(Interjection)-- Well we might have some association. The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party he's somewhat new to myself; I do read his articles in the papers on taxes, etc., that the only thing I could suggest to him was that he write a few little tax hints for the average worker rather than the big companies all the time because we could do with a little help too in that area.

The Honourable Member from Morris, I was very enthused with his little speech yesterday and I noticed that he--gave me the impression anyway that he's really full of vim and vigor, he's raring to go and he just wants to get on with the show. I just want to assure the honourable member that likewise I get the indication from my colleagues on this side of the House that we're just as eager as he is to get on with the show and I just don't want him to think that he can steamroll right over us because we're going to be here to do a little bit of pushing and pulling on our own. I certainly welcome his enthusiasm though because without that type of enthusiasm we can't progress.

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Now I just want to briefly say to you some of the things that I will be looking for in the development of this House as it progresses along its way.

Senior citizens. Now hearing aids and supplies and repairs for hearing aids is something that has to come because the senior citizens just can't afford hearing aids and the upkeep of those particular devices. The cost is getting exorbitant and I'm getting complaints continually and I am sure that this government will take care of that particular matter in this session.

The tax shift that has taken place under the New Democratic Party government has been the most welcome thing that has ever happened to the Province of Manitoba. The tax shift is really what helps the average wage earner. That property tax credit program, the medicare premiums and programs of that type have been such a benefit to the people of Manitoba that nobody can deny that that tax shift is a step in the direction of social democracy.

Now in the NDP Party we always have a story to tell but you know we have difficulty in telling it to the people because we don't seem to get the same privileges in the news media that we deserve and in my opinion we have a free enterprise press. Now that, you know, so it be, but all I request them to do is print the stories in a fair light, print the stories as they should be told to the people. Now they don't always print what we want them to or what we request them to. Now I don't know, I don't know whether we should start up our own press or whether we could maybe work in conjunction, or a sort of a helping hand to one of the existing presses where they would be more conducive to our type of philosophy. I'll be looking for a lot of assistance from the members opposite when we talk more in detail about that.

But on that particular note I just want to say to the members opposite that the Chamber of Commerce in the City of Winnipeg, I find, is not so reactionary today as it was say 10, 15 years ago. That Chamber is becoming more a progressive organization, and I'm certainly glad to see that trend. Now the Chamber has established a committee in their make-up, Responsibility of Business in the Community. Now just the name alone signifies to you that there has been progress in the Chamber of Commerce, and take it from me fellows, all of the people in the Chamber of Commerce are not reactionary people. There are some very progressive people in the Chamber of Commerce and I will certainly be looking forward to a lot of help from that particular area.

Now I know that many of you know that my background is trade union. Well let me suggest to the honourable members here today that industrial peace has to prevail in our society. Now in order to have industrial peace the workers have to have some participation in the industry, and in the industry it's not too far away, if it isn't already here, the workers have to participate in the decision-making of industry. There is no question about that. The workers have to see the books of the industry in order to know where the money lies. If the money is there, all we ask is a fair share. If the money is not there, you can be sure that we will pare our request to meet the situation. Now that I don't think is asking too much of any society, or any business, in order that the workers get a fair share. You always hear the word "strike" but you know behind every strike there is a valid reason. I don't like to use the word "strike" because it develops connotations in the mind that aren't even relevant to the situation. The "withdrawal of service" might be a better term. Now in this day and age you are going to see a diminishing of the withdrawal of services or strike, whichever you like, but you're going to see an increase in what has now found a way into the industrialization field of mass resignations.

Now the mass resignations - and let me tell you colleagues that during the recent railway strike we did not have the opportunity to negotiate collectively. We did not have the opportunity. My colleague from Logan did not even have the opportunity to get to that particular stage. The members in Ottawa legislated us back to work without a fair settlement at that particular point in time. Now in the future when I talk about mass resignations then it's going to be that type of a situation where the legislation won't be able to affect it in the same light that we've been progressing in the past. So I think that we have to be aware of what's happening in society, and we have to be prepared to meet those type of challenges, and in order to meet those types of challenges we're going to have to be very realistic people. There has to be tri-party participation; there has to be management, labour and government. Now if we get that type of tri-party situation then I feel sure that we can head off any crisis that will develop in any given situation. And you'd be surprised at how the attitude or the position of the worker changes when he becomes part of the process. You really would be surprised. And I say that that would be

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(MR. PATTERSON cont'd) . . . better for society and better for the whole democratic process because in the recent times the race to gain more and bigger profits has been unchecked, and there has to be a check put on that particular development.

Now just something that I think that all of you are aware of and something that has to come into Manitoba very soon, and that is a medical process called acupuncture. Now this is something that has to be studied in Canada. We don't know all about it, but you know it's 5,000 years old in China so it can't be all that bad. You know we have approximately 30,000 people in Manitoba who could use some type of treatment in acupuncture . . .

A MEMBER: They all need it.

MR. PATTERSON: . . . and I believe -- it's a good job I'm only a rookie here because I don't know you colleagues like these gentlemen do. But anyway I understand that the treatment that we are now giving to the people afflicted with arthritis, etc., cost in the neighbourhood of \$10.00 a visit. Now that's a terrific price to pay for cortisone to make your joints a little supple. But I understand that cortisone is not the real answer to the problem either because it has a degenerative effect on the particular type of treatment that you're getting it for -- and I don't even know anything about it, I'm just telling you what -- I just want to impress upon the people in this Chamber that acupuncture is something that we have to look at seriously and I'm hopeful that the Minister of Health and Social Development will look into this matter further and maybe when we come back here next year we'll have acupuncture going full tilt.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The honourable member has five minutes.

MR. PATTERSON: Five? I thought I could speak as long as I felt like. Well anyway I just want to say in closing up, Mr. Speaker, my brothers and sisters in the north have requested that at some point in this session that I take up this particular matter, and I might as well do it right now.

The people in the north are looking for some relief in the fuel costs to the north. Now I know that the colleagues -- my colleagues in this Cabinet are aware of the problem, but it isn't fair that the people of the north should have to pay more for fuel than what we do in the south. That isn't fair in Manitoba. They need the fuel up there so desperately almost twelve months of the year that it's just not right that they should have to pay more and I certainly am looking and will be pressing for alleviation in this area. We get complaints about the air service in northern Manitoba, about the air fares in northern Manitoba. This is of concern to those people also and I'm sure that the Minister responsible in the Cabinet of this government will be looking into that particular area.

Now I'm just going to take a brief glance at the Throne Speech, colleagues, and I want to say to you this morning that probably in my hands here I hold the most historical document if not one of the most, that Manitoba has ever seen. Here you see progress. Pick it up and feel it. The thing is almost jumping with progress. You can feel it. They talk about employment in the Throne Speech. Well let me tell you that employment in Manitoba has never been so good. In 1968, thereabouts, in the industry that I work in we had people with 13 years of service laid off. Today we have people with three months of service working. Now that has to indicate something. It has to indicate that the policies of this government are turned in the right direction, that we're putting the people of Manitoba to work and that's what it's all about. If the people of Manitoba don't work then we haven't got a viable economy. Twenty-one per cent over the previous year of manufacturing increase. Man, we're in a boom town here. This place is growing to beat the band. But it has to be the type of administration that we have in order to put that type of show on the road.

Just talking briefly about energy. Everybody's talking about energy these days, and I don't profess to know very much about energy but my personal opinion is that there is no shortage of energy in Manitoba or even in this world. There is a manipulation of energy supply in order to get the prices up in order that somebody can make a fast buck on the deal.

It isn't too long ago that we had a shortage of meat -- a so called shortage of meat. We had no shortage of meat. They got the price up to where they wanted to and right away everybody forgot about the shortage of meat.

I just want to say briefly that -- you know I was born and raised on a farm so I'm not entirely ignorant of all the facts that some of the rural members opposite come from, but the stay option, and I've heard much about that during the election campaign. Well the Honourable Minister of Agriculture to my way of thinking is one of the most progressive minded ministers

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(MR. PATTERSON cont'd) . . . of agriculture that we have ever had in Manitoba. Now you can twist that stay-option whatever way you like; you can make it look like something that it isn't. But let me tell you that the trend in Manitoba has reversed itself already. The people, believe it or not in Manitoba, and you must know some of them, they're going out and buying farms now; they're looking for small lots to buy. It isn't too many years ago, 10, 12 years ago that the trend was this way. The people from the rural areas were coming in to Winnipeg but the Minister of Agriculture in this government has had the foresight to turn that situation around, and I can say truthfully to you had the Honourable Minister been minister when I was a young fellow I probably would have taken his option and stayed on the farm. So I'm certainly glad to see that in this day and age when the young people of Manitoba -- is that all Brother Speaker? I'll just wind up on this final note then, and I want to thank you, Mr. Speaker, for being so indulgent as you always have been when I've been speaking. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to second the motion in reply to the Speech from the Throne, and I thank you fellow members for the kind indulgence you have given to me this morning.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Lakeside, that the debate be adjourned.

MOTION presented and carried.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if honourable members of the Committee of Seven could think in terms of meeting on Monday after the termination of whatever proceedings take place on Monday. I do not think it will take us long and if that is satisfactory we can meet after the proceedings have terminated in the House on Monday.

MR. JORGENSEN: That is agreeable, Mr. Speaker.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I would move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, that the House do now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the House adjourned until 2:30 Monday afternoon.