

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

2:30 o'clock, Tuesday, May 20, 1969

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees; Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to take a moment and introduce the students. We have 33 students of Grade 5 standing of the Fort Richmond School. These students are under the direction of Mr. W. Harrison and L. Gray. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable the Attorney-General.

We also have with us today 31 students of Grade 5 standing of the Gladstone School. These students are under the direction of Miss Penner and Mr. King. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable the Minister of Finance. On behalf of all the Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, I welcome you all here today.

Orders of the Day.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Inkster.

MR. SIDNEY GREEN (Inkster): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, or I notice in his absence, is there a Minister who would speak for the department? Is there any way in which the government could use its good offices to present seizure of machinery during the seeding operation. I have had a call from a farmer whose machinery is now being seized. He has 3,000 bushels of grain in storage but it can't be sold, and the equipment is being seized right now when he has to seed his land.

HON. HARRY J. ENNS (Minister of Mines and Natural Resources)(Rockwood-Iberville): I think, Mr. Speaker, if I may reply to that, to answer it, I probably can't, because as the Honourable Member for Inkster realizes, he is probably asking for a legal answer on a legal matter. I'm cognizant, as I'm sure the Department of Agriculture is cognizant of the problems that he refers to. A few of them have been brought to my attention. I know that through the offices of the Department of Agriculture some efforts are being made. I know of a specific instance at the Peguis Indian Reserve where a similar situation apparently has arisen and I sought to intervene on their behalf. But technically, of course, the situation is where a private party enters into a sale agreement of some description with another private concern and the rights of both parties are pretty clearly spelled out in the Bill of Sale.

MR. GREEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, there is no legal question involved and I am quite sure that the Company has the right to seize it, but I take it from what the Minister has said, that if the man does contact the department perhaps the good offices of the department can be used as the Minister did describe. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation. What is the total grant that the government gives to communities who have hired a full-time recreation program director? What is the total amount of this grant?

HON. J. B. CARROLL (Minister of Tourism and Recreation)(The Pas): It is \$2,000, Mr. Speaker.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, what is the policy of the Minister in paying this grant? Is it paid in one lump sum or is it paid in stages?

MR. CARROLL: In one lump sum, Mr. Speaker.

MR. PATRICK: A subsequent question, Mr. Speaker. Do some communities have a preferred treatment in receiving these grants or not? I understand one of the communities received \$3,000.00.

MR. CARROLL: Mr. Speaker, they are all treated the same. What my honourable friend may be referring to is the fact that there are program grants as well as grants to recreation directors, and I am somewhat surprised that that article appeared because I understand that there has been a recreation conference recently held in Thompson at which the Tribune was present and had a reporter sitting through the discussions, and I'm sure that the people involved in recreation in Thompson are aware of the grants and the reason for them.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Inkster.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Transportation in his capacity as Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee. It was indicated at Committee today that Mr. Fallis would be asking the permission of the Chairman of the Committee to read certain reports into the record of the Committee. Could the Minister advise the House whether he, as Chairman, will be giving Mr. Fallis permission to read those reports into the record of the Committee.

HON. STEWART E. McLEAN, Q. C. (Minister of Transportation)(Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, the general matter of that nature was dealt with by the Committee this morning on the motion of the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition. A decision was made by the Committee and I would consider that that decision is the decision until some further change is made by the Committee.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, on that subsequent question, Mr. Speaker, my information was that the Committee decided that the reports would not be furnished by the Chairman of the Committee on the advice of the Minister of Natural Resources that the information could be obtained through the witnesses appearing before the Committee. Now in view of the fact that the witnesses are appearing before the Committee requesting permission to do what the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources said that they would be prepared to do, would the Minister give that permission?

MR. McLEAN: I think, Mr. Speaker, that first of all this is a matter which might better be discussed in the Committee, but I would point out that that was the statement of the Honourable Member for Inkster that that would take place. My recollection is that the Minister of Mines and Resources did not give any such undertaking during that exchange.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Elmwood.

MR. RUSSELL DOERN (Elmwood): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. With some fanfare it was announced that the government's motor vehicle testing would begin at Polo Park yesterday, which was a holiday, and a number of people were inconvenienced. They appeared and there was nothing open. Could the Minister explain to the House what the dates of this testing period are and what the hours are?

MR. McLEAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to underline the word "some" in the expression "some fanfare". I am very regretful and sorry about what occurred yesterday. This was an error in the advertising because we don't normally ask people working for the province to work on statutory holidays, and I shall see that those who were inconvenienced are properly looked after.

MR. DOERN: Mr. Speaker, the other part of my question was, what are the times and dates of the auto inspection?

MR. McLEAN: They're all normal days of business, and they have certain days that they're open morning and afternoon, and other days afternoon and evening, in order to accommodate the public. I can't give you exactly the days and the particular hours that apply on the location at Polo Park, but you may rest assured I'll be finding out for certain though before long.

MR. DOERN: A supplementary question. Could the Minister indicate to the House soon when it will be, and wouldn't it be a good idea to insert ads giving the times and locations made available.

MR. McLEAN: Yes indeed, Mr. Speaker, that's what I thought we were doing and we made a mistake.

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

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Mr. Speaker, my question is probably either for the Minister of Finance or the Acting Minister of Health and Welfare. Is there an audited annual report or a final audited report of the Easterville Resettlement Project?

HON. GURNEY EVANS (Minister of Finance)(Fort Rouge): I'm sorry I didn't get the title of the project.

MR. JOHNSTON: I term it the Easterville Resettlement Project.

MR. EVANS: I'll enquire.

MR. JOHNSTON: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Minister undertake to supply a copy of the audited statement to the Members of this House?

MR. EVANS: I'll enquire whether there is an audited statement, and be prepared to say whether we will supply copies.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. JOE BOROWSKI (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I've two questions to the Minister of Labour. The first one: Has he decided when they're going to station a compensation officer in Thompson? There was indications there would be one soon.

The second question is: Why is the Department of Labour allowing taxi companies to pay as little as 50 cents an hour for their drivers?

HON. CHARLES H. WITNEY (Minister of Labour)(Flin Flon): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the first one, that decision is the Workmen's Compensation Board decision and not mine.

And in answer to the second one, we don't allow the taxicab companies to pay 50 cents an hour. If a driver has a complaint he can take it to the Labour Relations Board and they'll look into it for him.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I can clarify what I said. It seems that there's many drivers work on, I think it's a commission basis, and by a company putting a man on a commission basis they can violate the Minimum Wage Act and they're doing this - I understand all of them are doing this. I think this is wrong.

MR. WITNEY: Mr. Speaker, I don't think that the honourable member should act on assumption.

MR. BOROWSKI: A last supplementary question. Mr. Speaker, I'm not acting on assumptions, I have had taxi drivers speak to me about this. They work 12 hours a day, seven days a week at \$50.00 a week.

MR. SPEAKER: That is not a supplementary question; the honourable gentleman knows that. The Leader of the Opposition.

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Leader of the Opposition)(Ste. Rose): I'd like to address a question to the Minister of Transport. I've asked him a number of times before about the report of the Royal Commission on Northern Transportation. The author or commissioner has now left Manitoba and no longer is resident here. Could the Minister inform the House when we will get the report?

MR. McLEAN: Mr. Speaker, I'm unable to advise the House when the report will be available. I'm aware that the author has left the province but he has indicated that he will be available to deliver the report. I think it is his intention to ensure that it has been printed so that copies will be available to all concerned when he tables his report with us. That has not as yet occurred.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Inkster.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct another question to the Minister of Transportation relative to the matter raised by the Member for Elmwood. Did the Minister receive a petition or other documents in the nature of a complaint from the number of people who attended yesterday; and if so, how many people were involved?

MR. McLEAN: Mr. Speaker, I've not received the petition, although I was informed that I would be receiving one. The only figure mentioned to me was 25; I can't verify that number.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Gladstone.

MR. NELSON SHOEMAKER (Gladstone): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, I would like to direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. On Wednesday last I asked him three specific questions and the Minister took the questions under advisement. They're clear-cut questions. I wonder if he could not answer them at this moment?

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I regret I do not have the answers for the Honourable Member for Gladstone. I do intend to live up to my undertaking.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Mr. Speaker, I hope that the answers will be forthcoming while we are in Committee. It was Wednesday last the questions were first asked.

Now a supplementary question - no, it's not a supplementary question but it's a question to the same Minister concerning another matter. I understand that the Province of Manitoba is responsible for all damage done to property as a result of flooding from No. 3 drains in order and over, and in consideration of the fact that a great deal of the farm land this year in my particular area was eroded very badly, I wonder if the Minister could inform the House as to the extent of the program that's available to farmers for this damage that's received, because they do want to arrange or rearrange or fill in the gulleys before seeding time.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, with respect to the honourable member's question and his suggesting that the province is responsible for - or his understanding that the province is responsible for all damage of No. 3 drains, I should inform the honourable member that that

(MR. ENNS cont'd.) understanding is wrong. We are of course, as has been announced by the First Minister and other members of government, assessing the total damage caused by extreme high waters throughout the province. This assessment is nearing completion. I hope to have that available to the government sometime this week, upon which a decision will be made by this government as to the extent of recompense and action that will be taken by the government to help both the municipal organizations that have faced some difficulties as well as the personal property that may have been damaged. But to date that policy has not been announced.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Mr. Speaker, a subsequent question. I'm referring to a new release of May 9th in respect to procedures given for flood claims. Now am I to understand that a farmer who has received damage, registers his claim with the municipality and then the municipality in turn registers the claim with your department. Then who makes the assessment in dollars of the damages done?

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I think the news release that the honourable member refers to is quite plain. What we are asking for at this time a full assessment appraisal of the damage done, and at that time when we have that before us, we will be able to make a decision that is consistent with our resources, or our capacity to respond to this damage. All that is being asked for, and that's all that news release asked for, is to set out the method of procedure by which municipalities as well as individuals should make known their losses of their claims for help to their municipalities, to the municipal structure, who in turn would make it known to us.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Mr. Speaker, he hasn't answered my question. Who makes the appraisal of the damage done? Does the ag rep make the appraisal, or who makes the appraisal? I had a phone call this morning from a person that has a large washout in his land and he wants to do something with it now, so who makes the appraisal as to the extent of damage in dollars?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Elmwood.

MR. DOERN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Youth and Education. There are students enrolled in the Education IA course at the faculty - this is after Grade 12, and then entrance into Education IA - who were exempt from paying fees and who started the course in January, so they have taken half their year's training from January to May with no tuition fees paid. Will they now be required to pay tuition fees for the second part of their course - September to December of this year?

HON. DONALD W. CRAIK (Minister of Youth and Education)(St. Vital): Mr. Speaker, the fees were waived until, and are waived until September 1. After September 1, they'll pay the regular fees at the university.

MR. DOERN: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The Minister did reconsider a previous announcement whereby people who were going to take the summer program, the special summer session this year, the government did reconsider that and did then exempt the students entering that program from tuition fees. I wonder whether the Minister would also look into the question of whether or not he could exempt these people who are half way through?

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, the fee policy change was made in the other case because of the very short notice which the students received, which was a matter of weeks, and that was basically why that was changed to allow them a little more elbow room to make their preparation. We have no plans to make any changes, but I'll take the honourable member's statement under advisement.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Kildonan.

MR. PETER FOX (Kildonan): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Labour. Can he inform the House if a Director of Safety has been appointed yet?

MR. WITNEY: No, to my knowledge he has not been appointed yet, Mr. Speaker.

MR. FOX: I didn't get the Minister's answer.

MR. WITNEY: No, to my knowledge he has not been appointed as yet, Mr. Speaker.

MR. FOX: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can he inform us who's acting as Director of Safety now?

MR. WITNEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I understand it's a man by the name of Dahl.

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

MR. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable the Minister of

(MR. JOHNSTON cont'd.) Mines and Natural Resources. Could he supply to the House the names of possible locations for the relocating of the people at South Indian Lake?

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I think the member may enquire this kind of -- or solicit this information at the Committee stage that we're presently sitting. I would have to indicate to him very clearly though that it's not the intention of government to pre-select sites for the communities at Southern Indian Lake. This is something that will be determined principally by the people themselves through the aid of their committees, through the aid of their legal counsels. There are several sites that are being considered by the relocation committees who are currently here in Winnipeg, and I might suggest too, Mr. Speaker, that he enquire directly of them as to which of these sites they are particularly interested in.

MR. JOHNSTON: I missed the Minister's last half of his statement. Who did you say I should enquire of?

MR. ENNS: Well I was pointing out, Mr. Speaker, that the group of people who will be making the decision are currently with us here in the City of Winnipeg, that is the reallocation committee of Southern Indian Lake and Granville Lake. They are attending the committee hearings which my honourable friend the Member of Portage is a member for, and that any decision as to future locations of their communities will be largely in their hands, with the best advice and information that we, or any other agency of government can provide.

MR. JOHNSTON: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the Minister any knowledge of any recommendations made to government for sites for relocation; and if so, will he supply the names of these sites to the House?

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, the recommendations have been made. The position that government has taken that we do not wish to in any way preclude from arriving at this decision -- that this decision should be arrived at principally by the people themselves, as I said, with the aid of their legal counsel and the best information possible. Several sites, several different approaches have been put forward by both the communities by -- emanating from the committees themselves; other proposals have been put forward as suggestions by their legal counsel, and any number of alternatives are being presently noted. -- (Interjection) --

MR. SPEAKER: I believe the honourable gentleman has exercised his privilege -- two supplementaries. However, the comment I wanted to make at this particular time, I wondered if these questions, these particular questions might not be held in advance until the committee meeting has run its course. There will be of course another opportunity and probably the detail that the honourable members are anxious to have might very well come out in the committee meeting. I'm only trying to continue the business of the House as best I can. The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. BOROWSKI: I have two questions, Mr. Speaker, for the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. Has he made a decision about stationing a permanent mining inspector in Thompson?

And the second question is, has he received any communications of any type from people that hold claims in the area that will be flooded -- by the flooding of South Indian Lake -- any type of claims from anyone in the last 30 days?

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, the answer to the first question is that government policy in this regard will be announced when and if changes are made.

Question No. 2. Not specifically to my knowledge. I should point out to him that they would not necessarily come to me, that they would be referred to the agency involved in this case, the Manitoba Hydro.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for St. Boniface.

MR. LAURENT DESJARDINS (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask a question of the Honourable the Minister of Labour, under who I believe the Provincial Fire Commissioner comes under. Is it the intention of the Minister to order a full investigation in the awful fire that we've had in Selkirk over the weekend?

MR. WITNEY: Mr. Speaker, an investigation is under way now -- a full investigation.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party.

MR. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Leader of the New Democratic Party)(Radisson): Mr. Speaker, if I may, I'm rather intrigued with the answer of the Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources to the question posed by my colleague from Churchill, which dealt with the question of claims in the area to be flooded by the raising of the water in Southern Indian Lake. If I understood my honourable friend's answer, he said that any compensation would be directed

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) . . . toward Manitoba Hydro. Are not the claims - and this is my question to my honourable friend - registered in the Department of Mines and Natural Resources, and is it not beyond the jurisdiction of Manitoba Hydro to assess whether or not compensation for claims would be directed toward them? Is not this the proper function of the Department of Mines and Natural Resources? Or did I misunderstand my honourable friend?

MR. ENNS: Well I may have misunderstood the question that the Honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party is just putting to me. I make it clear in that event that the question of adjudication of claims in this general area, that possible compensation for claims in this area are legitimate project costs that would have to be borne by Manitoba Hydro. The Department of Mines and Natural Resources are of course aware of them because, as indicated by the Honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party, these claims are all registered with the department. This is unoccupied Crown land, and as such we are custodian of the claims, but it is the demands of another agency namely Manitoba Hydro, who are requesting a licence, which precludes, you know, the use, or could disturb the current use of this land for other purposes such as mining at this point, and any hinderance at this juncture of time would have to be considered by Manitoba Hydro as part of the costs that they face in the project.

MR. PAULLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I certainly do not want to get into a debate with my honourable friend and I appreciate the fact that the Committee on Public Utilities is hearing, hopefully this afternoon, matters that is before the Committee and I trust and hope the people aren't weary of waiting for us to get out of here. But may I respectfully ask my honourable friend the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, as soon as Hansard is available, that he reassess the importance and the purport of the questions raised by my honourable friend the Member for Churchill. I think on reflection he may come to a different decision, and I ask him in that view to take a second look at the questions posed because I think my honourable friend would agree, on reflection, it is the responsibility of the Department of Mines and Natural Resources.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Gladstone.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to my honourable friend the Minister of Government Services. Early in the session I understood my honourable friend to say that Hansards would be mailed to all regional libraries in the province, and now that the session is nearly over, I find that at least one library has not yet received the Hansard. I wonder if my honourable friend would check into this matter and see that they do go forward as promised.

HON. THELMA FORBES (Minister of Government Services)(Cypress): Yes, I understood that they were all mailed out as requested to all libraries, but if there is one, if the honourable member would like to give me that name, I'll look into it.

MR. SHOEMAKER: It's Neepawa.

MRS. FORBES: Good.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Mr. Speaker, . . .

A MEMBER: It's near Gladstone.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Industry and Commerce, and I see he is vacant so -- (Interjection)-- vacant just from the shoulders up. So I would like to direct a question to my honourable friend the Acting Minister, or the Acting Minister. About a month ago my honourable friend promised that he would send a copy of the TED Report to all secretary-treasurers of the rural municipalities and incorporated towns. To date, Neepawa has not received their TED Report. I wonder if they would see that one went forward pronto.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address a question to the Minister of Education. On Wednesday of last week he introduced for first reading two bills - the Public School Finance Board Act and Public Schools Act (2). Could he indicate when they will be printed?

MR. CRAIK: Well I'm hoping to distribute them - I thought possibly today, but possibly tomorrow if we're back in, Mr. Speaker, but I'm not sure, I haven't got them on my desk yet.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Gladstone.

MR. EVANS: On a point of order, how many questions does this one member have at question time?

MR. DESJARDINS: He's speaking for the party.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Gladstone.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to my honourable friend the Minister of Youth and Education, and it has to do with the question raised by the Honourable Member for Elmwood. Where a teacher enrolled, or a student enrolled for a two year teaching course under the understanding that 20 percent of the tuition fee would be paid the first year and 80 percent in the second year - they enrolled under these conditions - surely the government will hold good the agreement under which they were signed. I have a letter from a -- (Interjection) -- Well will they or will they not consider paying the 80 percent of the tuition fee as promised a year ago?

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to the Honourable Member for Elmwood, we'll take the recommendation under advisement, but the arrangement that existed in the past was that the government agreed to pay the fee to the university for a period which operated for three years. This was withdrawn. There is no specific undertaking to carry it on for the entire period of a course, be it one year, two years, three years - whatever it may be. There are quite a number that take the series of courses where they put in a 12 week period at the start, then they take their additional six - two sixes in the subsequent years, but the subsequent years may in fact fall many years later. So there are quite a number of situations such as the honourable member mentions here which have been considered, but the basic decision was that all fees would no longer be waived and they would be on the same basis as other professional courses that the university has of September 1.

STATEMENT

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, the Member for Inkster has been waiting for some time for information about the Estate Tax Rebate Act, and I propose to read a statement because it's been carefully worked out. We have no other statistics than those of the Department of National Revenue which are published in the annual so-called "green books." -- (Interjection) -- Green books yes. That's in quotation marks, which is something my honourable friend often is too. Our most recent one was received in August of last year and covers the taxable estates information for the year 1966-67 fiscal year. It might be helpful to have the 1965-66-67 figures for Manitoba as follows: 1965-66 - Taxable Estates, 205; aggregate taxable value, \$15,102,000; estate tax, \$3,275,000. For the year 1966-67 - Taxable Estates, 253; aggregate taxable value, \$23,409,000; estate tax, \$5,472,000.

Since those are ex gratia payments by Ottawa and are not taxes collected on our behalf under any agreement, we have no normal right to have secured any information about individual estates. The payments Ottawa gives to us are based on a three year moving average of taxes as estimated by Ottawa. Assessment adjustments are continuously being made. As much as seven years after the event, in some cases, we appear to secure final adjustments with respect to taxes paid in connection with estates that become taxable all that number of years ago.

In future, we are working out an arrangement with Ottawa that will provide us monthly with a breakdown showing the amount of tax paid by each estate for the previous month. Even at that time it is our understanding that this information would have to remain confidential with us, so that it is not now or in the future going to be possible for us to provide the names of the estates and the taxes paid by them. This conforms of the secrecy provisions regarding personal income tax, corporation tax and estate tax as levied by Canada. Indeed, it conform with the general prevailing practices among all provinces as well as with respect to the taxes paid by individual corporations and estates. The only remaining question as far as we know now, is that all of Manitoba's 75 percent gratuitous receipts from Canada arising out of these taxes would be eligible for rebate back to the estates in question.

Now perhaps when my honourable friend sees that on Hansard, it may become clear to him; otherwise I'd be glad to answer further questions.

I'd like to also hand to my honourable friend from Rhineland, a copy of a compilation that I'd already given to my honourable friend from Inkster, and perhaps the page or somebody would -- I think in future I'll follow the practise of asking for a return, and then I'll provide it to all members.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, if I may in reference to this, in order because of the extended interest in the question of estate tax, beyond that of my colleague from Inkster, I wonder if my honourable friend could provide me with a copy of the statement and the figures that he has just raised.

MR. EVANS: I'd be glad to if my honourable friend -- be able to wait until Hansard comes out.

MR. PAULLEY: It's rather difficult sometimes to file Hansard. I have a rather comprehensive file on estate taxes, but if my honourable friend could just do this it would facilitate my library.

MR. EVANS: I'll see that my honourable friend gets a copy of this piece of paper.

MR. PAULLEY: Fine, thanks.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, this question is to the Minister of Education. Is he aware that we're short of space for about 200 students in Thompson; and if he is, what is he doing to overcome this problem?

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, No. 1, this is the school board's basic responsibility, and No. 2, we just last week o. k'd new schools at Thompson. As he knows, that area is the most difficult one in the Province of Manitoba to keep up with and we move as rapidly as possible. The high school is under construction. I assume it's the elementary school he's referring to, but as of last week another fully new school - completely new school - was approved, and I believe another addition was approved which presumably, according to the school board, brings them up to their requirements. There may be a period in between where there is still difficulty.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I think I should, just for the Minister's information, tell him that the first grade, the Principal informs me the problem is going to be faced this fall. They just don't have the space, and he would like to know if the government could find some other facilities until this school is built.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister of Finance would be good enough to make copies available to myself as well, of the statement he made today, in view of the fact he's making them for others in the House.

MR. EVANS: I must apologize to my honourable friend, I wasn't . . .

MR. MOLGAT: I was just enquiring whether you would mind making a copy of the statement you made today on the estate tax available to me as well, in view of the fact that you are making copies in any case.

MR. EVANS: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the Minister of Finance.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, it would be my intention now to move the adjournment of the House until 2:30 tomorrow afternoon, if that meets with general agreement. It's my understanding that Committee will stay in Session until 5:30 this afternoon and will resume sitting at 8:00 o'clock tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Transportation, that the House do now adjourn and stand adjourned until 2:30 tomorrow afternoon.

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