

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
2:30 o'clock, Thursday, April 23, 1970

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

PETITIONS

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions. Reading and Receiving Petitions. The Honourable Member for Osborne.

MR. CLERK: The Petition of the Manitoba Farmers Union, praying for the passing of an Act consenting to the merger amalgamation of the Manitoba Farmers Union with the National Farmers Union and others.

REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: Adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Honourable Member for The Pas. The Honourable Member for Rupertsland.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q. C. (Minister of Mines and Natural Resources)(Inkster): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the honourable member, could I have leave of the House to have this matter stand. (Agreed.)

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of Motion.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. JAMES H. BILTON (Swan River) introduced Bill No. 46, an Act to incorporate Club de Golf ST-Malo.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: At this point I should like to direct the attention of the honourable members to the Gallery where we have with us 50 Grade 11 students of the Selkirk Collegiate. These students are under the direction of Mr. Hillery and Mrs. Sharp. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Minister for Municipal Affairs.

On behalf of all the Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, I welcome you here this afternoon.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. LEONARD H. CLAYDON (Wolseley): Mr. Speaker, I beg leave of the House to make a short statement.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the honourable member have leave? (Agreed.)

MR. CLAYDON: Mr. Speaker, the Right Honourable John Diefenbaker, former Prime Minister of Canada, will be in Winnipeg next Tuesday. I have made arrangements for him to visit this House at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. This is significant in that it will be the first time a former Prime Minister, or Prime Minister of Canada has visited this Chamber, and I thought that I should mention this to you at this time.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

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

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Education. Is it correct that the government have taken on the setting up of a youth hostel at the Sunset Lodge in Old Kildonan?

HON. SAUL A. MILLER (Minister of Youth and Education)(Seven Oaks): I can't imagine. It is correct that the government is in the process of trying to set up a youth hostel in the former Sunset Lodge.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the government consulted with the residents or the council of the Rural Municipality?

MR. MILLER: No, Mr. Speaker, the government has not consulted with them any more than they would consult with the Juvenile Detention Home in Tuxedo.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. EDWARD MCGILL (Brandon West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Tourism and Recreation. Is it true that the government is proposing to set up a youth hostel in the Grand Valley camping site on No. 1 highway west of Brandon?

HON. PETER BURTNIAK (Minister of Tourism and Recreation)(Dauphin): Well, Mr. Speaker, this is the first I've heard of it.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. MCGILL: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. Is the Minister aware that there has been correspondence from the municipality of Whitehead rejecting the proposal, or indicating their feeling against the establishment of such a hostel in Grand Valley Park?

MR. BURTNIAK: As I said it before, Mr. Speaker, this is completely new to me. I have no information on that.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Cultural Affairs.

HON. PHILIP PETURSSON (Minister of Cultural Affairs)(Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I would wish to lay on the table a Return called for by the Honourable Member from Birtle-Russell.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services.

HON. RENE E. TOUPIN (Minister of Health and Social Services)(Springfield): Mr. Speaker, I would like to reply to a question I was asked by the Honourable Member for Portage regarding the Manitoba Home for Boys at Portage la Prairie. This was in regard to complaints of citizens and so on in the city of Portage la Prairie. The complaints contained in his questions are real. There have been escapes from the home and they will continue. However, we believe that as a result of the program that we have under way, that is now being introduced into the Home for Boys, the number of escapes will decline and the nature of escapes will be of a less serious nature. There has been some damage to property in proximity to the home and some automobiles have been stolen. It would be illogical to suggest that this could be entirely eliminated. However, we believe that the incidents will decline and that the damage will be of a less serious nature as the result of the new approach that the Home for Boys will be using.

Reference is also made to the dissatisfaction that exists among some staff members. There is a certain degree of dissatisfaction which is attributed to the introduction of the new approach in the Home for Boys and the adjustments to this that have been made by the staff. In order to place these complaints in proper perspective, it is essential that there be a clear understanding about the recent change in objectives of the Home. In the past, our approach within the institution has been to control the behaviour of the residents strictly in accord with the rules of the institution. Those residents who obeyed the rules were considered to be good and benefiting from the program. In fact some gained a great deal from this approach. However, many do not benefit from this program and cannot benefit because of the factors in their personality makeup. In our objective, which is actually rehabilitation-oriented, we recognize the need for different approaches relative to the personality makeup and needs of the residents. Six months ago my department launched a reorganization of the institutional program to achieve these objectives. We recognize the fact that: (1) our existing facilities were not designed to meet our new objectives and certain changes in the physical plant are necessary. We are working on this. (2) Our existing staff, many of whom had been with us for a number of years, require orientation to this new approach. We are presently carrying out an intensive staff training program. The change in staff expectation is producing a certain degree of insecurity and dissatisfaction.

MR. SPEAKER: Would the Honourable Minister be good enough to indicate whether he is still answering a question put to him or is this a statement of the philosophy of the operation of the Detention Home system.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, I'm answering the question. It was a very long question and it required a long answer.

MR. WALTER WEIR (Leader of the Opposition)(Minnedosa): Mr. Speaker, on the matter of the question, I wonder if the Minister would read the question so that some of us might be able to associate it with the answer.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, I will read the question. Do you want to hear the question? -- (Interjection) -- They tell me to finish the answer then I can read the question. Don't get me all mixed up, I'm having enough trouble now. We are presently carrying out an intensive staff training program. See, I'm going to start speaking French. The change in staff expectation is producing a certain degree of insecurity - I said this - and dissatisfaction. Some of the residents of the Home may detect temporary staff insecurity and exploit the dissatisfaction that we have now, or themselves feel insecure because of a change in the expectation placed upon them.

The purpose of the new expectations is to help the residents: (a) achieve a greater degree

(MR. TOUPIN cont'd.). . . . of self-awareness. (b) achieve a greater degree of self-discipline; (c) achieve a greater degree of social responsibility and be able to translate these achievements into acceptable social behaviour when they return to their community. And here I'd like to mention that this morning I met with the Mayor of the City of Portage la Prairie and with a group of citizens that are having a meeting this evening to organize a Big Brother Association in Portage la Prairie and they want to do everything within their capability to help this government achieve its end.

I'd like to mention that my staff has carried out an intensive investigation of the Manitoba Home for Boys and have provided me with a detailed report. It should be noted that the progressive changes that are required relative to our objectives have just commenced. We recognize the fact that many difficulties will arise during this period of transition and we'll do our best to keep these to a minimum. However, I want to emphasize that we cannot continue with the old approach just for the sake of a few difficulties that we're having now. Required changes in physical plants are necessary and are under active consideration by this department.

Would you like me to read the question? -- (Interjection) -- Would you like the question? In view of the numerous escapes, stolen cars, break-ins and general unrest among the boys and the dissatisfaction that exists among some staff members at the Manitoba Home for Boys in Portage la Prairie, would the Minister give serious consideration to ordering an immediate investigation into conditions at the Home for Boys to see if the present methods employed by the administration are in the best interests of all concerned.

Mr. Speaker, while I'm on my feet - I don't want to read anything else, all I want to say that I

MR. WEIR: Might I ask the Minister a question related to the question he just read? It sounded to me that what it was asking for was a yes or a no. Could the Minister not have answered it that way? Was it really a long question?

MR. TOUPIN: While I'm still on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to have the young men here pick up this statement and give a copy to each member of the House. It's another statement but I won't read it.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Based on the answer to my question, could I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker? Is the Minister satisfied with his investigation and exoneration of the present methods at the Boys Home, and is he satisfied with the progress being made at present?

MR. TOUPIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have to say that I am satisfied of the progress and I'm very happy of the cooperation that I'm receiving from this group of lay people in Portage la Prairie. I feel that they will definitely be able to help us.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. In light of the statements -- well, the fact I suppose that the fishing is to be curtailed on Lake Winnipeg, has he any indication from the FRED people what implication this may have on the Hnaua Fisheries Training Program?

MR. GREEN: Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm not aware that it has any effect on the training program, but I couldn't be certain of that so I'll have to take the honourable member's question as notice.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. Perhaps while he is doing that, would he perhaps also consider the advisability of perhaps greatly accelerating that training program during this season where fishermen are going to be idle, and would he consider an accelerated program at the Hnaua Training Centre?

MR. GREEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill. The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MR. BURTNIAK: Mr. Speaker, at the request of the Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell, I would like to table the Order for Return, Order No. 15 and Order No. 16.

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

MR. WEIR: Mr. Speaker, might I ask the Minister of Health and Social Services if he would be prepared to have the statement which he presented to the House - and I recognize and I'd be satisfied if it isn't read - but if we could have it printed in Hansard so that it becomes a part of the record of the House.

MR. TOUPIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT

MR. TOUPIN: Certain comments made recently inside and outside the House of Commons at Ottawa regarding the dumping of raw sewage into the Red River by the Town of Selkirk makes it advisable for me to bring the facts of the situation to your attention.

First of all, attempts apparently are being made in Ottawa to relate this situation to the mercury pollution of fish in Lake Winnipeg. Indeed, the member for Winnipeg Centre, Mr. E. B. Osler, according to press reports, has asked the federal Minister of Fisheries to bring this matter up with the Manitoba Government on Monday when he discusses the question of compensation to Manitoba fishermen because of mercury poisoning.

Not only are the two questions unrelated, but the entire matter of events at Selkirk are not being placed in true perspective.

Mr. Osler is quoted as saying it is ironic that a government agency -- that is, the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission -- should authorize a municipality to dump raw sewage into a water way. Superficially, this appears to be a reasonable statement, but he says in effect that the Commission issues licences for people to pollute.

Here is the situation:

1. The licensing procedure gives the Clean Environment Commission the power to bring polluters or potential polluters before them and allows the Commission to investigate the situation.

2. The terms and conditions attached to any licence are set by the Commission in such a way as to exert control over the polluting or potential polluting agency.

It is quite unreasonable to expect any plant, or town, to immediately clear up a problem that has existed for some time. Such is the situation in the Town of Selkirk. Under Section 14(1) of the Clean Environment Act, a plant in operation and discharging waste at the time the Act came into force . . . that was June 15, 1968 . . . may apply for an interim license to continue the practice. An interim license has a maximum term of five years. The Town of Selkirk has been engaged in dumping its sewage into the Red River prior to June 1968.

An interim license gives the Clean Environment Commission power to bring the polluters before them and to set out terms under which a license will be granted. These terms require the polluters to take steps to begin correction of the situation which caused the pollution.

Many situations cannot be corrected overnight and the five-year period gives the plant involved an opportunity to be correcting the situation and the Commission power to set a term within that period in which the situation must be cleared up. When that interim license runs out the Commission holds hearings to determine if conditions have been met and to consider application for an ordinary license.

As far back as 1961 the Provincial Sanitary Control Commission had been concerned about the dumping of sewage at Selkirk but according to the Act under which they operated they had no power to force the Town to stop its actions.

At that time it was indicated to Selkirk that, when Winnipeg had completed their sewage disposal facilities, Selkirk would be required to attend to theirs. The argument here was that, while the sewage from very many thousands of people in Winnipeg was being dumped in the Red, why pick on Selkirk.

Thus, when the Clean Environment Act came into operation it gave the government power, for the first time, to require Selkirk to take some action. The Clean Environment Commission started discussions with Selkirk in July 1968 when the Town wished to put in a water treatment plant. The Commission took this opportunity to raise the question of sewage disposal since it would be related to discharges of waste from the water treatment plant. A number of informal meetings and discussions took place culminating in a hearing on November 24th, 1969. The aim of the Commission was to move towards drafting an interim licence that would not impose impossible conditions on the Town of Selkirk. The Town of Selkirk had many problems to consider, including its total town planning with its industrial park and negotiations with industries wishing to settle there. Also there was the matter of the considerable costs involved in several major projects, including the water treatment plant, and other improvements. Originally the Town asked for five years, but as Mayor Montgomery has indicated, the Commission suggested that it should be three years with an annual review. However, the Commission agreed not to set the period until the Town had had an opportunity to prepare its plans, cost studies and priorities. The Commission also indicated that these should be submitted by August 1st, 1970. Having reviewed these the Commission will of course set the minimum reasonable period in

(MR. TOUPIN cont'd.). . . . which the Town should stop dumping raw sewage into the Red River.

It seems that the Town of Selkirk had been cognizant of its responsibilities in this area and was preparing in any event to proceed after Winnipeg had completed its work. In fact the Town has for some time set aside land for the purpose of constructing lagoons and pumping facilities.

It would seem in summary that both the Clean Environment Commission and the Town are exercising their responsibilities in a proper manner.

It is difficult to relate the discharge of sewage from a small town in Manitoba into one of its own rivers to the pollution of Manitoba rivers with mercury by installations outside Manitoba -- the latter would seem to be very much a federal responsibility.

Finally it would seem to be more ironic for a federal M. P. to pick on Selkirk, Manitoba, when the largest metropolis in Canada is discharging raw sewage into a river of national importance. Other provinces are not exempt from a situation similar to that of Selkirk. The national publication "Water and Pollution Controls Directory for 1969/70" indicates that Manitoba has at least one of the two highest percentages (86.6 percent) of municipalities provided with sewage treatment facilities. The same publication indicates that more than 80 percent of municipalities in all the prairie provinces are provided with sewage treatment facilities. Ontario is shown to have only 32 percent of its municipalities similarly endowed and Quebec less than 4 percent. Perhaps our Federal Legislators should turn their eyes to the opposite side of the Ottawa River where the City of Hull is discharging raw sewage into that noble stream.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): I'd like to direct a question to the Honourable the House Leader, who is also Mines Minister.

Has a submission been made to the government since it has been in office, or has it from the lower Red River Valley Water Commission or has it been consulted in any way in connection or regarding the development of the Pembina basin development?

MR. GREEN: I don't know, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GABRIEL GIRARD (Emerson): I'd like to address a question to the Honourable the First Minister. I wonder if the First Minister would consider it very important that the Manitoba Archives have in their possession the mementos and historical documents pertaining to the past Premiers of Manitoba, and if so, I wonder if he could advise the House whether or not the province was able to acquire the mementos of the first Premier of Manitoba, the Honourable Armand Girard, which I understand was auctioned off in eastern Canada yesterday.

HON. ED. SCHREYER (Premier)(Rossmere): Well, Mr. Speaker, to answer the honourable member's question. . . .

HON. SAUL CHERNIACK, Q.C. (Minister of Finance)(St. Johns): You know his name, don't you? Do you know his name?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, to answer the question, yes, I do regard it as significant. I understand that authorization has been given for the calling of bids, for bidding on this, and I'm wondering out loud whether it has any significance, the fact that the man in question was named the Honourable Mr. Girard.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: I'd like to ask a question of the Minister of Finance. Could he inform the House by how much the increase on automotive fuels will be in taxation?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. SAMUEL SUKIW (Minister of Agriculture)(Lac du Bonnet): Mr. Speaker, the other day I . . .

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I asked a question. Is the Minister going to answer?

MR. CHERNIACK: Would the honourable member care to elaborate?

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Yes, Could the Minister of Finance inform the House as to what the amount the increase will be of taxation on automotive fuel?

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, if I knew what he was talking about, I would still tell him that it's not within my field to answer a question on taxation before the budget, but I don't know what he's talking about.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, the other day in my absence a question was asked about whether or not the Canadian Wheat Board was going to make some over-delivery quota privileges available to people that are threatened by flood waters along the various rivers in Manitoba, and I want to report that I did contact the Wheat Board a few days ago and I want to inform the House that the answer to the enquiry was simply that their policy this year is not to make that possible, that they don't see (a) the crisis that some people think there is; (b) they don't have the capacity to handle such a situation because of the elevator situation which is loaded to capacity in most areas; and the fact that they are involved heavily with the allocation of boxcars now to move grain and cannot allocate additional boxcars for this specific purpose.

One other point that was mentioned was that farmers should not perhaps feel that each year that the responsibility for moving the grain is really that of the Canadian Wheat Board in emergency situations, that it probably is reasonable to expect some adjustment to be made whereby the farm people affected, or in those areas that are threatened, might consider re-locating their granaries so that this will not become a problem in future.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable Minister of Finance. One of the government ministers has made a statement outside the House that motorists will be asked to contribute to the auto insurance fund through increase in gasoline tax, and the question that my leader was asking, what increase will there be per gallon on gasoline for this insurance fund?

MR. CHERNIACK: I did not see or hear the statement, but I do not believe that any honourable minister said that there will be an increase in gasoline tax.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, perhaps if you get in touch with the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

MR. CHERNIACK: Well, Mr. Speaker, I would indicate to the honourable member that he and I each have a right to speculate as to what policy may yet be.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: I would like to address a question to the Honourable Minister of Transportation. I would like to know who will be responsible, or which level of government will be responsible to pay the cost of the extra buses that have been hired to overcome the inconvenience of the high waters at Emerson?

HON. JOSEPH P. BOROWSKI (Minister of Transportation)(Thompson): Mr. Speaker, I would say in view of the fact that the school board went ahead on their own without consulting us and hired buses at \$400.00 a day, that it would be their responsibility.

MR. GIRARD: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the Minister aware that the buses were hired by EMO and not by the school division?

MR. BOROWSKI: My report from the engineers was that the school board made the negotiations. We were attempting to negotiate a deal with the army. They went ahead and made their own deal. As far as I'm concerned, they're not getting a plugged nickel from our department.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

HON. LEONARD S. EVANS (Minister of Industry and Commerce)(Brandon East): Unfortunately the Member from River Heights is not in his seat but he perhaps can read this in Hansard. He asked the other day whether we would consider making representation to the Federal Government in connection with possible proposed changes of the Auto Pact between the United States and Canada, particularly as it affects combines and tractors and their manufacture in the province. First of all, I would say that the Manitoba Government is most interested in promoting the growth of the agricultural machinery industry in the province and I think this is evidenced by our support of Versatile Manufacturing Limited. However, the Canada-United States Auto Pact is based on the mutual reduction of tariffs and agricultural machinery does now move across the border duty free, therefore there's no basis for a presentation to include such machinery.

As far as Manitoba manufacturers which do come under the provisions of the Auto Pact, that is buses, bus manufacturers, this government has been in contact with the Federal Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce with regard to the current review of the Auto Pact, and I'd like to assure members of the House that we will continue to monitor this situation to ensure that the interests of Manitoba manufacturers will not be forgotten.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Minister in charge of EMO, and the question is the same that was addressed to the Minister of Transportation just a minute ago. I don't know which Minister is in charge.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister, the duty Minister relative to EMO, I'll take that question as notice. It's the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOUGLAS WATT (Arthur): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Could the Minister of Agriculture tell us if there is any new development in the negotiations with the Federal Government on their acreage payment plan?

MR. USKIW: No, there hasn't been, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MR. BURTNIAK: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to bring to the attention of the House the fact that - I see that the press gallery's in full force here this afternoon - in regards to a statement which appeared in the Winnipeg Tribune dated April 22nd, and it's stated here that with respect to Hecla Island, it says here that "a year ago the Conservative Government announced the island would be made into the park, and at the Gull Harbour on the mainland there would be a cottage settlement." Well, first of all, Gull Harbour is not on the mainland, and the second place, it was this government that announced the plans for Hecla Island. As a matter of fact it was August 28, 1969, and if my memory serves me correctly, I'm pretty sure we were in office at that time.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Speaker, just on a point of order, are we to understand that it's going to be satisfactory for everybody to correct news clippings in the House before the Orders of the Day? Mr. Speaker, you know, I'd kind of like to know, and I'm not arguing about this one, but I think we should have an understanding before it went rampant that either we do or we don't.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, if the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition is raising this as a point of order, perhaps it's just as well that we do have some clarification on it. I would submit, Sir, that it is in order only to raise a comment in the House in respect to a newspaper article only if an honourable member has been misquoted but not otherwise. I don't think it constitutes a point of privilege unless an honourable member has been misquoted on a significant or major item.

MR. WEIR: Well, Mr. Speaker, might I then ask if what we experienced today was a significant item of that type? Not to be critical of my honourable friend, just to get an understanding of the type.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, if it's in order for me to venture an opinion, I would say that it was perhaps unorthodox.

MR. LEONARD A. BARKMAN (La Verendrye): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address this question to the Minister of Agriculture. Due to the report that a plant in St. Paul, Minnesota has abandoned its mercury seed treatment, and also the fact that the Alberta Government has cited mercury treatment as probable causes of poisoning wildlife, I wonder if the Minister can tell us if any investigation is being made in Manitoba in this respect.

MR. USKIW: I think the question is more properly put to the Minister of Mines and Resources.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, perhaps not being the Minister in charge, but I do know that I was in communication with the Federal Government, oh at least a month ago, relative to certain mercury components that were used in seed treatment which were permitted into Canada after they were banned in Sweden. These are permitted by the federal authorities who regulate these matters, and I have received a communication from the Federal Government that they are now reconsidering what they will permit to be used and what they will not. I know the name of the specific compound but I don't think it's of value to mention it to my honourable friend.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY MCKENZIE (Roblin): Mr. Speaker, I was wanting to know of the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources if he found out, or got any information about the 30 geese that were found in the lake near Lac du Bonnet which I raised I think about a week ago.

MR. GREEN: No, Mr. Speaker, I'll have to take that as notice.

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

MR. WEIR: Mr. Speaker, might I enquire of the House Leader if there is co-ordination

(MR. WEIR cont'd.). . . . in terms of Orders for Return of questions that are asked? I note today an answer to an Order for Return indicates that they were not from one department yet it seems that other departments were circularized. I'm wondering if the Order for Return is coming in sections or if under normal circumstances they would be co-ordinated. If my honourable friend would look at the copy of the Order for Return I think he'd understand what I'm getting at. And he can answer me tomorrow, there's no. . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK (Riel): Mr. Speaker, a question to the Minister of Mines and Resources. Could he indicate whether the ban on commercial fishing on Lake Winnipeg applies to rough fish catch used for animal feeding?

MR. GREEN: I was asked that question yesterday by the Honourable Member for Gimli and I undertook to take it as notice.

ORDERS OF THE DAY - MOTION FOR PAPERS

MR. SPEAKER: Order for Return. The Honourable Member for Ste. Rose.

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Ste. Rose): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for La Verendrye, that an Order of the House do Issue for a Return showing the following information:

The amount paid to each member of the Legislative Assembly for attendance at committee meetings and the amount paid for expenses and other allowances to each member:

- (a) in the period from May 25th, 1968 to July 15th, 1969;
- (b) in the period from July 15th, 1969 to March 13th, 1970.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, there's no problem, no problem here, Mr. Speaker, except that perhaps the honourable member could have leave to explain whether he wants this information in its aggregate form or on a per committee meeting basis. You'll understand there is a difference in how it shows up.

MR. MOLGAT: Do I have leave to answer the question as this point? I would like to have the information per committee and then in grand total.

MR. SPEAKER put the question and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, at this stage may I indicate that Bill No. 47, being the Capital Supply Bill, has been placed on the desks of all honourable members and I would therefore like to move, seconded by the Honourable The Attorney-General, that by leave, Bill No. 47, An Act to Authorize the Expenditure of Moneys for Capital Purposes and Authorize the Borrowing of Same (2), be now read a second time.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

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

MR. WEIR: Mr. Speaker, if I may, just one question for clarification, because as the Minister knows we haven't had it very long and I haven't had an opportunity to check. I'd just like a confirmation that the language re "transfers, etc." is the customary language to be found within statutes of this type and that there are no different situations or powers contained within it than what's been customary over a period of time.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, in speaking to the Bill, we had discussion on this yesterday and I don't want to go into any of those details, but as I understand it and according to press reports, this Bill is brought in mainly to accommodate the government in case of recession or further deterioration of the economic situation in this province, and if so, I feel that we should have been looking more closely at the rural economic situation and provide some measures for the rural people. I think that this program is directed too much towards the city and the larger populated centres. These are the centres that will receive the benefit from this and the farm community is left out to a large degree and I don't feel this is quite proper.

There is another aspect to it as well, that the programs that are brought in here are of a type that once they are brought in will require further expenditures. Could we not put our imagination to work and bring about employment for rural Manitoba in such a way so that it would enhance programs that would not necessarily require future expenditures because of

(MR. FROESE cont'd.) them? I'm thinking of inland storage. I think this would be a proper thing to do. This would provide employment for the rural people, and at the same time. . .

MR. SCHREYER: The honourable member, when he is talking about inland storage, is he referring to inland grain terminals?

MR. FROESE: That's right.

MR. SCHREYER: Such as at Saskatoon and Lethbridge? The two or three million bushel inland terminals? Well, those come under the jurisdiction of the federal agencies.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I am speaking of inland storage terminals but not necessarily of that size; I'm speaking of smaller capacity terminals so that the farmers could deliver their wheat and sell it and that we make arrangements with the Wheat Board to get the cash for the farmers. I'm sure that the capital expenditures needed wouldn't be that large and in this way we would give employment, and at the same time with that employment we would provide a benefit to the rural people so that they could deliver their grain. Not only that, this would cause them to make savings so that they would not have to put out this money in another crop because we know that the facilities are plugged today, that the farmers' own storing facilities are used up and that in many cases this will mean that they will have to put out additional moneys for storage purposes. I think this could be a way which we could help the farmers in three different ways and also help the rural people and provide employment if the economy should go further down.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, I really would like to get clarification from the honourable member so I'll ask him this question. Does he not agree that each and every inland grain terminal on the prairies, and there are five or six, are owned, have been built at the expense of the Board of Grain Commissioners which is a federal agency, and operated at their expense. They recover the cost of operation by a certain surcharge on each bushel of grain. But grain movement is under federal jurisdiction. How would the province be able to recover the capital cost? We have no control over grain movement.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I thank the Honourable Minister for the question. We also know that the elevators that we have today throughout the country are owned by elevator companies and therefore these are private companies. Why couldn't the government as well own some of these elevators and collect storage. I think this is a matter of negotiation and there's no reason why such a thing couldn't be worked out. I think we should do something for the rural part of this province and not just cater to the needs of the larger populated centres.

MR. SCHREYER: Will you permit one more question?

MR. FROESE: Yes.

MR. SCHREYER: Is the honourable member aware that a private member's resolution was introduced in the Alberta Legislature a few weeks ago asking the Alberta government to build inland storage and they voted it down, the honourable member's friends in the Alberta government.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I take a different view, and if Social Credit was the government in Manitoba we would provide inland storage and we would provide the necessary means so that the farmers could deliver their crops and get the cash and have more prosperity in the rural parts of this province.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Speaker, would the honourable member permit a question? Is there a unanimous vote in caucus on that policy statement that you just made?

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, on occasion there has been such a thing that it wasn't completely unanimous because I wasn't sure which way to vote, but on this occasion it's unanimous.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. WATT: Mr. Speaker, I just want to make a few comments on this bill, and I'm sorry I wasn't in the House yesterday when the contents of the bill were being discussed and the breakdown of the total amount shown on this bill. I don't want to get into a discussion at this time on inland storage, but I do want to express my disappointment on behalf of the farmers of Manitoba that included in this capital bill is no money for agriculture, beyond that portion which is going to the Agricultural Centre of course.

But I want to say, Mr. Speaker, that through the past weeks we've had no evidence from the Minister of Agriculture in Manitoba that there may be any hope of any changes that would benefit the farmers of Manitoba in the federal policy which he agreed to originally in February. At that time, which I've mentioned before in the House, the First Minister did indicate that in the event that no assistance would be forthcoming from the Federal Government that the

(MR. WATT cont'd.). . . . Provincial Government were prepared to inject to the extent of about \$12 million cash into our agricultural economy. I have to express my disappointment that there is no indication within this bill that this money will be provided in the event that the Federal Government do not reconsider the program, the new program announced based on wheat acreage and acreage payments, that no amount of money is included here in order that the First Minister might proceed, if necessary, with the promise that he made to the farmers back in February that \$12 million of provincial money would be made available in the form of cash advances.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. GORDON W. BEARD (Churchill): I won't be very long, Mr. Speaker, but I wonder whether the Minister of Agriculture couldn't look into the possibility of filling all those empty buildings up at Churchill. It's not inland storage but it's right next to the outgoing storage. There is a lot of capacity up there that could be used.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: I'll be closing debate, Mr. Speaker. Let me first reply to the one question which I think is most pertinent, and that was the question whether there's anything in this bill out of the ordinary. May I indicate to the Honourable the Leader of the Official Opposition that it was drawn by the highly competent staff which has drawn similar bills for the last number of years and there is no indication to me that there is any deviation from the previous form of bills of a similar nature, and I am assuming therefore that it is routine as to its wording. I think he will accept that statement because it is -- I have to tell him that I have not checked the actual wording, I'm relying on the competence of the staff that drew it.

Now I find it much more difficult to answer the other points raised. Firstly, the Honourable Member for Rhineland was here throughout the debate on the resolution that was presented, and for him to read press reports in order to have them interpret for him the debate that took place in his presence is rather peculiar, I find, and -- well, it's his privilege of course -- but we discussed this only yesterday, and we discussed the features of the proposed authority and the programs therein. We indicated, at least I indicated that there was no intention to create expenditure of moneys for the purpose of the loan of helping fight any regressive factors in the economy, that we spoke only about those items which the government felt were of importance and it was a question of adjusting the timetabling in the event that it proved advisable; and therefore. . . .

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I understand when we discuss a bill on second reading we're discussing the principle and this principle was brought in, that if conditions warranted it that the program would be accelerated to provide employment, and this is the principle that I was discussing today.

MR. CHERNIACK: Well, that's correct, the program could be accelerated if necessary to provide employment, but this really does not relate to the problem of the farmer in the disposition of his grain or cash advances in connection with that. This is a capital supply bill for the construction of needed governmental purposes, and therefore when he talks about it being urban-oriented and not rurally-oriented, to me this is kind of peculiar to be discussing in the light of what is needed, although I've made a very rapid calculation and I may be out a million or two, but when you're dealing with 30 million, I can say to him that I have quickly calculated some 18 million out of the 32 million which would be -- I should say 20 million out of some 34 million of the moneys we discussed is actually to be spent outside of Greater Winnipeg.

Now, as I say, that's a very rough calculation but that doesn't necessarily mean that it would be designed to help the farmer in his present plight, which I recognize and which I acknowledged yesterday, but which I felt is not part of this program. And the honourable, the former Minister of Agriculture talked along the same lines, but of course he didn't have the benefit of having participated yesterday, as he indicated, in the general debate. He says there's nothing for agriculture. Well, again I find that a peculiar statement to be made, but not having been present yesterday, I'd point out to him that the Agricultural Services Building of 2.2 million is related to agriculture, and I would think that the various other programs of a health nature, of a mental health nature, of corrections nature, of government services building -- incidentally all of which are planned to be built out of the Metropolitan area, of the fish hatchery, of highway construction, are all matters which should be, and I am sure are, of great concern to the rural communities of the Province of Manitoba, and I assume also when I speak of them as rural communities I'm including the farmers who feel themselves part of the Province of Manitoba and

(MR. CHERNIACK cont'd.). . interested in the welfare of all people in Manitoba and these services are to serve them as well as anyone else.

Now, certainly he must know and must remember that when we brought in the capital supply bill dealing with the self-sustaining funds that were required, that we voted \$15 million to the Agricultural Credit Corporation which was in addition to some - I believe it was six million that was available as reported at the previous session - and that was in direct need to service the special problems in agriculture. But for him to look for it in this bill - of course he looks for it in every bill, and that's his right and his opportunity to look for it - but I don't think that this is quite the nature of the bill in which one would seek that kind of relief.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

MR. WATT: Mr. Speaker, would the Honourable Minister answer a question at this time?

MR. CHERNIACK: If it's a question.

MR. WATT: Well, my question to the Minister, Mr. Speaker, is in view of the statement of the First Minister that \$12 million would be made available to the agricultural industry - I'm not talking about roads or highways or anything else - the question is, is the Minister of Finance prepared to put up the \$12 million if in fact the First Minister does find himself in the position, and I expect he's going to, where he will have to put up the \$12 million that he had already committed to the agricultural industry of this province?

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, we've been over this time and time again and the honourable member doesn't remember or is incapable of remembering or understanding what was said before by the Honourable the First Minister, and he either did not hear all the discussions and the - and I think it was of some length and somewhat repetitive - statements made by the Minister of Agriculture, and if the honourable member is incapable of understanding, accepting and recognizing it, then I have lost the ability to be able to assist him any further.

MR. SPEAKER put the question and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

HON. AL MACKLING, Q.C. (Attorney-General)(St. James): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Finance, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following bills: Bill No. 2, an Act to bring into Force the Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1970; Bill No. 14, an Act to amend The Credit Unions Act; Bill No. 22, an Act to amend The Liquor Control Act; Bill No. 26, an Act to validate certain By-laws of The City of Brandon and The Rural Municipality of Cornwallis and to enlarge the Boundaries of The City of Brandon; and Bill No. 47, an Act to Authorize the Expenditure of Moneys for Capital Purposes and Authorize the Borrowing of the Same (2).

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with the Honourable Member for Elmwood in the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

MR. CHAIRMAN: (Bills Nos. 2, 14 and 22 were read section by section and passed.) The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Chairman, were those sections not amended? Should they not be recorded as amended?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Just for clarification, yes, Section 1 as amended and Section 2 as amended. (Bill No. 26 - Section 1 to 9 were read and passed.) The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Chairman, Section 10 and also Section (4) of Appendix "C" have to do with the matter of making an award. I raised the matter in Committee yesterday. I am not going to oppose the Bill, but the reason I'm rising is that since we did not have any official representation by the people concerned, I take it that this matter was made known to the people concerned in accord with this, because we know that if the Municipality of Cornwallis is not indebted or has large reserves and the City of Brandon might be indebted - as I understand they are indebted - the people whose land is being transferred to the City of Brandon naturally assume a certain part of the obligation of indebtedness, and I just want it to be on the record if this is the case, and the people are not advised of it, they might not feel too good about it. I understand the reason for bringing this matter forward and including parts of the Municipality of Cornwallis into Brandon is that they want the land to be serviced and I don't blame them for it. I think it's good. But just for the record, I thought I should mention this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Section 10-- the Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour)(Transcona): I think for the record too, I believe that when the Honourable Member for Brandon West introduced this Bill he made a statement to the effect that there was consent by both the City of Brandon and the Municipality of Cornwallis, so I think that should be placed on the record at the same time as the remarks from my honourable friend the Member for Rhineland.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Brandon.

MR. MCGILL: Mr. Chairman, that is essentially the same situation as I understand it, that both parties to this Bill are aware of the implications and have agreed mutually to this transfer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (The remainder of Bill No. 26 and Bill No. 47 were read section by section and passed.) That completes the work of the Committee. Committee Rise. Call in the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee has considered Bills No. 2, 14, 22, 26 and 47 and wish to report them without amendments.

IN SESSION

MR. RUSSELL DOERN (Elmwood): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kildonan, that the report of the Committee be received.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

BILLS NOS. 2, 14, 22, 26 and 47 were each read a third time and passed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, may I just take the unusual opportunity to indicate that the representative of one of our fiscal agents in Europe the Krediet Bank of Brussels in Luxembourg is present in your Gallery - has just come in - Mr. Jean Thyessen, and I'm sure he'll be pleased to know that the authority to borrow again has now been granted. He's probably timed his visit just opportunely, but we are telling him we're not in that much of a hurry but we'll be around to see him in due course.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

MR. SPEAKER: Second Readings. Government Bills. The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN presented Bill No. 38, An Act to amend The Water Control and Conservation Branch Act, for second reading.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, there are roughly four purposes in the Act. The first is to change the name of the branch to the Water Resources Branch from the Water Control and Conservation Branch. I don't regard that as very significant, but the work that it's doing is more properly described under the proposed name than under the previous name.

This Act would also provide for authority for the Manitoba Government to participate with other jurisdictions for the planning and construction of water works which fall outside of provincial jurisdictional boundaries. This is made necessary, Mr. Speaker, by the fact that many of the waterways which we are dealing with and which affect Manitoba may have the source of necessary controls outside of the province, and it's necessary because some of the work that is presently being considered is work which involves agreements and programs which involve joint jurisdiction and construction of work outside of the province.

The third phase of the Bill is to provide for the establishment of flood areas which basically, Mr. Speaker, give the department the authority to zone for certain types of buildings or construction that could take place in these flood areas, and which regulations could be enforced so that there would not be damage from future floods on construction which shouldn't have gone into the location in the first place.

The last section of the Act is perhaps the most serious in that it enables the department to require, by law, evacuation of certain areas where there is a critical flood threat. This apparently was done in 1966 but the legislation to permit it was not as effective as the department believes is necessary, and for that reason we are bringing forward this legislation which would

(MR. GREEN cont'd.). . . . make it possible during the critical areas and where evacuation is deemed to be necessary, to enforce that type of evacuation by law, and this authority is contained in the last particular sections of the Bill. So that briefly, Mr. Speaker, is what the Bill proposes in four sections.

MR. WARNER H. JORGENSON (Morris): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Wolseley, that the debate be adjourned.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

ROYAL ASSENT

DEPUTY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: The Lieutenant-Governor.

MR. SPEAKER: May it please Your Honour: the Legislative Assembly at its present session passed several Bills, which in the name of the Assembly I present to Your Honour and which Bills I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

MR. DEPUTY CLERK: Bill No. 2, An Act to bring into Force the Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1970; No. 14, An Act to amend The Credit Unions Act; No. 22, An Act to amend The Liquor Control Act; No. 26, An Act to validate certain By-laws of the City of Brandon and The Rural Municipality of Cornwallis and to enlarge the Boundaries of The City of Brandon.

MR. CLERK: In Her Majesty's name, His Honour The Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills.

MR. SPEAKER: We, Her Majesty's dutiful and faithful subjects, the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba in Session assembled, approach Your Honour with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and government and beg for Your Honour the acceptance of this Bill, No. 47, an Act to Authorize the Borrowing of Moneys for Capital Purposes and to Authorize the Borrowing of Same.

MR. CLERK: His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill in Her Majesty's name.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply with the Honourable Member for Elmwood in the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Department of Tourism and Recreation. The Honourable House Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, I wish to bring up a matter that could well have been brought up in another department, perhaps the educational estimates, but it can still be talked about, I would think, in the Department of Tourism and Recreation because it has to do with the youth hostel, and it has to do with the proposal of the government to establish, without any consultation whatsoever with the people in the R. M. of Old Kildonan, where they're having a youth hostel put into their municipality.

Now I understand that the hostel is to cater by and large to out-of-province youngsters who will be travelling through, and I no doubt would believe that the Minister whose department it will fall under intends to run a sensible, reasonable operation for our young people as they travel about Canada, but I think the people in the area have a right to be consulted on a matter like this. During the question period when I asked the Minister of Education if there had been any form of consultation, he advised that there was none, in much the same manner that there was none when the government decided to establish a facility in Tuxedo, that there was no consultation there with the local authorities. But it seems to me there's a difference here. There's a difference. The other government facility, it was not in the nature of a motel or a hotel, it was an institution where there was control over the comings and going of any people who were under detention, whereas in this matter there is no control over the way people come and go and I think the citizens of Old Kildonan have a right to be heard and they have a right to some degree of consultation.

Now I'd like to read a letter that all members of the House have received, and I'm sure that it's the hope of the Mayor and the Council and citizens of the municipality that someone

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd.), . . . does talk about this in the House. I don't know who the MLA for that district is - is it the Minister of Education? Well, I'm sure that this is a matter that should be discussed and I think it can be discussed rightly under Tourism because it is a form of tourism, of catering to people. I wonder if there's any zoning in that municipality. If someone were going to put up a motel or a hotel, is there not some form of zoning there that has to be gone through? Or some form of application? Perhaps there isn't, but in this day and age it's rather unusual that there are municipalities or towns or cities who have not developed a zoning plan. So, Mr. Speaker, I think this letter should be read into the record.

"Open letter, The Honourable Edward Schreyer, Premier of the Province of Manitoba. Dear Sir: The Council of the Rural Municipality of Old Kildonan have yet to be officially informed or consulted concerning the youth hostel which your Minister. . . ."

MR. CHAIRMAN: I hesitate to interrupt the honourable member. I just wonder whether in view of the fact that this question apparently is being handled by the Minister of Education, whether the member's comments and remarks wouldn't be better suited to the Orders of the Day or some other form, because although I suppose the member can make some case for discussing it under the present department, it seems to me that the Minister responsible is in fact not the Minister who is involved.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Well, Mr. Chairman, youth hostels could come under any department. They happen to come under Education, but I'm sure the matter is related to Tourism. It's a form of supplying a service to tourists who come into our province.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Chairman, on the - I presume it is a point of order that you raise - indirectly it's a point of order and I think the Honourable Member for Portage would agree that this is a matter, the matter which he raises does relate to the Department of Youth and Education which is the full and formal title of that department. In the matter of the hostel, the youth hostel comes under the Department of Youth and Education. It may be irregular, Mr. Chairman, but in order to demonstrate how accommodating we can be, I think we can, by leave, have the Minister of Youth and Education give some elaboration, explanation at this time. That might suit the Honourable Member for Portage. The Minister of Tourism is not in a position to deal with it inasmuch as it has not come to his attention in a direct way.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, I thank the Premier for his support and agreeing to have the matter considered at this time. It is difficult after the estimates of the Minister of Education have been passed to deal with it and there is a direct relationship, I think, and I use up my grievance for the session. I have a constituency to represent as well.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I would like to add this point, that if the Minister of Youth and Education does speak at this time, I would also hope that this would not then suddenly involve the Minister of Youth and Education holding forth in this department. Perhaps he will make a statement, but I would hope we wouldn't get into a continuous crossfire later on. But I ask the member to continue.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, the nine questions that are posed, I think could be answered in consultation by the two Ministers, if that would be agreeable. So I'll continue. . . .

MR. LAURENT L. DESJARDINS (St. Boniface): A question of the member. I wonder if we couldn't have this - I think the idea is to have this inserted in the Hansard - couldn't we have this understanding, instead of reading it because all the members have a copy and I'm sure the Minister could make his statement, with the understanding that it be inserted in Hansard.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Well, in the interests of saving time, I agree to that, Mr. Chairman, and perhaps the Minister of education could answer the nine questions that are posed. Have you a copy? "Dear Sir: The Council of the Rural Municipality of Old Kildonan have yet to be officially informed or consulted concerning the youth hostel which your Minister apparently proposes to locate in our Municipality.

"The Council is alarmed that a decision which affects the environment, welfare and well being of our citizens appears to have been made by your government and then announced by your Minister on an open line radio program and through other media without any consultation with the representatives of the citizens of this Municipality. Are we to conclude that the views of our residents are to be totally and completely ignored?

"As the persons charged with the responsibility of administering the affairs of this Municipality, we feel that we are entitled to the following information:

- (1) Is there to be a youth hostel established in the former Sunset Lodge in Old Kildonan?
- (2) If a youth hostel is to be established within Old Kildonan, who is to have the

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd.), . . . responsibility of operating and supervising the hostel and in particular is CRYPT to be associated with the youth hostel?

(3) What responsibilities are to be assumed by your government in connection with the operation of the youth hostel?

(4) What responsibilities, if any, is your government expecting the Rural Municipality of Old Kildonan to assume in connection with the youth hostel?

(5) Will your government assume the expense of providing the necessary sewage treatment facilities to prevent the raw sewage from the proposed youth hostel further polluting the Red River or is it your intention that the residents of Old Kildonan bear this major expense?

(6) Will your government assume the expense of providing fire protection for the proposed youth hostel or is it your intention that the residents of Old Kildonan bear this expense? We might advise that the Fire Chief of Old Kildonan, in consultation with the Fire Commissioner, inspected the proposed site and has reported to us that our Municipality does not have the equipment to provide fire protection for a building of the height of the former Sunset Lodge.

(7) Will your government assume the expense of providing the police services required in connection with the operation of the proposed youth hostel or is it your intention that the residents of Old Kildonan bear this expense. Our Police Chief has reported that his department has insufficient staff and equipment to provide adequate policing of the transient population of the proposed youth hostel which responsibility is apparently being forced on the Municipality without the opportunity of our doing any advance planning.

(8) Is your government prepared to make restitution in full, to residents for loss, or damage or both attributable to or as a consequence of the operation of the Hostel.

(9) Is your government prepared to reimburse citizens in the area for property devaluation, loss of privacy, loss of serenity.

"We are most concerned with the dictatorial and high-handed manner in which your government is apparently proceeding with plans for locating a youth hostel in our Municipality without any consultation with us whatsoever.

"Surely you appreciate that any expense to be borne by the Municipality, will have to come from real property taxes payable by our already overburdened citizens.

"Enclosed with this letter are petitions signed by some 764 citizens of our Municipality and surrounding district who earnestly request that your government reconsider the whole matter, and take no further action until an opportunity has been given for all interested persons to make representations to you and your government. Sincerely Yours, C. W. Ferrier (Mayor); J. Rozmus (Councillor); M. Whiteway (Councillor); A. Jarvis (Councillor); G. Streflein (Councillor); Council of the Rural Municipality of Old Kildonan."

MR. MILLER: I'm pleased that I'm given an opportunity to speak on this rather than before the Orders of the Day when my reply would have to be of necessity very short and to the point.

I want to make it clear that what we are trying to do here is to make available a youth hostel in Manitoba. We are now I think the only province that does not have a youth hostel, and I reject the attitude and the remarks that some people make about all youth being wild, being hippies, and in some cases there are some reference in some of the letters I received referring to them as degenerate. This blanket condemnation is wholesale abuse.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: I don't know what track the Minister is getting off on but I never made any suggestions along that line.

MR. MILLER: Okay. Mr. Chairman, with all due respect, the matter has now been raised. The member asked, Are these going to be out-of-province people? There are going to be in-province people too, there are going to be people from Brandon, from Dauphin, from other points in Manitoba.

The question of control. There will be control. This place will be run in the same manner as hostels are run in Europe and have been successfully run over the years, the same way they have been run in Ontario for a number of years, Alberta, B. C., etc.

The question of zoning. We had to and did receive the approval of the Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg whom we first contacted, because without their approval nothing could be done. We received their approval and I now have a letter from them to this effect. I just got it this morning.

It is my intention to discuss this with the Council of Old Kildonan. This is the first official notification that I have received, this open letter to the Premier. I had not received

(MR. MILLER cont'd.). . . . official notification from Old Kildonan before. I have talked to the Reeve of the Municipality of Old Kildonan and I explained to him what we were trying to do. Perhaps he's not satisfied with the explanation or perhaps he chose to ignore the explanation, I don't know. But now that this letter has come forward, and as I say, it didn't come forward until today, it is my intention to meet with the Council of the Rural Municipality of Old Kildonan once we know exactly how this place is going to operate. I can assure members, however, that what we intend is to operate a youth hostel, not a drop-in centre, not a hippie-haven, but a youth hostel where people can come, check in, they'll register, they'll have to be in by certain hours, where they can get a clean bed at a very nominal charge, perhaps coffee and doughnuts in the morning and be on their way the next day. That's the sole intent of it. It's a need that has been felt across Canada. We in Manitoba have lagged in that direction. We're simply trying to make up in this Centennial Year for a need that I know has to be filled because the young people are going to come here, and to simply hide our heads in the sand and wish that they don't come is not meeting the problem.

I'm satisfied that most of these young people come from normal, happy normal families, and they are simply trying to fill the summer months by seeing the country, by coming to Manitoba, visiting with us. They have to have accommodation. They can't afford hotels and motels which are very expensive, by charging them a nominal fee we can make it possible for them to visit their own province and their own country and to get to know it, and in that way we serve their needs and I think help to make them better Canadians. I can assure the House as I say that it is the intention to run this in that manner. If there are any problems develop, and I say this publicly, if for some reason this cannot be operated adequately and under regulation then it is my intention to simply close down. The only conditions under which I would operate it is that it's operated properly, adequately, and that the rules and regulations which will be prescribed are followed by all who use the facility.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, I don't think the Minister answered all my questions. For example, will there be a proper sewage system installed or will the raw sewage be dumped into the river as is suggested? And one other point, where the Fire Chief says in consultation with the Fire Commissioner he doesn't have the proper equipment to provide the right kind of fire protection, is the province going to look after these two items?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I think it's very odd. Until about two weeks ago there were something like 60 senior, very senior citizens living there. It seems odd that the fire protection which was adequate for so many years suddenly is inadequate. If the Salvation Army had stayed there till September, the same fire protection which is there now would still have had to be made available. And I repeat - with regard to the sewage, the same applies. Had the Salvation Army continued to operate there for another three months, the same conditions which would have existed still exist. It is our intention to operate it this summer. Metro owns the facility; it's their plan to demolish the facility and there's no intention of making this a long-term operation at the present time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. GEORGE HENDERSON (Pembina): Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask a few questions about it. How long can any of these youths stay there after they register before they must move on? Can it be indefinitely? I have another question or two maybe I'll -- does the fee that you charge when they register cover the cost of operating the hostel? Is there any age limit to the people that stay there; and is it mixed, like both boys and girls?

MR. MILLER: Well, I'll answer the last question first. No, it is not going to be co-ed; the ratio is about eight, from what I gather on summer travellers, is about eight to one, there's more men than women so that the facility will be for men only. The length of stay will be probably two days at the most. The fee has not yet been determined; it will be very nominal, it will be something along the lines of Ontario which I gather is about 75 cents or a dollar per night. Whether that will cover all the costs I don't know because we haven't got our budgeting completed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: I'm quite serious, Mr. Chairman. Did I understand the Minister to say that this is only for the male sex, there's going to be no facilities for female travellers?

MR. MILLER: It's just in this particular instance we have a limited accommodation and it's simply going to be for male travellers. Apparently, from my understanding of it, the YWCA

(MR. MILLER cont'd.). . . . has facilities to handle most of the girls that are on the road; and the ratio is eight to one, there are a lot more boys on the road than there are girls.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. MCGILL: Mr. Chairman, the matter I wish to bring to the attention of the Minister of Tourism and Recreation is one related to the subject under discussion, that of youth hostels, but it involves Grand Valley Park and such I think would not require any special leave of the House since it comes under the estimates of the department now being considered.

Mr. Chairman, there is a very fine little park called Grand Valley Park about ten miles west of Brandon on No. 1 Highway in the Municipality of Whitehead. It is a very popular overnight stopping ground for tourists, and the Rural Municipality of Whitehead is justly proud of this little park, but they have now been given to understand that the Government of Manitoba is planning to construct and maintain a form of youth hostel in this park. The Council of the Municipality of Whitehead is of the opinion that it would not be to the benefit of the park and the district to have the hostel placed in that location. Now, I hasten to explain, Mr. Chairman, that they are not in any way opposed to the principle of the establishment of youth hostels in Manitoba, but they do feel that perhaps this park which is presently almost fully utilized during the summer season would perhaps be overcrowded by any decision of the Manitoba Government to establish a youth hostel in that position.

I'm bringing it to the attention of the Minister of Tourism because I feel that he should be very interested in this. He has at the present time a very popular park in a municipality which appreciates having this facility, and he is as Minister providing a wonderful service to the tourists in Manitoba. The Reeve and Councillors of Whitehead would like him to know that they're objecting to the proposed establishment on the grounds that this is a small park, and a pretty one, constructed for the use of the tourists and it's a great asset to the motorists as it presently stands. They feel it would be much too crowded if they had an additional facility such as the youth hostel. Again, I feel the Minister of Youth and Education might think that this is a criticism of the system of youth hostels in principle. I personally do not feel that way at all. I feel that youth hostels are a very useful facility in the province and we should have them; but I pass along to you, Mr. Minister, the feelings of the Rural Municipality of Whitehead and I hope that you'll consider them very seriously before you decide to place an additional hostel in this park. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BARKMAN: Mr. Chairman, I don't wish to enter this debate to any length, but I was enthused with the suggestion by my colleague from Portage la Prairie why not more was said about the Mississippi River Parkway or sometimes referred to as the Great River Road, or even more so, the wonderful route of Pines to Palms. I believe the Minister touched on it briefly when he replied yesterday. I believe that if members of this Chamber are not aware of this great organization, what these people are trying to do, I think they should take some time off to just look into this matter. This organization was formed about 20 years ago. In fact it just seems like yesterday when I seen a picture about a month ago of the Mayor of St. Boniface and a group travelling to Minneapolis to help along with the plans of this organization. But I believe, while this route is perhaps known to many of us in the Chamber, I think it now extends to about 27 or 2,800 miles, all the way to Venus, Louisiana, right up to Winnipeg here and of course to Kenora and some of our Ontario places; but I believe that this should be an avenue of investigation for our Department of Tourism and Recreation to a much larger step than has been in the past.

I know that the former Premier was very interested in this. In fact it goes back further than that when the former member of Lakeside was Premier. I know a lot of enthusiasm was shown. I would certainly like to encourage this Minister, since he's now more or less beginning on a real clean sheet, I think this is something that should be of great interest to him and his department. I'm sure that he's aware that basically there are the ten river states involved plus the two provinces, namely Manitoba and Ontario. I perhaps could say that it happens to be a coincidence that this Great River Road goes through the Town of Steinbach. While this may be a coincidence, I'm sure that it is not a coincidence that this Great River Road exists and contains thoughts I think of real imagination. I'm really enthused about these plans, the fact that ten of the states were asked to ask their Congresses to supply two million dollars a year, I think shows the fact that there must be interest involved. I'm sure that as you other members travel in the Province of Manitoba or elsewhere and wonder when you see the sign of the pilots

(MR. BARKMAN cont'd.). . . . wheel with the twelve spokes in it, I understand this represents the ten states that are interested in it and of course the two provinces.

But I rise for this reason to try to point out, and I'm sure the Minister is aware of this, I perhaps needn't take the time of committee, that this department has such terrific potentialities. We're talking about our agricultural dilemma and some of our industrial problems. I think this is one avenue where there's still some elbow room left. I'm just thinking of our different Manitoba economic regional organizations. I think they should be, and I'm sure they are, encouraged to the fact that they should be plugging this home to their members meeting after meeting because this is one department that has room in this respect. I wish to incur, Mr. Chairman, that this department really goes into it in farther depth, not just the Great River Road which I think is very important, the fact that so much scenic routes are available to the public, leave alone the - I believe I read at one time there were over 80 lookouts of 400 elevation and higher - but I don't wish to at this time mention the fact that perhaps 1,000 or 1,200 markers - I don't want to go into detail as far as that is concerned, but I do think this is a situation where your department, or his department, Mr. Chairman, can take full advantage of more fresh air still available to a department in the Minister's hands.

I thought it was quite convenient that this road does go through the Town of Steinbach with our Mennonite Village Museum there just about ready to start gristing some wheat; perhaps we can compete with some of Hull and Michigan's contribution in this respect. I believe they are one or two of the other places that have a grist mill like this. Members of this Chamber may not have to be too surprised to find out that within a year or two or by 1974 which is the Mennonite centennial year, if you just take the trouble of coming down there, we could be trying to sell a quarter of a million or more little packages of three or four, five pounds of flour to bring home to your good wives. This perhaps, while we're smiling right now, could be happening and I think it will happen. -- (Interjection) -- Yes, and this is correct. Not only that, I don't suggest at this time this is going to help the quota situation to any large extent, but it could. -- (Interjection) -- Right. So, Mr. Chairman, I wish also to leave this other point that while you have the opportunity of our economic regional departments so to speak, our Eastmen, Westmen and the others, they are enthused; but I've attended some of their meetings and I think more could be said in regards to this, call it an industry if you like because I am sure this is what it is.

I would like to just at this time close with the thought that we've got to I think take advantage of the situation in the Department of Tourism and Recreation that, well, take, for example, another beautiful spot, the Falcon Lake that happens to be in the constituency of La Verendrye. I'm sure that the Honourable Minister has a spot very similar in his own constituency. I was just wondering perhaps for the sake of catching some statistics, maybe the Minister could tell us how many tourists did visit Falcon Lake in the year 1969 perhaps; and also the other aspect, I think the skiing effort is becoming perhaps a paying proposition, I hope it is. I suggested last fall that perhaps it might be an idea if a few changes were put in there. I would like to see the present ski lift improved and I suggested last year perhaps a T-bar operation might be part of the answer, I don't know; but I have a feeling that there are monies coming in and they can be spent to improve, and I think it would be interesting to note what increases we are getting as far as the skiing is concerned. I certainly agree with the Minister when he says that we're living in an age where the onset of leisure time will have to be, not solved so much, but where it can be enjoyed, and I'm sure that as we go along and put a few more efforts into this department, I think we all realize that the potentialities are terrific.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: Mr. Chairman, first of all I would like to congratulate the Minister on having probably what is known as the best portfolio in any government. I can think of no more pleasant job than to deal with people during their leisure time and making them even happier than they already are. I'd like to assist the Minister if I can by telling him that the constituency of Emerson is a very potential area that can be developed by his efforts and his department and his allocations, to the benefit of the people of a large segment of Manitoba and in a very desperately needed way.

I can't agree any more heartily with the Member from La Verendrye who says that this is the age when leisure time becomes more abundant and this is the time when recreational facilities are more needed than ever before. But they're not needed, they're not needed a thousand miles away and they're not needed a hundred miles away, they're needed as close to the population centre as possible. The development of Bird's Hill Park was one that required great effort but today is an area that is bringing back dividends, maybe not in terms of dollars, but certainly in terms of recreation and satisfaction to the people. I'm suggesting to the Minister that nearer to Winnipeg, much nearer to Winnipeg than the development of Falcon Lake, we have potential in the area of Emerson and one that I wish he would study very carefully.

As you have well noticed we have introduced a bill which will permit the incorporation of a club with objective to develop and bring about a golf course at St. Malo. This is important not only, in fact not mainly to the people of St. Malo and the Emerson constituency, but to the people of Winnipeg who are able to go to that resort in an hour or less and enjoy themselves as they would at Falcon Lake. And I think being closer and being south instead of east - there is advantage to this area and I would appreciate his efforts in the development of that resort. While I'm suggesting this, Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to indicate to the Minister that reports that fishing at St. Malo, which is a considerable recreation, have been poor in the last little while and I wonder if consideration could be given to the stocking of Lake St. Malo if it so needs.

Just another mention about the developments that are possible in the Emerson constituency. One priority item is the development of Buffalo Point on Lake of the Woods. I'd like at this time to compliment Eastern Manitoba Development Corporation for the effort that they have made and the research that they have given us. It's an exciting proposition and I hope that the government will shoulder its responsibility in developing this multi-million dollar project.

I'm a little concerned in the inter-relation of tourism, leisure and education. I feel, Mr. Chairman, that because more leisure time will be available in the not too distant future, we should now be making efforts to prepare people for the use they will make of their leisure time. And I think that probably the best way that this preparation ought to be made is through our schools and the proper educational system ought to be at least begun in that area. I think that there's room for a closer liaison between your department and that of education with the purpose of preparing people to spend their leisure time in a way that is enjoyable to them and productive to the province.

In closing I'd just like to remind the Minister that he has a very pleasant portfolio and I hope that he will make it even a little more pleasant by developments in the Emerson Constituency that I guarantee are potential.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Virden.

MR. MORRIS MCGREGOR (Virden): Mr. Chairman, first I would like to compliment the Minister in the manner in which he's handling his estimates. I would like to ask him in referring to the sports caravan if there's dates, I didn't hear it or I can't see it in the Manitoba brochure as to a sports caravan I believe you referred to going through, and when they start so we could fit them in on our particular areas to events that might be coming.

I see the Honourable Member for Assinibola is just taking his seat and I would refer to the Buffalo Barbecue last year - that I did take my May 19th weekend off to not stay at home but to attend it and I think we talk and think tourism and I think we have to think that within the province boundaries in order to know more about one another's situation. And I could carry that on to say that we are also having a barbecue in Virden on June 13th but this will be really made from real Buffalo meat, so I'd invite the honourable member to come out and see us in Virden and any other member. This is in conjunction with the opening of the Great Western Circuit of Standard Breds, which is better known as the Pacers and Trotters; and this is also in conjunction with the convention of 83.

(MR. MCGREGOR cont'd)

I hope that the Minister hasn't forgot our lake at Oak Lake. While that's not in my constituency, it is certainly visited by the most of my constituents because it is one of the better resorts in that particular corner of Manitoba. In recent announcements or news regarding mercury pollution, it's certainly been my task and I've had a lot of mail go out to my southern friends to tell them while we have the same problem up here that many of their lakes, but in western Manitoba at this time we are mercury free and if they don't see fit to come to Winnipeg at least to come to western Manitoba and spend their bucks in western Manitoba, that'll make me extremely happy. I think we have a real job there to allay these fears that we're reading in our newspapers, that it's not true that Manitoba does not get stung with this bad publicity sort of, because it is a big industry.

And I might add, a question I asked last year to the Honourable Minister, on Page 1015, September 25th regarding some camp sites who have the sign up that "no overnight parking." Well we know in rural Manitoba at this time of year - I'm only asking for the summer holiday months, June, late June, July, August and first half of September that these be removed. While I'm not aware of any charges being laid, people are certainly travelling by the small trailer and like to pull in somewhere where there is water, where there is toilet facilities and I do not see any harm why this can't be done. If he would allow me, I'd take that two letter word "no" out of overnight parking. I might do it anyway without his permission. He did promise later on page 1201 that this would be done. But at the last check those signs are still up and I would just try to impress upon the Minister that it is quite important. I realize this may be making a provincial exception or he may be expected to do this to all such camp sites, and I don't think maybe that is necessary. It's the ones that are not near a big centre where they haven't got a lot of hotels and motels at the area. I think probably that's my main thoughts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. MCKENZIE: Just briefly, Mr. Chairman, I have a few remarks I'd like to direct to the attention of the Minister as I wish him well in his endeavours. I would hope that he would take a very serious look at the Duck Mountain as an all year round resort. I think it has potential, unlimited potential. He knows the area well, I'm not going to dwell on it at great length but I look forward to the day when it will be an all year round resort. Another question that I'm wondering if the Minister would take a look at, maybe buy the Riding Mountain National Park. Offer the Feds a buck for it, see if you can get it because the road is an example today. No. 10 highway is a disgrace not only to Manitoba it's a disgrace to Canada. As I understand it was closed a week ago - No. 10 highway, the gate was locked, and I believe some young chap crashed into the gate on this particular night. But that's how bad the road is - No. 10 highway through . . . I know it's not in our jurisdiction but Federal policy today seems to be that they wish to abandon the area. I understand some of the leases are not being renewed, so maybe the province could take it over and I'm sure we could run it in a very able and efficient manner.

I would also again - this brochure, the Minister and I have had a debate on this thing - I again bring it out to the House. It was in very poor taste I thought as far as my constituency was concerned. Many reasons, the first one of course there's not a town in my constituency in the brochure - not a one. You go through it and you'll find many things are left out, such as the fairs, the major attractions - there's no mention about the Grandview-Gilbert Plains Fair, the Russell Fair and Races. Those are major events in western Manitoba. They're not in the brochure unfortunately. I thought parts of it was of course in good taste. The road program it mentions here 366 and 367 are good all-weather roads. Well, I think the Minister has been over those roads and they're not that good and no doubt he will be urging the Minister of Highways to maybe mind a few dollars to try and improve, especially where they lead into the Riding Mountain National Park. And of course, as I said, we debated this - the golf courses. Let's put them all in. It just says "golf courses." We debated and the Minister said they only put the public ones in. I don't see any harm in putting the private courses in the brochure as long as it covers all western Manitoba.

In ski resorts at the back, the only two that are mentioned is Mount Agassiz and Mount Glenorkl. There's an excellent ski resort at Roblin with all the tows. There's one at Russell. They should be, I think, in the brochure the next time that the Minister - and with that I wish him well and I'll be helping him develop the Riding Mountain and Duck Mountain.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

HON. PETER BURTNIAK (Minister of Tourism and Recreation) (Dauphin): Mr. Chairman, we've had a number of questions asked to-day as well as the time we had yesterday. I would like to deal with them now, some of them.

I recall that the Honourable Member for Rhineland had a few questions that he asked. One in particular, his concern was the amount of money that this department has allocated this year for hospitality grants. I would like to inform him, although he is not in his seat at the present time but he can read it in Hansard tomorrow, that to answer that question we have approved \$20,000 for hospitality grants in our department this year. Some of the other questions that he posed to me yesterday was in respect to in-province advertising. He felt that perhaps more in-province advertising should be done. Perhaps this is true, but in view of the fact that this year 1970 happens to be our Centennial year and through the Centennial Corporation I think that we are going to be advertising things within our province from one end to the other quite well.

In respect to the dams in his constituency he suggested that perhaps there should be some good closing working relationship between my department and that of the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. I want to assure the Honourable Member that there is great understanding between these two departments but I'm quite pleased to say that there is good working relationship between all departments of this government. The same I think applies to the Honourable Member for Rock Lake, when he was dealing with lakes and rivers and what have you. I think that in most cases, these questions pretty well apply to the Department of Industry and Commerce, and if I may say, Mr. Chairman, that perhaps the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources can take these questions as notice and perhaps deal with them when his departmental estimates come up in the near future.

Also the Honourable Member for Rhineland was interested to know how much money is being spent by our department in the way of advertising. He also wanted a breakdown of all these things, and as long as I've been in this House it seems to me that every time the Honourable Member for Rhineland gets up and asks a question, he always seems to want a breakdown on everything. Well, this is fine if this can be done, but unfortunately as far as our advertising is concerned, there is no real breakdown between eastern Canada or western Canada, or northern and southern. We do have somewhere in the neighborhood of \$60,000 which is being spent for advertising in the whole of Canada and something like \$240,000 is set for the United States advertising.

The Honourable Member for Fort Garry was wondering about the winter carnival. He proposed a suggestion to us that perhaps we should investigate this possibility. I might say at this time, Mr. Chairman, that we have had one or two meetings in respect to this possibility, and personally I think that it might be a good idea. But there are certain matters that have to be ironed out before we can proceed with such a thing and so far these have not been ironed out as of today. However, I might like to point out at this time too that perhaps there is something that can be done in this respect. Because in view of the fact that we are going to be studying a grant structure for specific events, then I believe, and I'm sure there's no problem here, that once this is outlined and the program is made available, that these grants will apply to such a project as the Honourable Member for Fort Garry suggested.

I would like to thank the Honourable Member for Emerson for his kind remarks. I realize that there are so many places in the province of Manitoba as I pointed out in my original speech. Manitoba is a beautiful place. That there is great potential here as far as the tourist industry is concerned and I know that all of us, no matter where we come from in the province of Manitoba there are beautiful spots that ought to be developed. But as the members know I'm sure, this takes time and it's just a matter of setting some sort of priorities as to where we go from here. And as I suggested in my talk, and I want to repeat that again, that we are looking at the possibility of - or not a possibility, it will be an actual fact very shortly, that we are making studies to try and come up with an overall master plan for the Province of Manitoba. We will be looking at all areas of the province and then we'll have to set our priorities and take it from there step by step.

We have been invited to quite a number of barbecues I understand; I hope that I'll be able to take most of them in. I am sure that they are quite an event.

I want to assure the Honourable Member from Virden, I believe it was, who spoke about Oak Lake. Oak Lake has not been forgotten. There will be a certain amount of funds

(MR. BURTNIAK cont'd) . . . spent in this area to improve the situation down there this year. Here again we have to go back to the Department of Mines and Natural Resources because I'm pretty sure that insofar as the stocking of fish in the various lakes, it falls in that department rather than in this one.

The Member for Roblin brought up the subject of brochures again. It seems to be a pet subject of his. I must say that the little pamphlet that the Honourable Member is referring to is not a complete pamphlet; it's only an orientation map. That's all it really is. But with it goes the road map, and also is included in the packet a handbook which gives you pretty well all the information that one might want to have. So I don't think that we can single out just that one particular pamphlet because it doesn't go out alone. We send out information, we complete a package deal so that all the information that is necessary for one to travel around the province, to find out where some of the recreation facilities are, this is all listed in the package.

Insofar as the National Park is concerned, I can't agree with him more because No. 10 Highway through the Park is in a rather bad shape, has been for quite some time, but here again, and I understand he knows this as well as I do, that this is definitely a federal problem and I have mentioned this in my talks, meetings with the people at Ottawa. Apparently it has fallen on deaf ears but we hope that road will be improved. I believe that there has been some patching done the last year. How much improvement was actually made I couldn't say at this time.

MR. BEARD: Could the Minister tell us how much revenue the Federal Government get out of that toll road in a year?

MR. BURTNIAK: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry, I don't have the figure at the time. Insofar as the signs are concerned, the Member for Virden referred to this question - will camping be permitted in Waysides? Signs previously posted prohibiting camping will be removed from all wayside parks prior to the opening of the season. Instructions have already gone out to have this done.

I'm not sure whether I have missed any of the other questions that have been related to me. If I have I am sorry, but I think I have covered pretty well the questions that have been asked up until this time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Virden.

MR. MCGREGOR: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to make one remark. I understand your department, Mr. Minister, sent a cheque out to help sponsor a dinner on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce for this 83 Route Association and I invite you to be there and in any case thank you on behalf of the Virden Chamber of Commerce for that donation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (Section 1 (a) to (c) of Resolution 92 were read and passed) - 92 (d) -- The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): Mr. Chairman, when we're dealing with grants, it was - I want to thank the Minister for tabling the Order for Return that I had requested. It's quite gratifying to see that the \$58,000 grant which the Minister announced on September 26th last year to the 1970 World Hockey Tournament with a breakdown of \$17,000 for promotion and ticket sales, \$31,000 for six hockey teams and \$9,500 for hospitality, was not fully expended, that according to the Return there was \$10,056.61 made available in 1968; \$11,396.22 in '69 and \$4,509.26 in 1970, for the total grants of \$25,962.09, out of the \$58,000. It is most unfortunate of course, that the tournament was not held, that it is unfortunate that \$25,000 was spent in a futile effort and to date there have been no returns or refunds made -- all the grants were made to the Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation and as of to date they have not returned any of that money. Much of that money naturally had to be spent as it was received because you cannot stage a promotion as large as that without much advance billing. However, there was a saving of roughly \$30,000. I was wondering if the Minister would be willing to make a grant, just a token grant to the Yellowhead Highway Association. This is a private association which is a joint interprovincial group encompassing members from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to promote the use of the Yellowhead Highway as an alternative to the No. 1 Highway or the Trans Canada Highway. I made a speech on it last year so I will not repeat myself, but I do know that the Yellowhead Highway Association does receive grants from other jurisdictions and I was wondering at this time if the Minister would be prepared to make a small grant to that Association.

In our Centennial Year I think it's more important than ever that we do offer people the

(MR. GRAHAM cont'd) . . . use of alternative routes, to people that will be coming here to celebrate our Centennial. I think if we can relieve some of the traffic congestion off No. 1 Highway and offer them a route which is properly mapped and serviced, that the people will actually, they might be better off travelling on that type of a route. So at this time I would ask the Minister if he would be prepared to assist the Yellowhead Interprovincial Highway Association in any way?

MR. BURTNIAK: Mr. Chairman, as you know, the money that was not spent on account of the tournament falling through, naturally it's gone back to general revenue and at this time I am not prepared to say whether we are definitely going to make any grant from this money to the Yellowhead route. However, I will take it under advisement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BARKMAN: Mr. Chairman, I apologize to the Minister that he had answered the question on T-bars at Falcon Lake. I was not in the other day and sorry I wasn't in awhile ago.

Just going back briefly to the International Peace Gardens; I think you mentioned that a \$15,000 grant was available - Fifteen? Right. I'm sure the Minister is aware that the maintenance costs down there have, they tell me risen by at least 25 percent. I think he's also aware that North Dakota at this time is giving them I think it's around \$37,500 each two years and they seem to be - I should say \$75,000 in two years, \$37,500 each year. While this is appreciated, they seem to think that it's nearly impossible to operate unless at least another \$15,000 or so could be considered. I'm sure that the Minister has pondered this over in his mind and perhaps has by now reached a possibility of raising that figure of \$15,000. I understand insofar as the grants are set up now, this is for \$15,000 and there is no possible hopes of possibly doubling this at this time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. BUD SHERMAN (Fort Garry): I'd just like to ask the Minister, I apologize, I was out of the Chamber, he may have answered my question and if he did I'll read it in Hansard. Did the Minister make reference to the Winter Carnival plans?

MR. BURTNIAK: Yes.

MR. SHERMAN: Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (The balance of Resolution 92 was read section by section and passed) Resolution 93 (a) (1) -- The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSON: I would just like to make a brief comment on this particular item. I understand that the Minister's department will be involved in the development of a provincial resort area at the Spruce Woods Provincial Park and I have had representations made to me by people in my constituency who have undertaken to develop a recreational centre and park near Rathwell. These people have, through their own initiative a few years ago developed a provincial park in that area that was needed very badly. They are now under some apprehension that the development of the government park at Spruce Woods will interfere with their operation. With the amount of money that they have invested in this provincial park, I think they have a legitimate fear and I wonder if the Minister would like to comment on how he feels the development of the Spruce Woods Park will interfere with the operation at Rathwell, and if in the event it does put this man out of business, is the government prepared to compensate him for the loss of his operation at Rathwell? I think that the Minister should be giving this gentleman some assurance that the development of a park at Spruce Woods -- and I want to assure him that I'm not opposed to the development of that park, but I think that the private entrepreneur who filled a need at a time when it was required in the area, should have some assurance that he's not going to lose his investment and indeed the money that he has borrowed to build this park is not going to be lost.

MR. BURTNIAK: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the concern of the Honourable Member from Morris. As far as I know, and I could be wrong in this respect, but I believe that there has been no policy established in the past to take care of situations such as the honourable member refers to; but my own feelings on this is that in many cases I think that the people perhaps tend to benefit more from such a development rather than lose revenue. However, as I said, I don't think that if in the event that someone finds himself in a position where he feels that because of other developments, better developments, that he will lose money, as I say I couldn't say at this time what the policy is, because policy to this extent has not been developed and perhaps this is something we might have to look at but it could become very

(MR. BURTNIAK cont'd) . . . very costly. But my feelings on this is that I don't think that anyone in that line of business would really suffer as a result of a development of this kind.

MR. JORGENSEN: I'm somewhat inclined to agree with the views of the Minister in that there is a good possibility that the enterprise that he runs at Rathwell may benefit rather than suffer from the development at Spruce Woods. However, I hope that the Minister will give me the assurance that there will be the closest cooperation between the officials of his department and the particular gentleman concerned, in the event that there are difficulties that can be worked out between his officials and the operator of this particular recreation centre.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. HEARD: I'm not just sure where this should come in, Mr. Chairman, but I would like to make a couple of points about the York Factory area. I don't know whether the Minister feels it should come under Parks or under, I suppose, the Department of Mines and Natural Resources, but if we take the attitude that it could be a park area, in fact I believe the Federal Government have set aside as a historical point and unfortunately their policy is, as I understand it anyway, they spend most of their money in the areas which are most accessible to most number of people and unfortunately perhaps York Factory will be a few years before it's readily accessible, but the unfortunate part is, rumours that I've heard lately, is that again part of it has been destroyed during this year and I think you're going to end up with something similar to what is next to the Fort Garry Hotel unless something is done about it.

Now, again this seems to fall into a sort of jumbled up affairs where the Federal Government say well, it's up to the province and the province say it's up to the Federal Government, but in between this argument is the fact that it is depreciating a great deal, I really can honestly say that as far as I'm concerned, I don't think there is anything that is closer to the natural state in this province. Now, maybe they'll say - what is it, Lower or Upper Fort Garry out on the highway? - Lower - has been rebuilt and it's right, but I think of historical value, York Factory has certainly just as much to contribute in the future as far as the tourist point goes. But in respect to this also, it always comes to my mind that it is a fabulous fishing area, and of course within the Province of Manitoba I don't think there's a place where the shooting of geese can ever touch it because there are literally hundreds of thousands of geese pass that area and stop in that area during the migration season. Having been there several times, I can assure you that you'll get your limit within half an hour, an hour, whatever it may be. But the unfortunate part is that again there are many greedy people, they are actually what they call filleting geese and coming back with gunny sacks full of them and there's a terrible waste; and while there was some attempt to supervise this last year, there still is no way in which they can control private planes from flying in there. These are either Canadian or American planes that can fly in with groups and can take off again and they have nobody that can check them. I think that there should be some way that we can get around this, where those planes have a point to check into and check out of so there can be some control over the absolute waste that goes on in that area, and of course the destruction, because all these people are trying to take something away with them as a souvenir and there's getting to be less and less left, and in the two or three times that I've been there in the last two years I could see a drastic change.

And then of course there are — (Interjection) -- No, as far as the York Factory area itself is concerned. But there are other areas. The museum in The Pas was always privately owned. I'm just not sure whether the town took it over recently or not, but he has literally thousands of historical pieces from that area that would some day be a great asset to the province in respect to making this into a wonderful tourist area. I quite frankly admit we're looking ahead to 50 or 100 years or something like that, but when they were looking after the Prince of Wales Fort at Churchill, I believe in fact they took this into consideration and a great deal of those things were stored right at the area by literally digging a hole and putting these things into it and storing it in that way. This is probably the cheapest way that you could do it.

But I think there should be some assurance that something could be done to keep what is left there because it's worth keeping, and if we just continue to close our eyes and say, well this is going to be 50 or 100 years from now before there'll even be enough people to go up there or whether people will ever want to or not I don't know, but I know that all one has to do is go up and visit it and they come away with the idea that certainly this is one of the historical

(MR. BEARD cont'd) . . . areas, that after you've left it isn't just a landmark with a plaque on it saying something but it does take you back in your imagination to what the first history of Manitoba and western Canada in fact was, and while each year we talk about it and each year passes, not too much is done.

Now I realize last year the university were in there and they did a great deal of research in the area itself and came up with the artifacts, etc., but there's room for a great deal more and nothing is being done to continue to see to it that this is set aside. This is again maybe a pollution problem in that this area has been more successful in that we're getting into the oil industry in that area and that is certainly good, but it would be a shame to see it disappear because there are oil companies with men up there for a short time working for the oil company who have access to that area and of course their first thought is to take back a souvenir, and they're taking them back and soon there'll be nothing except the barren wasteland left as a historical point.

I think that something should be done to encourage the Federal Government, or to participate with the Federal Government to see to it that something more is done to just protect what is there. I will agree that it is diminishing, but I will also agree that it is our fault that this is taking place because we're really not doing enough. And I say this, recognizing the fact that improvements have been made in the last two or three years, or steps have been taken in the last two or three years, but really by and large most of the time all there is is a plaque on the wall saying "Do not take anything away, this is a historical site." But of course nobody recognizes that fact, they just go on because there's nobody there to see that it is being policed properly.

Now, I've thrown two perhaps expensive projects in your lap. One thing I would suggest, and I have in the past, is to set aside a special place perhaps to shoot geese or to fish and assess these people a large amount of money to go in there. We do it with shooting of polar bears. Is it - what? - 50 or \$100.00 or something like that. They have projects where you can shoot a buffalo for a large amount of money, and I don't think it would hurt us at all to set this aside and say this - not as a sanctuary - but this is the place where we're going to get some revenue and use that revenue to protect the area itself. I think that if people were assessed a large amount of money, even if it's a hundred dollars to go in there, I think they'll still go in there, but it will help the government to find the money to protect the area and to keep it in an area which will be reserved for maybe our children or our children's children, but if we don't do it now, then it'll be too late. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution No. 93 -- passed. Resolution No. 94 -3(a)--The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSON: Mr. Chairman, I should just like to make a brief comment on this particular item. For some time the Town of Morris has been asking the department to co-operate with them in setting up a tourist bureau in the town. It is perhaps one of the most frequently used routes for tourists coming into the Province of Manitoba from the south, and it's the only town from the border to Winnipeg where the highway goes straight through the town rather than around it. At the entrance to the stampede grounds there is sufficient area there for a tourist bureau, and during the time that the stampede is in progress the department does have a booth there or a bureau there.

Last year we asked the Department of Transportation while they were out there with their equipment to hardtop that particular area, just the approach to the stampede grounds where a tourist booth could be accommodated. There are large numbers of tourists coming through the town of Morris who are looking for information about the town, about the province as they come in and they would like that information before they get into the City of Winnipeg, and I would think that the department would be willing, or should be anxious to co-operate with the town in providing accommodation for a tourist booth at that area so that tourists coming into the Province of Manitoba will have an opportunity of getting information, booklets, maps, etc., at that particular location.

I want to say that the town and the Stampede Committee have appreciated the kind of co-operation that they've been getting from the department in the past in advertising what must be the biggest tourist attraction in the Province of Manitoba today, the Big M Stampede, and further assistance along these lines would be beneficial to not only the town of Morris but to the province as a whole, and I would hope that the Tourist Department, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation, would provide that small facility - the cost would be not

(MR. JORGENSON cont'd) . . . great at all - in assisting the department in promoting this province and helping tourists as they come into the Province of Manitoba.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BARKMAN: Mr. Chairman, I'm surprised to see under Tourism, under Tourism Promotion, where I for one, and I'm sure the Minister does too, feel that surely this is, like I said before, one department that we look forward to like kind of a different breath of fresh air, and I see under Tourism Promotion that it's actually been cut by nearly \$15,000. I'm just wondering first of all if this is a fact that our tourists right now, or two-thirds of our tourists right now, or two-thirds of our tourists are staying less than a day on their visit to Manitoba. Surely some promotion should be done in this respect and in many other respects. I'm just wondering if the Minister could somewhat elaborate at this time what kind of advertising they're using and how much of this money is advertising as far as tourist promotion is concerned.

MR. BURTNIAK: Well, Mr. Chairman, in respect to the Honourable Member for La Verendrye, I would just like to hope, to give him a full answer to that question, I hope that I can get that information for you within the next few minutes, or if you would rather wait and deal with it later, I would appreciate that if it's okay with you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution No. 94 -- passed. Resolution No. 95 - 4 (a) -- passed; (b) -- passed; (c) -- The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSON: Mr. Chairman, under Grants, if the Minister would be able to give us a breakdown to what those grants mean, where they go and in what amounts. Does he have such a breakdown with him? I don't think that I would expect him to have them completely, but if it would be possible to get a breakdown of those grants I would appreciate it very much.

MR. BURTNIAK: I would be glad to supply that information to the honourable member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Would the Minister also, when he gives the information, provide the purpose as well, whether it's sports, what part of it is sports and so on?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution No. 95 -- passed. The Department of Tourism and Recreation is completed. The next department is the Department of Cultural Affairs. The Honourable Minister.

MR. PETURSSON: Mr. Chairman, as I rise to present my submission, I was going to have the boys distribute among the members some of the medallions that will be given to children in the schools from kindergarten to Grade 6. They are on hand here somewhere, the medallions, and they will be brought into the House.

At the same time - this looks like a little bit of gimmickery - I have here the neckpiece and the gold medal that will be given for the first prize in a great number of the sports that will be taking place during the year. I was told that I must wear it while I make my submission, and hope that --(Interjection) -- the first prize. I don't know what for, but it must be something. I hope that it looks well on my necktie. And then a copy of the -- listing all the events. I think copies of these booklets were distributed among the members the other day, but if you didn't receive one then you will receive one now.

Mr. Chairman, as I rise to present the estimates for the Department of Cultural Affairs, I am very conscious of the fact that this portfolio is a "first" in this House and in this province. Cultural Affairs is a new portfolio brought into being by the present government. It was created by the joining together of several related areas that up to this time have been included separately and apart from one another under the jurisdiction of other departments. In some instances they have appeared as an appendage, as an orphan occasionally neglected, but sometimes also making themselves sufficiently felt to demand and to get deserving attention. Thus this department, Cultural Affairs, created for the development and promotion of cultural and related interests of the province, is made up of such structures as the Centennial Corporation charged with the responsibility for a province-wide celebration of Manitoba's Centennial, the Centennial Centre, the Museum of Man and Nature and the Planetarium. These were all previously in the Department of Municipal Affairs. The Arts Council was formerly responsible to the Premier through the Department of Tourism and Recreation. It is now in my department. Historic Sites and Monuments was formerly administered by the Department of Tourism and Recreation also. Provincial Archives and Library were administered formerly by the Department of Youth and Education, and finally the Censor Board was earlier included in the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

(MR. PETURSSON cont'd)

Now these are the several departments, which having all been combined, are now my responsibility to administer under the title of Cultural Affairs, and I am conscious of the importance that attaches to them although there are those who look more lightly upon this portfolio than perhaps I do. For instance, a friend of mine now in England wrote to me not long ago, and in speaking of this department he expressed his opinion that probably a department such as this would fill a long-felt need in such a place, "as Manitoba is," as he put it, "so gravely lacking in culture." Then he added, "However," he said, "I am greatly in favour of culture and I am also greatly in favour of affairs." Needless to say, this young man is still not married and probably having his affairs, but I leave this thought with you without further comment.

But this portfolio is a first in this province and in this House, just as the present government itself is also a first, the first New Democratic Government of the Province of Manitoba. This government also is unique in another sense, in being ethnically the most representative of the population of this province, most representative that this House has ever seen, and in being thus representative, nothing is more natural than that this government should have set up the Department of Cultural Affairs. The cultural heritage brought to this province by people of many different and diverse racial and cultural origins made it quite obvious that there should be such a department and I regard it as a privilege to head up this department.

I also regard it as a privilege to be a member of a government which is unique in another way, namely in having in its Cabinet a younger group of men on the over-all average than has ever before been known in any Manitoba government. For instance, if I were to be dropped from the Cabinet, the average age would become two years less, or two years lower than it now is, or putting it another way, if two years hence I were to drop out, then the average age of the remaining Cabinet Ministers would become again what it is today with me included. There must be a message of some kind in this --(Interjection)--the average age is 43. If I drop out the average age would be 41 - deduct two. So you can do a little fancy arithmetic and figure out what my age is. If you can't figure it out, I can easily tell you. It has been revealed for all to read. It is because of the youthfulness of this Cabinet group that I at this time, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the province, feel that the future beckons with a bright and fruitful promise of days to come.

Now from this point, Mr. Speaker, I would wish to make a few brief comments on the various sections within my portfolio, although not necessarily in the same order as they are listed in the estimates. I would lead off with a few remarks about the Centennial Corporation as it relates and as it has related to Manitoba's Centennial. Originally, the Corporation was set up to direct the provincial observance of the Canadian Centennial in 1967, and following that successful observance it continued to be retained to lay the groundwork for the provincial Centenary and to organize and to direct the province-wide observance during this present year.

Now these observances, the observances of this Centennial Year began on the eve of the beginning of the year with a province-wide participation in most or all communities. Here in Winnipeg a cake-cutting and a candle-lighting ceremony was held in this building, followed by the lighting of the Centennial Flame on Memorial Boulevard which still burns bravely, having come through the winter undiminished in size or in warmth. It was my privilege to light the flame. It should probably have been a younger man who would be able to light the flame in perhaps some hearts as well as on a standard out on Memorial Boulevard.

An entertainment in the Centennial Centre was held in the evening and the whole observance on that first day was broadcast and televised over the provincial networks and over the national networks from coast to coast, singing out a welcome to our Centennial Year in every province, keeping pace with the time zones in each province as the bells chimed out the stroke of midnight, marking the farewell to the old year and a welcome to the new.

Now each day in every week from that moment to this has been marked in this province by a number of Centennial events taking place in villages, towns, hamlets and cities, wherever people have congregated to give their own distinct emphasis to our Centennial celebrations, and the purpose of this booklet was simply to bring alive the understanding or the recognition of the members of what actually is being done and what is being planned.

Many special Centennial projects have been entered upon and many have reached completion. Some still are in the process of being carried out, but all of these projects reflect the

(MR. PETURSSON cont'd) . . . spirit that pervades the province during these days and that will continue to pervade it until the midnight bells are tolled on the last day of the year, as the year comes to what is sure to be a successful and a memorable close.

All the preliminary planning and scheduling of the many activities during this year came under the active direction of the Board of the Centennial Corporation and its Chairman, Mr. Matiland Steinkopf. When this government came into power, one of its first acts was to invite Mr. Steinkopf and his Board, and the administrative staff that worked with him, to carry on the work that had been effectively and ably begun and to see the province through its Centennial Year. The request was acceded to, and when the Centennial Corporation was placed in my hands as Minister of Cultural Affairs, I took the opportunity of adding my personal voice to that of the Premier's in requesting the Chairman's and the Board's continued cooperation. I have the greatest confidence in both the Board and the Chairman and have faith that they will bring the Centennial Year to a successful and a notable conclusion.

I do not propose to name here the many projects entered upon nor the many events scheduled to take place, but cannot refrain from mentioning two or three particularly noteworthy ones. First and foremost of course among these will be the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip, Princess Anne and Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales. They will travel across the province as a group, and separately, appearing in about 22 different communities during a short period of - about what? - five, six or seven days. It is expected that Her Majesty will address the Provincial Legislature and assembled citizens on July 15th from the steps at the front of these Legislative Buildings.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride will appear in a number of communities during the latter part of June and on through July.

The Centennial Sweepstake is already meeting with exceptional success. Ticket sales have reached proportions beyond even the fondest expectations of those who supported the idea, with the result that the number of prizes has been dramatically increased. At the same time, the sale of tickets is helping finance more than 240 Centennial projects of towns, clubs, churches and schools. The response has, in a word, been overwhelming. But accepting all this, and much more that could be listed as an indication of the enthusiasm and the interest with which Manitobans celebrate the 100th anniversary of the province . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Could I ask the Minister whether it is his intention to finish in a moment or two or would he prefer to continue . . .

MR. PETURSSON: I have about 10 more pages and if I could do that in two minutes I would do it, but I'm afraid it's impossible.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Perhaps the Minister could continue his comments this evening?

MR. PETURSSON: I'd be glad to do that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is now 5:30. I am leaving the Chair to return again at 8:00 this evening.