

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
10:00 a.m., Friday, May 14, 1976

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: Before we proceed I should like to direct the attention of the honourable members to the gallery where we have 21 students, Grade 6 standing, of the Ramah Hebrew School. These students are under the direction of Mrs. Cooper. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for River Heights. We also have 12 students of Grade 12 standing, of the Glenfield Sutton School, from Glenfield, North Dakota, under the direction of Mr. & Mrs. Nelson, as our guests; and we have 55 students, Grades 7 and 8 standing of the Warren Elementary School. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Lakeside.

On behalf of all the honourable members, I welcome you here this morning.
Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions:

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

MR. CLERK: The petition of Ernest Robert Anderson, praying for the passing of an Act for the relief of Ernest Robert Anderson. The Petition of Lawrence Aubin and others, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate Carman Golf Club.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees; Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports; Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health.

HON. LAURENT L. DESJARDINS (Minister of Health and Social Development) (St. Boniface) introduced Bill No. 75, an Act to Amend the Public Health Act; and, Bill No. 76, an Act to Amend the Health Services Act

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY MCKENZIE (Roblin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable Minister of Highways. I wonder if the Minister can advise the House when he intends to lift the weight restrictions on the highway system.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Highways.

HON. PETER BURTNIAK (Minister of Highways)(Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, specifically I cannot, but I am informed that some roads that have been a restriction weight to 250 pounds per inch with a tire, some of these will go up to 350 on Monday morning, at 6 o'clock this coming Monday, and I would think that it shouldn't take too many more days before the restrictions are lifted completely on most of the roads.

MR. MCKENZIE: A supplementary question then. As I understand the Minister then, those that are restricted to 350 pounds will not be increased in the next few days.

MR. BURTNIAK: Those that are at 350, when the restrictions will be taken off, they won't go down to 250, they will be taken off completely. And as I said before some roads that are 250 will be going to 350 on Monday, and eventually, maybe in a week or so, thereabouts, will be taken off completely.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture. Can the Minister give assurance to the House that he will not be bringing in a legislation concerning foreign ownership of land in the Province of Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. SAMUEL USKIW (Minister of Agriculture) (Lac du Bonnet): Well, again, Mr. Speaker, that is a matter of policy and when we are ready to announce the same we will do so.

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MR. PATRICK: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. This is of great concern not only to buyers but to farmers themselves, My question is, is the Minister considering a land transfer tax concerning foreign buyers of farm land?

MR. SPEAKER: Policy again. The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. DAVID BLAKE (Minnedosa): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Honourable Minister responsible for Mines and Renewable Resources, but in his absence I'll direct it to the First Minister. I wonder, could he assure the House in view of the recent decision to not assess the fishermen of Saskatchewan processing costs by the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, if he could assure the House that the costs will not in any way be passed on to the fishermen in Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. EDWARD SCHREYER (Premier)(Rossmere): Well Mr. Speaker, that is a question which in the absence of my colleague and also because it has to do with current action, I will take as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for River Heights.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK Q.C. (River Heights): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the First Minister. I wonder if he can indicate whether his government has intervened in the apparent firing of the Port Manager at Churchill and the apparent downgrading of the port.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, we too have heard the rumoured change of the status of administration of the Port of Churchill. My colleague the Minister of Industry and Commerce has telexed certain enquiries, I don't know if he's received information as yet. We have been contacted by certain interested persons in Churchill and we expect to be again today. A meeting of some significance was to have been held yesterday in Churchill.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, I wonder then if the Minister of Industry and Commerce or the First Minister can confirm that there is now a very real, not an apparent, a real attempt on the part of the National Harbour Board to downgrade the Port of Churchill and that in effect it would have serious implications with respect to the growth of the community and . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The question is now asking for an opinion.

MR. SPIVAK: No, I want him to confirm in fact that this is now happening.

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

HON. LEONARD EVANS (Minister of Industry and Commerce)(Brandon East): Mr. Speaker, as the Premier has indicated, we're very much concerned with this particular question and there is no doubt that in the minds of certain federal officials there was a possibility, at least there was consideration of the possibility of placing Churchill under a different administrative arrangement, which could have the effect of downgrading it in the total spectrum of Canadian ports. We have opposed this vigorously and we're hopeful that our opposition together with the voices of others in the prairie region, because it is a port that services the prairie region, will be persuasive enough to have Ottawa change its heart in this matter.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, then I wonder if the Minister of Industry and Commerce can indicate whether in fact there has been a request made for other provinces to join in this intervention or whether at this point the province is simply seeking information.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, we have intervened as a province. I would also remind the honourable member that we do have now at Churchill an organization called the Port Churchill Development Board which I am pleased to say is an ongoing organization to promote Churchill to look after its interests, and that board has appointees from the governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan as well as the government in Manitoba.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister can indicate with whom is he communicating, with whom is the government at this point communicating? Is the Minister involved?

MR. EVANS: Mr. Chairman, it seems offhand that we've communicated with just about everybody we can communicate with in this matter. My senior staff has been

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(MR. EVANS cont'd)in communication with the other prairie provinces, officials at Churchill, and with the most senior people in the National Harbours Board and senior officials in the Ministry of Transport. I think I've pretty well covered the waterfront. We've pretty well been in touch with everyone we have to be in touch with.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if the Minister can confirm that there's been no communication then with any of the political people at the Ministerial level, that at this point it is below the Ministerial level.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, we do have some information, and again as we've tried to indicate it's perhaps rather preliminary, but we do have some indication that there may be a change of heart by the Federal Government into this matter and we are hopeful that our worst fears will not be experienced. However, we will be on top of the situation and continue to pursue it. But I believe that our worst fears will not be realized, at least I hope they will not be realized.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I see the Minister responsible for Renewable Resources is in his seat now and I wonder if I might place the question that the First Minister took as notice. In view of the recent decision to not assess processing costs against the fishermen of Saskatchewan, I wonder if he could assure the House that these costs will not be passed on to the fishermen of Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Renewable Resources.

HON. HARVEY BOSTROM (Minister of Renewable Resources)(Rupertsland): Mr. Speaker, that is a question that we have had ongoing discussions with the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation on, and we are in fact demanding of the corporation that these costs not be passed on to Manitoba. My understanding of any agreement that they will be having with Saskatchewan is that Saskatchewan will continue to pay their fair share of the overhead costs of the Transcona Plant and the operation of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation in total.

MR. BLAKE: A supplementary question Mr. Chairman, to the same Minister. I wonder if he could advise the House if a final decision has been made on whether or not Manitoba fishermen will be allowed to opt out of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation.

MR. SPEAKER: A question of policy. The Honourable Minister.

MR. BOSTROM: Mr. Speaker, there are no plans at the present time to recommend to the Federal Government that Manitoba fishermen opt out. Saskatchewan, in fact, has not yet decided on their course of action. I understand they're having further discussions today with the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation on that question.

MR. BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have another question to the same Minister. I wonder if he could advise the House at what stage of construction the proposed ferries under the new marine section of his department is in at the present time.

MR. BOSTROM: Mr. Speaker, one ferry that was owned and operated by the Province of Manitoba is in the process of being extended and reconstructed. There are two others which we have tendered for and the tenders have not yet been in.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Highways.

MR. BURTNIAK: Mr. Speaker, just as a follow-up to the question asked by the Honourable Member for Roblin. I would like to add also that the lifting of weight restrictions on our roads of course will depend largely on weather conditions as well. I just want to make that clear, that the member understands.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. BLAKE: Yes. I have a supplementary to that question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Minister could advise if there's a closing date on the tenders that have been called for the two ferries.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Renewable Resources.

MR. BOSTROM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I believe next Thursday is the closing date.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BOB BANMAN (La Verendrye): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I direct my

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(MR. BANMAN cont'd)question to the Minister of Renewable Resources and my questions arise from the statement which he made yesterday with regards to the deer hunting season. I wonder if the Minister could tell us if he will be releasing the survey on the counts done by his department to the Legislature.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. BOSTROM: Mr. Speaker, the best information that we have available on the deer count in Manitoba was included in the press release. Very quickly, that is last spring at this time it was estimated that there were about 37,000 deer in Manitoba; with the spring fawn crop of last year added to that number, there is approximately 57,000 deer in Manitoba at the present time. We're expecting a substantial fawn crop this spring but it's not known exactly what that will be of course.

MR. BANMAN: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Minister could tell us if the department consider conducting a deer season very much like the elk and the moose under a draw type of system.

MR. BOSTROM: Many different alternatives were considered, Mr. Speaker, that was one of them, but the final decision, as the member well knows, is not to have a season this year.

MR. BANMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Minister could tell us, in his survey, what amount of the deer population roughly in percentage points were killed by native people in Manitoba?

MR. BOSTROM: Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that question as notice. I don't have the figure offhand.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to direct my question to the First Minister. The Province of Quebec expects to increase its investments in the province by some 33 percent as a result of reducing the Succession Duties by I believe 20 percent this year, for the 1976-77 term. I wonder if the Minister can give us an indication if there will be an adjustment in Succession Duties in the Province of Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: The First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, even though I didn't hear the entirety of the honourable member's question, I heard enough to be able to answer it, by saying that obviously it is too late this year, and with respect to next year, fiscal adjustments are always possible, particularly in the sense of indexing to maintain constant dollar value.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Flin Flon.

MR. THOMAS BARROW (Flin Flon): I have a question, Mr. Speaker, for the Minister of Social Services. Does this Physical Fitness Program apply to all Manitobans?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: My honourable friend will have to enlighten me. I don't know of any physical fitness that is compulsory on anybody - look at me.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Flin Flon.

MR. BARROW: Would it apply to the opposition who was trounced so soundly by the. . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Member for River Heights.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the First Minister. I wonder if he could confirm that his Cabinet, or that he and his colleagues were offered a profit by the principals of Chemalloy for repurchasing of the shares purchased by the government, as well as the discharging of the loan obligations and that that offer was rejected.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the question, although not intended that way, has an unfortunate connotation. It would be one thing to say that the Crown may have been offered a profit, certainly not my colleagues. I'm not aware of my colleagues being offered any profits. Seriously, Mr. Speaker, as to the point of the question as to whether the Crown was offered a profit if it were to have agreed to sell to some other interested commercial party, that is something which I would have to take as notice. I believe that if such an offer had been made, those charged with the responsibility of weighing the pros and cons of certain commercial ventures and moves would have simply deliberated on that and taken a decision based on purely commercial consideration of local employment

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(MR. SCHREYER cont'd)consideration. I will take it as notice and get more specific information.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, by way of a supplementary and recognizing that the Premier will be taking the question as notice, I wonder if he can indicate whether his Cabinet considered that offer, whether his Cabinet considered the offer that was made?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I feel I have a good memory. I do not recall that being discussed by Cabinet or even a committee of Cabinet, but again, in order to be absolutely sure, I will have to check Cabinet minutes.

MR. SPIVAK: Again by way of a supplementary, recognizing that the First Minister will have to obtain information, I wonder if he can indicate to whom that offer was communicated and the action that did take place, if it was.

MR. SCHREYER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, it is a hypothesis, I'll have to check.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY J. ENNS (Lakeside): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Labour. Is the Minister of Labour aware of any application before his department for certification on behalf of the Farm Workers Association in the Portage area?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour)(Transcona): No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. ROBERT G. WILSON (Wolseley): I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. Can the Minister confirm that energy conservationists have requested some of the lights in the Woodsworth Building be turned out during off hours?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Public Works.

HON. RUSSELL DOERN (Minister of Public Works)(Elmwood): No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WILSON: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Have employees of the government complained of the new type lighting and its effect on their eyesight?

MR. DOERN: Not to me, Mr. Speaker.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Health and Social Development. Can the Minister confirm, or is it true that the Manitoba Dental Association Plan that was presented to the government would have been a better plan and cost less money as indicated by the Dental Association.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. It's a hypothetical question in a sense, and it's also an argumentative question. Does the honourable member wish to re-phrase?

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to then re-phrase the question. The Manitoba Dental Association indicated that their plan was more superior and less costly. I'm asking the Minister, has he examined their plan, he must have examined it, and can he indicate was their plan more superior and would it have been less costly.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Same question. Order please. The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, earlier this week the House Leader of the Opposition asked as to whether or not we would be prepared to table a copy of the Hydro Task Force Report upon which one Mr. Kierans had made certain comments. I indicated that we would, with whatever degree of lack of enthusiasm, be prepared to table the document subject to a check with the Manitoba Hydro management in the event that there were any numbers or any information in the said report that might be of important, internal confidentiality to Manitoba Hydro. I am now indicating that I believe on Monday next I will be in a position to table the report. I make that statement as well because there seems to have been some erroneous impression that we would be wishing to suppress the report, in fact I notice a newspaper editorial headline "Suppressed Report," Mr. Speaker, the report is not suppressed.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Health and Social Development. Has the Minister received a plan from the Manitoba Dental Association and can he indicate to the House if a private plan or a public plan would be more superior and less costly.

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MR. SPEAKER: The first part of the question may be answered, the other one is an opinion.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, I don't mind at all. I might say that, yes, the Dental Association wanted to introduce with the assistance of government a private plan here. We feel that a public plan would be much superior, and it's not an ideology thing with me. The Province of Quebec for instance had a private -- (Interjection)-- You don't want to hear that? --(Interjections)-- I guess my friends want to keep on looking at one side of the story.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order please. The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BANMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture and would ask him if he could confirm that the Manitoba provincial dairy market's share quota will be cut by about 9 percent. By about 9 percent.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I have indicated to members opposite that there have been announcements with respect to cutbacks for the dairy industry of this province, and I also indicated that we are still involved in discussions to try to minimize to whatever extent is possible those cutbacks.

MR. BANMAN: In spite of the market share quota being cut by approximately 9 percent, has the Minister's department done any calculations as to what effect this will have in net returns to the producers in Manitoba?

MR. USKIW: Mr. Chairman, I don't know whether the member is looking for an opinion. It's obvious that if there is a rollback in production there likely is to be a rollback in revenues per farm unless there is some other offsetting means to which the farmer may increase his revenues from another source.

MR. BANMAN: Another supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Minister could confirm that any over-quota production by the dairy farmers will net them a zero return.

MR. USKIW: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the policy of the Canadian Dairy Commission is that they will virtually confiscate by a levy any over-production.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, again I direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Development. I wonder if he's prepared to answer my question.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, by all means I am ready to - if I am given a chance. I am saying that one of the reasons why we went with the public plan is that other provinces have tried the private plan. I see that the utilization rate wasn't much greater than before they introduced the plan and they are now abandoning this and going to a public plan. As far as the cost is concerned, if you compare apples with apples and oranges with oranges, I don't think that it will be costlier. If you look at a public plan thinking of the education of the staff and setting up the clinics for the first few years, it will be costlier, but in the long run I think that you'll find that the opposite will be true, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well Mr. Speaker, yesterday the House Leader of the Opposition asked as to whether or not the Anti-Inflation Board has made any communication to us relative to the adjustments in Manitoba Hydro rates, the increase in Manitoba Hydro rates.

I have a note here, although I do not have the letter in my possession yet, that we are receiving communication from the board to the effect that Manitoba Hydro's rate changes are in compliance with the guidelines.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if you would kindly follow the Orders of the Day as printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 37. The Honourable Member for Arthur. (Stand) Bill 46. The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L.R.(Bud) SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Stand please, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 58.

MR. PAULLEY: Stand please, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 62. The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell. (Stand) Bill 63. The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. HARRY SHAFRANSKY (Radisson): Mr. Speaker, I looked at the bill and I have no objection to have it proceed. The Minister responsible, the Attorney-General, I'm sure will explain all the facts pertaining to this bill.

QUESTION put, MOTION carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 64. The Honourable Member for Fort Garry. (Stand) Bill 65. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie. (Stand) Does the Honourable House Leader wish the introduction of the bills on the Order Paper?

MR. PAULLEY: Please.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 54. The Honourable Minister of Education is away at the moment. Bill 56. The Honourable Attorney-General. (Stand) The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: With the bunch of characters that I have to deal with on this side it's no wonder we're not constantly mixed up, Mr. Speaker, and I say that in all due affection to my colleagues, some of them have looked too long to the other side of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Would the Honourable Minister . . .

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, 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.

MOTION presented and carried and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with the Honourable Member for Logan in the Chair for Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, and the Honourable Member for St. Vital in the Chair for Attorney-General.

MR. SPEAKER: Oh, I thought there were four grievances at the moment. Let me suggest as a matter of procedure, when I'm putting a motion if members stand up I assume they're going to speak on the subject. I have a problem that way.

MR. PAULLEY: You're confirming the problem I have with my left - or with my right.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY - TOURISM, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. ORDER! Can we have just a little bit less noise and what not so we can hear what's going to transpire? Order please! I refer honourable members to Page 55. Resolution 109(h) Grant Assistance--pass; Order please. Resolution 110. Tourism and Park Resources Division (a) Divisional Administration (1) Salaries \$57,300--pass; The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. MCKENZIE: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if the Minister would give us a breakdown of the salaries and the expenditures while he's on his feet.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

HON. RENE TOUPIN (Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs) (Springfield): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to first of all give the brief objective of the section in question. There's provision to develop park and tourism policy and programs and to ensure the effect of achievements in relation to government policy and consumer population needs. This includes salaries for three permanent staff man years, the Assistance Deputy Minister, one analyst and one support staff. There's a total increase of 7.1 thousand which is mainly due to general salary increase and annual increments. It includes general office costs for the office of the Assistant Deputy Minister for Tourism and Parks Resources Division. It includes equally major items, travel 5.9 thousand, and the total of 1,000 is due to price increase. So this gives the explanatory notes pertaining to the same number of staff man years as compared to 1975-76, but for the escalation in additional

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd) funds required.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 110(a)(1) Salaries--pass; 110(a)(2) Other Expenditures--pass; Provincial Park System - Management Services (a) Salaries. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister could enlighten us on the proposed development plans that he has in mind for the parks, the cottages that he intends to construct in the park system around the province and the potential that may exist for private people to be able to get a lease and set up their own private cottages. And I know we've had some questions raised regarding the Duck Mountain Provincial Park, Hecla Island and the Childs Lake area. There's been several that have come to my attention. I'm just wondering today if the Minister could in some detail spell us out the policy that he has in mind for the cottage owners and how many lots would be available for private people if they wished to go into the park today, lease a parcel of ground and erect a cottage.

The other one of course that comes up, Mr. Speaker, is the management of the wildlife in the parks and I wonder if the Minister can advise us where we stand on that particular aspect today. I wonder also, maybe while we are on the cottages, if the Minister could give us an idea of how many cottages the province has constructed in the past year. The area that I keep personally getting flack about is the Shellmouth Dam area. That's been six, seven years now and that's just gone through a planning scheme but there still hasn't been any development there on the shores of the Assiniboia River. There certainly has been lots of meetings held, but as of today there certainly has been no indication to the local people that they can start to develop the area with the co-operation of the Minister.

Some concerns have been registered across my desk regarding the West Hawk Trailer Village at. . . Apparently people can move from the bottom part of the camping area up along to what's known as the top part of the campsite along the highway which connects, I guess, 44 Highway to Trans Canada. I understand the trailers that these people had were small, and now they're moving in the 60-foot ones and they're taking away apparently all the fully serviced lots and leaving very little for the people who have to move their trailer every two or three weeks. I wonder if the Minister could fill us in on that policy. How long can they spot a trailer, and if they move to a new location, if in fact there are other areas that they can set up their campsites.

I'm also wondering about the concessions in the various campsites, the parks around the province, how the concessions are granted. Are they tendered out or does the department or the Minister hire people to operate these concessions? And could he give us some idea if in fact they do show a reasonable return in the concessions.

The other one is the Partridge Crop Lake Wilderness Park east of, I think it is Thompson, if the Minister could give us some idea of the development that he has in mind for that particular area. I think it's already been designated as a provincial park and final planning I don't think has been finalized. Maybe he could give the committee some idea of what he has in mind for that.

Another concern that's been drawn to my attention, Mr. Speaker, hinges around the Legislative Building where we stand here today, if in fact the Ministers would possibly look forward to moving all this traffic and cars out of the legislative grounds where we sit here today and maybe make that into a park, which it should be, I think. A great many citizens of this province feel that we're getting so cluttered up with traffic and cars around this building; the grounds are beautiful and they are landscaped, they could be improved better and we could make this one of the real beautiful sites of the province right here where the Legislative grounds sit. But we certainly would have to move all the traffic congestion and the parking of cars that's taking place at the present time, which many people, and I join their sentiments, feel that the beauty of the area is obliterated now with traffic and the parking of vehicles.

The Nopiming parksite which has been designated, maybe the Minister could fill us in on some of the details and plans that he has in mind for this park. It's a large area, I guess close to about 500 square miles if my memory serves me correctly, and it will certainly present a new type of park for us in the province because it's situated

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(MR. MCKENZIE cont'd) where some of the main features of the Canadian Shield are on view and available for people that are interested in that type of a site.

The other, Mr. Chairman, is the one of the golf fees in the various parks. Do you charge the same fees for all provincial parks?

The other one that maybe the Minister could fill us in on is the development of the Grant Mill Project in the St. James area. Is there any further development planned for that area or is it completed at the present time? Maybe it's all controlled by the City, or does the Minister have any input into the development?

There's some other matters that I could bring later, Mr. Speaker. Maybe the Minister could fill us in on some of those policies and plans for the year ahead.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Tourism.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, again I'm in the hands of the committee in the sense that I believe that we're on Management Services, which does not include a lot of the questions posed by the Honourable Member for Roblin, but I am ready and willing to attempt to answer his questions.

If we talk on Management Services, the item that we're on, we have the same number of staff man years included, which shows to be 36.18. There's a provision for continuing staff functions for all provincial park lands. There's an increase of 37.5 thousand which is due to general salary increase and annual increments. The bulk of the funds that are included for general office costs of the Parks Management function includes automobile 49.8; travel 42; printing and stationery supplies, there's a total increase there of \$11,400 which is due to price increases.

The bulk of the questions posed by the Honourable Member for Roblin would be dealt with more adequately under Capital Supply, because the bulk of the funds that we're seeking for development, upgrading of parks, fall under that heading. There is approximately \$2,943,000 required for that purpose. I can cite examples of things that will be included within the Capital Supply Bill that will cover some of the requirements that we have in the Park System.

The question of lots available for private use is causing some problems in some of our provincial parks. I'd say mainly pertaining to areas where we intend to keep the bulk of the park itself in a wilderness state - and that is certainly the case with Nopiming Provincial Park where we don't intend to allow that much development apart from specific areas around lakes that we feel will not disturb the wildlife environment, mainly the caribou herds that we have concentrated now in and around Flinstone Lake in Nopiming Provincial Park.

We are planning construction of cottages. There's twelve units to be constructed at Camp Morton, I'm sorry, there's twelve units now completed at Camp Morton, and the honourable members are invited to have a look and at a nominal fee test them out with their friends and/or families. We will be constructing approximately twenty-five new cottages in 1976-77 and the areas that we're looking at right now are Ironwood Point, Camp Morton, Bakers Narrows, Nopiming and Gardenton. Those cottages should become available for the public early in 1977.

West Hawk Trailer Village itself is causing some problem in the sense that we always seem to be cramped for space for possible development. The policy in regards to seasonal lots is to recover from the present lessees pertaining to their services that were offered in the past, and when they want to continue offering the same type of service and concessions and whatnot, we attempt to enter into an agreement with them, whether it be on a yearly basis or on longer terms. When the present lessee is wanting to vacate, we have a tendency to open up for tenders and invite people to submit to us their intent of wanting to get in that type of business with us.

The rentals are based on the department's cost for maintenance. The concessions to date are registering a profit for most of the concessions now in use. However, it must be noted that the season is sometimes very short, depending on the weather, and the user population fluctuates pertaining to weekends. Again, weekend peaks, week days are sometimes very low, and we have to consider all those factors when we either set the rate of commission that has to be paid back or even adjusted in some cases.

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The grant - and I can't really understand this here - the grant to Grant's Mill on Sturgeon Creek is a development of the St. James Historical Society. The department recommended a grant to be made by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council and a grant was given to support the construction with other funds coming from Canada, the City of Winnipeg, and private subscriptions. I believe it's an excellent undertaking and is generally now completed.

The Partridge Crop Area is 16 miles southeast of Thompson consisting of a series of lakes along the Grosse River is it - I'm sorry, too bad we haven't got a typewriter here, we could possibly understand a bit more - the Grass River System. We are examining park opportunities there and the Department of Highways are investigating the highway location for the area.

In regards to golf fees, we are attempting to recover, and in some cases even make a dollar like anybody else pertaining to golf courses. I would ask to be corrected if I'm wrong, I believe that we're responsible for only two golf courses in the province, one being at Falcon Lake and the other one at Hecla Island. It is not the policy of my department to subsidize golf courses, so the golf fees there would be quite similar, if not exactly on, with other golf courses in the province. I believe that the golf course at Falcon Lake - and I've golfed for many years, I haven't for the last seven but I used to golf a lot - is one of the best in the province. It used to be better, mind you, when we had inmates working at the golf course and we're looking at that past policy to try to reinstate a similar arrangement in regards to Falcon Lake and possibly other services that are offered that have to be performed in Provincial Parks. I think it would be helpful for Parks Management and equally for those involved in our correctional institutions in the province.

The Hecla Island, I believe, will prove to be equally a very nice and challenging golf course. I haven't had the opportunity to golf there yet, I've only seen the facility and it wasn't then completed. I believe the 18 holes on Hecla Island are now in use and the fee reflects the use of the 18 holes instead of nine last year.

I have a question from a member from his seat indicating that the next time that I intend to golf at Hecla Island that I should take some opposition. I for one believe that when you're golfing you don't need opposition, you're golfing against yourself. That's one game where you can't cheat, because if you cheat you're the only one really that really knows what happened. It's a type of sport that is especially good for members of the House that have an obligation to sit either here in the House for many weeks and months or in committee sometime listening to speeches that are not always appreciated and getting around walking - hitting out frustrations on the golf ball or bending a four or a three wood is sometimes quite healthy.

Pertaining to some of the developments, I'll be able to be more precise when we get the Capital Bill itself. I'd like to enumerate, Mr. Chairman, some of the things that we'd like to see done in 1976-77.

There is an intent to reconstruct a main sewer line in Falcon Townsite, there's quite a problem there, and provide facilities for a spray irrigation of effluent from sewage lagoon to Falcon Golf Course. That's a cost that will be close to \$200,000 itself. We intend to refurbish and reconstruct the sewer system and extend water from the main pumphouse to West Hawk Trailer Village, and the capital expenditure and the wages tied to that will be approximately \$65,000. We intend to design and install a new sewage treatment facility at Manitou Campground to meet environmental control recommendations, and that'll be another \$65,000. There will be a lined existing sewage lagoon at Stephenfield Recreational Park to meet clean environment limits on seepage, and that'll be about \$20,000. Installed sewer and water lines from group use and overflow areas to meet the trunk, including hook-up of main system to the municipal system in the Town of St. Malo that environmental control standards might be met. That was a question posed of me last evening, and that's at a cost of approximately \$75,000. We will complete the sewage disposal system at Gull Harbour as required by the Clean Environment Commission and for further capacity to service a proposed lodge that I talked about in my opening

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd) remarks last evening. That will be at a cost of approximately \$134,000.

Replace iron removal unit at Nutimik Yard and campground water supply as existing unit is inadequate, and that's a cost approximately \$8,000. We will construct new sanitary landfill areas at Hecla, Grindstone, Lake St. George, Hereford Dam, West Hawk and Winnipegow, at a cost of approximately \$40,000; provide two water wells on Hecla and two for the Black Point cottage area on Grindstone Provincial Recreation Park at a cost of approximately \$10,000; contributions to Manitoba Hydro for Hecla power line. And that's at a cost of \$190,000.

There will be repair of pavement or extension of pavement for dust control, safety and erosion control at Lot 2, Dorothy Lake parking lot, Whitemouth Falls, Wayside Park and Seven Sisters District Office subdivision and Lac du Bonnet district at a cost of approximately \$15,000. Service and staff facilities, initial development of a 20-unit staff trailer area including roads and utility services at Hecla Park at about \$100,000. Install chain link fencing and gravel surface for expansion to Manpower Corps Training Plant Yard at Selkirk; an improvement in landscaping to the existing yard, approximately \$60,000. Minor improvements to three houses on Hecla Park to be used as staff accommodation units at about \$10,000.

We're equally, Mr. Chairman, embarking on a marine facility program. Construction of an onshore facility for boat launch and wharf at Balsam Bay. This would meet provincial requirements on a proposed agreement with Canada under its Tourist Wharf Policy at a cost of approximately \$25,000. Construction of an onshore facility for a boat launch and wharf at Floodway and Red River on the Perimeter Highway in Red River. This would meet provincial requirements of a proposed agreement with Canada, approximately \$25,000. There will be an engineering design and soils investigation for onshore and marina facilities at Grand Beach Park. This would be the first phase of a proposed agreement with Canada under its Marina Policy wherein Canada and Manitoba would cost-share 50-50 in a Marina Development estimated totally at \$800,000. The amount in the Budget for that purpose is \$60,000. I'm sorry, the amount in the Budget for that will be included in the amount of \$5,000 wages and \$5,000 Other Expenditures because we're only talking of the engineering design itself. For that marine facility section we're talking of \$60,000.

We're talking of miscellaneous repairs to roofs, installation of waste disposal and water facilities and interior renovations to Hecla Cantoba Club. Repairs are necessary to prolong the life of the structure, and that'll be about \$15,000. There'll be some interior renovation and replacement of obsolete equipment at the Golf Course restaurant at Falcon Lake, and most of the work has been completed. That's about \$30,000. Renovation to the kitchen area as required by the Department of Labour and the installation of waste holding tank at the Ski Chalet, Falcon Lake, \$8,000. Campground and day use development, construction of 25 duplex rental log cabins for summer use only - and I gave the areas a while ago - that'll be about \$435,000. That includes wages, capital expenditure for equipment and so on.

Miscellaneous projects that we talked about is continuation of ongoing tree and shrub planting programs on the Greater Winnipeg Floodway. The program is committed for three years in advance to Pineland Nursery and Indian Head Nursery to supply planting stock. The program includes planning of species and bed preparation for the following year's work, and there's \$50,000 for that purpose.

Continued involvement of three Student Employment Programs under STEP in the eastern region through the provision of support, accommodation board and supervision. Production of 1,500 cords of firewood for eastern region facilities, improvement to second nine holes of Hecla Golf Course, construction and erect various signs on Hecla Park, production of firewood supply through the cleaning up of slab piles at Cache Lake at Duck Mountain Park.

Salvage, sawing and planing of timber cleared for power line to be used at Selkirk shop and regional maintenance requirement of Duck Mountain Parks. Development of additional allotment gardens in the City of Winnipeg including the provision of lockers,

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd)water supply, sanitary facilities, roads and parking and the improvement of water supply system at St. Mary's Road and Kirkness Road sites. There's an amount there of \$15,000 for that purpose.

I must say that there's presently some problems in acquiring the given sites from the City of Winnipeg, or more specifically from Winnipeg Hydro. We're hoping to be able to utilize vacant sites closer to apartment buildings where people would have ready access to these garden plots and it's now partially in the political arena between myself and the City of Winnipeg. I'm hoping to resolve that problem. I don't care who does it, it can be done by the city and/or my department. But I believe there's a need because of the requests that we get and we should attempt to make that service available to those desiring to pass some of their spare time in gardening and related recreation activity, because the garden plot arrangement is not only for individuals to seed and to reap crops from same but equally to pass an enjoyable afternoon or evening working in the garden, sitting at picnic tables and enjoying themselves.

New parks, initial development of Waysides at Lake "A", two Waysides at Shoe Lake, boat launch at Black Lake and boat launch at Shoe Lake, all within the new eastern provincial natural park. The total park development would be \$1,800,000; Gull Harbour Lodge construction, \$426; Assiniboine Park and Zoo; \$717, for a total of \$2,943,000.

There were some questions, Mr. Chairman, that were posed to me pertaining to other areas, and we did talk in my opening remarks of Grund Lutheran Church. The amount for that purpose is \$10,000; St. Michaels Ukrainian Orthodox Church, \$10,000; Criddle property, \$30,000; Fort Ellice, \$30,000; Maison Turenne and Bohemier House, \$40,000; for the Regional. Historical Sites Assistance Programs \$30,000, for an amount of \$150,000. I believe this answers the bulk of the questions posed by the Honourable Member for Roblin. If I've missed any he'll bring it to my attention.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. HARRY SHAFRANSKY (Radisson): Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister, when are the development plans going to start for the Birds Hill Golf Course? I understand it has been in the plans for a number of years and there has been a site location signed for the future Birds Hill Park. I'd like to find out from the Minister, what is the time schedule or period when this development of the golf course will take place. I would also like to find out from the Minister, have the washroom facilities in the West Beach of the Grand Beach Provincial Park been improved. Have the services for the cottagers in the West Beach, Grand Beach Provincial Park been developed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. WARNER H. JORGENSON (Morris): Mr. Chairman, the Minister mentioned earlier that he didn't particularly care to listen to speeches that were not appreciated, and maybe that's what he's going to be listening to now, I don't know. But I do have a matter that I want to raise, and it's in connection with his statement during the earlier part of his remarks when he was mentioning the amount of vandalism that has been going on in the provincial parks. The particular matter that I want to draw to his attention, concern a question that was asked in this House on April 22nd by the Member for Flin Flon in which he asked the Minister if it was the intention of the department to close down the provincial park at Cranberry Portage. The Minister's response was to the effect that the park itself has been abused by some vandalism caused over the last few months. And then he went on to say that the well is an example, it was filled with rocks. The buildings were partially destroyed and are having to be reconstructed. And he said that I can indicate to the honourable member that if this happens again, we'll have no choice but to close it.

Well, Mr. Chairman, since that time I have received some pictures of the buildings in that particular park and I don't see any signs of vandalism. Pictures that were taken after the publicity in the northern areas was given concerning the statement by the Minister, and I am going to send these pictures over to the Minister himself. In connection with the wells, there are two wells I understand, in the park, and both of them are concrete covered, and how the report would get back to the Minister that these wells were filled with rocks defies some imagination. My understanding is that in the initial

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(MR. JORGENSON cont'd) instance when the wells were dug, because of the quicksand that was in the bottom of the wells there were rocks put in there to ensure that clean water could be pumped out. And I also understand that the water table has gone down somewhat, since the lakes are lower this year than normal and the rocks are now showing, but how they could see them with the concrete slabs there, and obviously the concrete slabs have not been disturbed because they're overgrown with moss and grass around there, there has been no removal of the concrete slabs, and how anybody could go in there to find out if the rocks were missing or if the place was filled with rocks is something that I find very difficult to understand.

The pictures of the washrooms and the other buildings that remain there would indicate - and they were taken after the Minister made his statement in the House - would indicate that there is really nothing wrong with those buildings, apart from the publicdressing room that has been removed, and I understand that it has been removed over to Bakers Narrows. The slabs on which the dressing rooms were placed have been left there and the bolts that had been used to hold it down are sticking up, and if there is any sign of vandalism, it's created by the Parks Department itself. If the Page will just come over here, I'll send these picturers over to the Minister so that he can see for himself the kind of vandalism that is actually going on in that particular area, and that's underestimating the amount of vandalism that is going on. But my contention is, as a result of those pictures, that there has been no vandalism in that particular park. None that is shown by the camera.

I would like to ask the Minister why the dressing rooms were removed to Bakers Narrows and why they could not continue to maintain that park, which I understand is somewhat a source of pride to the local people in that particular area. I wonder if the Minister would take the trouble to investigate this situation and to find out who was misinforming him, because obviously there is something definitely wrong in that particular area. I'd like to know why the dressing rooms were removed to Bakers Narrows. I would like the Minister to tell me who owns the store at Bakers Narrows and if the person who owns that store is now a Field Officer with the Parks Branch, with the Tourist Branch, because if that's the case, then there's an obvious answer. And I think that the Minister owes the House an explanation as to why he laid the charge of vandalism and I presume it was based on reports that come from his Field Officers.

I have a suspicion, Sir, and I might as well voice it to the Minister, that there is a deliberate attempt on the part of some of his people to remove that park from Cranberry Portage into another area. I think that the Minister should either go out to have a look for himself or send someone out there to find out just who is misinforming him. I'm sure that the Minister himself would not want to do anything that would detract from the performance of the Tourist Branch in any given area in this province. I'm convinced that the Minister is attempting to do a good job, and that he is attempting to provide camp facilities, tourist facilities and park facilities in as many areas of this province as possible. But I believe, Sir, that the Minister should have a careful look at some of the reports that are coming into him from some of his Field Officers to determine whether or not those reports are accurate, or whether there is a desire and an intention on the part of some of his people to pull a fast one over on him. I hope that the Minister will look into these, I don't call them charges, but I hope the Minister will look into the situation at Cranberry Portage to determine whether or not the facts as he stated them in the House on April 22nd are indeed accurate.

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

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to start by dealing with the comments made by the Honourable Member for Radisson. The honourable member posed a question to the department's plan for a golf course in Birds Hill. There are no plans for a golf course in Birds Hill. The honourable member is persistent, he asked me the same question last year and I am giving him the same answer. Birds Hill happens to be part of my constituency and to my knowledge I've never asked that plans be developed, I've never sought approval by Cabinet or by the House for the construction of a golf course in Birds Hill.

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Pertaining to Grand Beach washrooms; we have upgraded the washrooms at Grand Beach and I'm quite confident that the facilities there will be adequate for the 1976 season. If the honourable member has contrary advice to give me after he's utilized the facilities, he can let me know and I'll be glad to deal with the problem.

The Honourable Member for Morris, I believe, misinterpreted me pertaining to the remarks that I made - and I'd like to return his pictures here with thanks - in the sense that I certainly don't object to members making speeches in the House. On the contrary, I think we're here to make our thoughts known to one another, and more specifically through this House to the people of Manitoba; and we both have I think the same objective in mind, but different means to obtain the end. I respect the role of the opposition, and this is why I said last evening when I concluded my opening remarks, that I would do my utmost to deal with constructive criticism and suggestions by the members of the opposition, because that is their role.

Pertaining to facilities at Bakers Narrows, I'm informed by staff - and I must say before I refer to the comments made by my officials, that I personally for the last three, four years now, have spent the largest part of my vacation in the northern part of the province, and one area that I've always liked to spend some time at has been Cranberry Portage, and last summer I did not notice personally the happenings that were related to me - and then I, to the House, days after. I can only say that the type of facilities that we did operate last summer in Cranberry Portage was not in my opinion sufficient to meet the needs that seem to be expressed by local people, and I did discuss some of the facilities that were available to the local people in Cranberry Portage and visitors from different parts of the province and elsewhere in Canada and the States.

The information that I get, Mr. Chairman, pertaining to the damage of the Cranberry Portage facilities is that last fall we had broken toilets, broken sinks, the wells were filled with rocks, the inside of the buildings were gutted, fixtures ripped off the walls, and glass broken, and that's a statement that I take on face value, myself. I checked with the Honourable Member for Flin Flon because I didn't want to make a false statement to the House and did not want to alarm the people of Cranberry Portage or surrounding areas of the possibility of having to close the park because of vandalism, and Cranberry Portage is not intended to be closed in any case. We have replaced the damaged facilities with others. The damage was done, was real, and had occurred in this park for several years over, is the information that I get. It's not difficult, I'm informed, to lift those concrete covers, to view what's inside the wells themselves, or to place foreign objects into the wells, and that's obviously what happened. The covers were lifted and rocks were thrown into the wells. Our staff did lift the covers off to inspect them before they made a report to my Deputy Minister and I. Could I ask the honourable member when the pictures in question were taken, because it could have a bearing factor on the evidence submitted to him and the evidence submitted to me.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSEN: As I indicated when I sent the pictures over, they were taken following the statement that the Minister made in the House on April 22nd when he stated that vandalism had occurred at the Cranberry Portage Provincial Park. The pictures were taken and sent to me to prove that there had been no vandalism, and a careful look at the pictures would indicate that if those concrete slabs - and they're pretty heavy concrete slabs, they would have to be lifted by a frontend loader or something of that nature. There's no indication that those slabs had been lifted. The moss is still growing around them, as you can see in the pictures. It seems to me that - and I'm going to reiterate this statement - the Minister is being misinformed by somebody in his department, and that's what I'm asking him to check, to ensure that the charges of vandalism that he has received are actually occurring, or whether somebody is deliberately attempting to get that park closed to move it to a location that's more convenient to him.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. I wonder if I could draw the attention of the honourable members to the gallery, where we have 75 students of the Altona-West Park School, Grade 8 standing, under the direction of Mr. Friesen, Mr. Schritt, and Mr. Dyck. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Rhineland. On behalf of all of the honourable members I bid you welcome here today.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Flin Flon.

MR. THOMAS BARROW (Flin Flon): Mr. Chairman, I brought this up in the first place and maybe I can shed a little bit of light on it. I thank the member opposite for taking such a great interest in my area, it's very nice. I'm not appearing to defend my Minister, he does that very well himself. The park itself is a small park, although it's large for a small town, it's situated right in Cranberry, it's down the main street, it's a beautiful spot, it is used extensively. Besides the Cranberry Portage people, we do have a large number of students attend the school, they do use the park. It's also used by the Flin Flon people for special occasions.

When this complaint came to my attention, Mr. Chairman, it was given by a young school teacher who is very interested in this type of thing, and of course I brought it up. And this weekend after going home I met him and discussed it with him and he is quite happy with the information that I passed on to him, and he admitted himself, there was vandalism. The pictures are authentic, I don't doubt that, but we do have a lot of young students, we have young people in Cranberry who are active people and it's the natural place to hang out at night, to do a little drinking as most young people do, and the temptation to break the bottles against the cement is great, I've done it, I've been involved in that. So we do have a certain amount. I find it hard to believe that the children of today would have enough energy to take rocks and put them in the wells, because I try to get kids to go home and take rocks off of my land and they won't do it, you know. But the gentleman who lodged the complaint - I would like to have the opportunity to look into this next weekend and come up with something concrete, with the permission of my Minister.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. BLAKE: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the rocks the Member for Flin Flon referred to were pet rocks or wild rocks. I just wanted to question the Minister somewhat further. My colleague for Morris mentioned the store at Bakers Narrows, and I wonder when the Minister replies if he could give us some indication of the operation of the small store at Bakers Narrows, what the operating expenses were last year and what staff were employed there. Also, would he indicate how many cabins does the government plan to build at Bakers Narrows, where they will be located, and what facilities will be provided there in the way of sewage facilities for the proposed new development. I'm fairly familiar with that particular area and I'd be interested in the Minister's comments on the operation there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, first of all I would like to thank the Honourable Member for Morris for raising the subject matter. I for one will certainly either directly or through staff or my legislative assistant pursue the investigation, and if it is found to have been planted by staff, that they will be dealt with; if it has been found to be done by individuals that can be identified, they will be dealt with by the normal practice we have in society with legislative authority that we have. So I'm obliged to the honourable member for raising the subject matter and I would like to be able to pursue the details of same.

MR. JORGENSON: I thank the Minister for offering to have the matter investigated. I wonder while he's doing it if he would undertake to determine why those dressing rooms were moved to Bakers Narrows from the park in Cranberry Portage, and if they

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(MR. JORGENSON cont'd) would remove those concrete slabs with those dangerous bolts sticking up so that it will not be a place where somebody is going to get hurt.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, I was going to get to that point. In regards to the slabs, they should be removed, they're dangerous to individuals, especially kids that are playing in the area. The evidence submitted by the Honourable Member for Morris does not make reference to the bath house that was severely damaged to the point that it had to be removed, and that to my knowledge is a fact that was witnessed I believe directly by my Deputy Minister and had to be acted upon. The building itself was damaged to the point beyond repair, and the remainder of the structure was moved to Bakers Narrows because that location is the warehousing centre for the given area. We are replacing the facility at Cranberry Portage for the time being with temporary facilities.

The Cranberry Park itself will not be closed, I indicated that a while ago. Facilities will be reconstructed, we will continue to offer as good if not better a recreational centre as we possibly can. The lot at Bakers Narrows is owned by the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs and operated by the Department. Our field staff supervised the operation. The income generated there would be approximately \$80,000, to answer the Member for Minnedosa, and renovation of the facility itself would be approximately \$80,000 equally. The cottages intended to be constructed nearby would be approximately seven log cabins and that would be, if I can recall my directions well enough, would be to the north of the Bakers Narrows General Store that we now have. We have a part of property in that area that will allow us to construct approximately seven log cabins that will fit with the setting in the area, there were several requests to do so. We have a provincial park right across the road and it will be quite handy for the people going up north wanting to have an additional option.

To get back to the question posed by the Honourable Member for Radisson, the washroom facility at West Beach at Grand Beach was reconstructed during the winter and that serves the cottage areas at Grand Beach.

In regards to more detailed explanations pertaining to expenditure and revenue at either Bakers Narrows or elsewhere, we could go through the Estimates and deal with them more specifically.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. BLAKE: Mr. Chairman, the Minister mentioned acquiring property north of the store at Cranberry Portage, would he have the price paid for that property readily available?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, it was Crown land; it was leased out, we've purchased the lease, we've purchased the improvements at a cost of approximately \$25,000 and it involves, I'm not quite sure, between six and seven acres.

MR. BLAKE: I wonder if the Minister would inform me, is it his department's intention to continue to run the store facility there? I was inquiring about sewage facilities pertaining to the new area, if he could give us some indication of what's planned for that.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, it is the policy of my department to continue, at least for the foreseeable future, the operation of that facility at Bakers Narrows. The installation of sewage treatment facilities is not included in the Estimates for 1976-77.

MR. BLAKE: Mr. Chairman, I just didn't catch were we could discuss the operating costs of that particular entity, what section of the estimates.

MR. TOUPIN: We can discuss this here if you so desire, Mr. Chairman, in the sense that I indicated that we anticipate a revenue of approximately \$80,000 through the facility, and that's projected in the sense that we really can't base it on previous years because we're having improvements made to the facility to the tune of approximately \$80,000. So we're hoping to be able to service the population that much better. We're anticipating approximately \$80,000 revenue and we're not intending to subsidize the operation of that facility.

MR. BLAKE: Could the Minister tell me if the operation broke even or showed a profit last year?

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MR. TOUPIN: I am informed, Mr. Chairman, there was a deficit of approximately, \$7,000 last year, but that included improvements that were made during the last fiscal year.

MR. BLAKE: I wonder if the Minister could tell me if the store operation itself carried the salaries for all of the staff, or were some of the salaries charged off to the operation of the park area across the road?

MR. TOUPIN: The working staff within the facility itself was covered in the operating revenues and included in the \$7,000 deficit, mainly because of improvements. The supervisory staff from the park itself was not included, but they weren't working actively within the store itself. The first year of operation the budget was just about break even. This year we're hoping because of the improvements contemplated that there'll be a profit.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Flin Flon.

MR. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, I would like to just say a few words on the lodge, because I know the member is a former Flin Flon citizen. It's been controversial. The lodge was built I think by your government prior to 1969 --(Interjection)-- Yes it was. It was always considered a White Elephant thing, we inherited it. I've listened to people of all types, and you get some good reviews on the lodge. When it became controversial, when the government decided to expand it. I think north or back of the lodge there's an operator there who has the place leased, and we could use that land, he is willing to sell this or least it, he's had it. When the Minister of Highways at that time came to Flin Flon, he met with these people. The cabin owners at Bakers Narrows were out in great volume, working people were out, and they weren't really upset, it was so controversial that he had no direction whether the government should do it or shouldn't do it, so it was almost neutral, we didn't do anything because we thought maybe we shouldn't do it. The next Minister that came up was the Minister of Health and Social Services and he met with the same people. They still couldn't give us any direction to go into. But the complaint that I got, my friend, was some people who said, why not let the citizens take this over and make use of it, run it as a business, a good idea. Who wants to do it? Personally, at some time and some bother we've got four people who are very interested in this until the time to take it over. I gave all the information, explained all the potential, and the price which was \$50,000. At that time, they came down, until it came to signing the name on the dotted line, and for some reason the four of them didn't want to do it. One gave him an offer at a price of \$30,000 cash which was turned down by the government, with an explanation pay the down payment and take 10, 20, 25 to pay it off. Now the thing is we can capitalize on it. But let me tell you what the trades people say, the steel people, and the union people. We want a place where we have some cabins that are suitable for a man to go out and spend a week, three days, ten days or whatever, in good surroundings and just a place to stay at reasonable prices. And this is what we're going to do, or what I would like to do, is build these cabins, seven cabins, for working people enjoy Lake Athapap, the people that doesn't have cabins. The people have been given ample opportunity to take this place over and run it in their own way. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. BLAKE: Mr. Chairman, just to follow that a bit further. It's my understanding that those that were attempting to obtain the premises or to operate them were given that opportunity only if they expended something like another quarter of a million dollars on the development of the property, and this is what scared them off. It's fine to take over property like that when you find you're making money or making a profit, you expand your facilities in accordance with progress being made. If you take over that property with a quarter of million dollar debt at probably 12 or 13 percent staring you in the face there's no possible way that anyone can survive, the only one that can survive is the government. And I just question the Member for Flin Flon's logic, these poor hard working miners, the steel workers that can't afford to spend a weekend at the lake. My God, 90 percent of them have got \$8,000 - \$9,000 boats and they've got all kinds of lakes up there, and if they're going to rent those cabins at a reasonable rate, if it's not sufficient to break even or make money, who is going to subsidize that rate? I don't

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(MR. BLAKE cont'd) agree with the development of that area. I think it's a beautiful area and it should be developed, and the area that has been acquired at the back is an ideal place for a boat launch and boat rentals and things of that nature. The previous operator is far too old to develop it and has lost interest in it and I think it should have been acquired and should be developed, but I question some of the logic on whether the government can develop it cheaper than private entrepreneurship or private expertise could come in there and operate it. Because the previous people that ran the store, I have some idea of how many people they employed and how much money they made; the government I think employed about twice as many people last year and didn't do as much business, and I find it very hard to believe that they broke even or made money. This is why I'm questioning the number of cabins that are going to be built and the cost of them and how much they're going to be rented, because I doubt very much if local people will rent them. They've all got friends who have got cabins and they can rent cabins from their friends, or they've all got campers or whatever to go camping with. I think that the outside tourists are going to be renting those cabins and they'll probably be very very comfortable facilities and provide an excellent spot for them to enjoy northern Manitoba and to enjoy a fishing holiday, but I would hate to see them being subsidized by the taxpayers in Manitoba to make that enterprise survive.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Tourism.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the Honourable Member for Flin Flon for his comments. I've had to rely on the Honourable Member for Flin Flon to a great extent, not only pertaining to development in that given area, but other policies that have been contemplated and eventually proposed for implementation over the last year based on opinions received from the Honourable Member for Flin Flon. He has been touching base with a lot of the isolated areas in the north that up till now have not even had enough funds to buy baseballs, bats, skates for the winter and so on. Whatever has been done by the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs was a first in the history of this province. --(Interjections)-- I don't believe, Mr. Chairman, that the members of the opposition should see it as a laughing matter because a lot of these kids in the north that come from isolated areas that cannot be attained by roads, and in some cases not even by rail, have not had even a third of what's been available for kids elsewhere in the province; and for the efforts that the Honourable Member for Flin Flon has, the pains that he's taken to visit these communities and bring back recommendations for the basics, the real basics, not hockey arenas that cost \$100,000, \$200,000, \$300,000, but for the basic essentials in recreational activities, I think that we certainly have to applaud whatever has been done, and it's only scratching the surface of what has to be done pertaining to isolated area, whether they be in the north or the southern part of the province.

The western part of the province, I must say that they're highly developed, in the sense that we don't have to encourage them to try and get the basics, they come forward and apply for different types of grants, and they have over the years, Mr. Chairman, it doesn't need social animation, it doesn't need the funding of basic necessities pertaining to recreation. It happens. I know I was raised in the south myself, I represent a constituency that takes part of the south, takes the eastern part of the province right up to the Ontario border, and most of the communities in my constituency are able with some assistance to launch recreational facilities and programs that weren't even dreamed about in some of these isolated areas in the north, and I think that we have a responsibility to try and meet some of these needs.

The amounts that were required pertaining to the facility at Bakers Narrows, I know I for one was involved with an individual desirous of becoming involved, and it wasn't possible to get to the point of reaching an agreement pertaining to the signing of a document, and I know that I never insisted because I was personally involved at certain stages that the individual invest a quarter of a million. It wasn't even the suggestion on my part that the individual invest \$100,000; it was intended that the individual take the facility, attempt to upgrade it to a standard that would be better than it was previously, and on a long-range planning scheme that additional services would be offered, the marina itself would be fixed up, that the bottom of the bay there would be

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd) cleaned out, because I tried to ski in there myself and you caught, I don't know how many cans, how much rubbish in the bottom of that bay, that it had to be done.

In regards to the cottages that were intended, whether it be private or public, there's a need for that type of development. There's a need for that additional option for the people even directly in the north, and I say mainly the people of Flin Flon, Cranberry Portage, Snow Lake and so on, but again more specifically for people coming from the south and wanting to spend two, three days, a week, even a maximum of three weeks in a lodge. And I say again, Mr. Chairman, that I don't intend under a private or a public system, to attempt to subsidize that type of operation in the sense that if we're leasing out cottages, if we're running a business directly through the department, which we have been over the years, and it doesn't only date back to 1969, it goes back many years ago, the Sixties, the Fifties and so on when the department had to, in some cases, offer different services that were not being offered by different sectors in the private industry.

If we talk of park services, recreation available within our parks structure, I don't believe, Mr. Chairman, that it is possible for the private sector to compete with the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, because I indicated last year that the amount of fees that we charge brought in only about 18 percent of the funds to operate parks. So, you know, it would be completely impossible to have a private entrepreneur wanting to get into the servicing of people in that sector itself without large subsidies. --(Interjection)-- Yes, I agree that if we're talking of log cabins or any type of say accommodation, that is certainly considered to be different and should actually carry itself.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 110(b). The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BANMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I have several things I want to bring up and I believe it's under this section. The Minister in some of his remarks before, he mentioned that they would be doing some sewage treatment work down at Falcon Lake and I wonder if he could elaborate on that slightly.

I have several pointed questions, maybe I could go through them and the Minister could answer them. The second one is, was construction started last year on a new dock facility at Falcon Lake? I would wonder if the Minister could inform us when that facility will be finished and roughly what the cost of that particular marina will be.

Also I note that the department put in a new sprinkler system on the Falcon Golf Course and I wonder if the Minister could tell us what the cost of that will be, or has been.

When speaking to some of the people living out in that area, there's certain problems that they face which I guess aren't common in other areas, one of them being that they are in a provincial park and as such, people involved with the curling club at Falcon Lake are not allowed to apply for any grants at all, I understand. I had some people come to see me and I wonder if there is a policy that the department has, or maybe it's the Minister of Health and Social Development that has a policy with regards to grants for capital construction of facilities within provincial parks.

The other thing is that the resort owners, and I should possibly say that I'd like to commend the staff of the Minister's department, the people involved in developing the skidoo trails and the cross-country skiing trails. In speaking to the resort owners in that area there is an increasingly larger demand every year now in the winter months for accommodation in that area, especially for weekends, for people coming out and enjoying the outdoors in our provincial parks. Now as I mentioned, I think the staff has done a commendable job in keeping these trails open and has encouraged a lot of people to come out from Winnipeg and all over and use these facilities. As we know, the largest problem that most of the resort owners face is that our summer season is so very very short. You have a large amount of capital investment in buildings, in different facilities, in stores, and what happens is that our time period that we use them is basically about three months of the year and they've got to make up not only their living, but they've got to recoup their capital investment in those three months; and it becomes extremely difficult so that there are a lot of people out there that are eking out a living but finding it hard to do so. I think that the way to probably help these people out a little more is to create the type of trails and the type of cross-country skiing trails that the department has been involved in.

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The other question that I would have, and I don't know if it's under this particular section, but I wonder if the Minister could tell us how much money we receive from the cottage fees that we charge to cottage owners. I understand that, for instance, in the Falcon area, I believe it's about \$60 a year plus garbage pickup, and if the Minister could provide us with that figure of roughly how many cottages we have now in the provincial parks. I appreciate that some of the areas like the Lac du Bonnet area and that, people are paying municipal taxes because they're in the rural municipality, but what amount of money do we derive from the cottage owners in provincial parks?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, pertaining to the questions posed to me by the Member for La Verendrye, I would like to indicate that the sewage treatment works at Falcon Lake this year is to improve the irrigation of the golf course and we will be irrigating the treatment effluent out of the secondary chamber of the lagoon at Falcon Lake. It is a process that has been approved by the Department of Health and Social Development and the Clean Environment Commission. The irrigation system itself will cost approximately \$105,000.

The curling club at Falcon Lake itself is a private club and a private club which doesn't qualify for facility grants. The only facility grants that we make available are facility grants through municipalities. They in turn recommend certain, say recreational construction of facilities. It doesn't include any funds for programming within facilities, but construction of facilities that are considered not to be profit-making facilities, and facilities either operated directly by municipalities or by non-profit groups. It does not include private clubs.

The marina at Falcon Lake will be partially usable this year but its completion has not been budgeted for this year because of constraints, financial constraints.

The Provincial Park System revenue taxes, I would like to relate to the honourable member, Mr. Chairman, camping permits estimated in revenue in 1976-77 is \$920,000; park entrance \$484,000; lot rental for summer homes \$437,000; lot rental commercial \$119,000; golf course fees \$99,000 - that's an increase of \$9,000 over last year; ski tow 26.4, and I believe that includes two-ski hills that we operate - one at Falcon and the other one at Springhill and Birds Hill. The low rental cabins, estimated revenue 17.6; garden plots 8.8; and there's miscellaneous here about 43,000; estimated revenue including the 54,000 for the Film Classification Board would amount to \$2,155,500. Now if the honourable member would like the breakdown of fees as such for campground use, I can relate that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BANMAN: Just further for information purposes, Mr. Chairman, when he mentioned the club at Falcon is a private club, if they would become a non-profit company, would they be able to apply for any grants? Or do I understand correctly because they are not within a municipality, because they are within the jurisdiction of the provincial parks . . . I might add here that the people from Falcon are using it, which is in my riding, and the people from West Hawk, which is within the Minister's riding, are using that particular facility, and it's, I think, a focal point for the people in that particular community. I also note that they rent out their clubhouse for different events, too. But is there any way that these people can, in some way, get some help as far as any capital expenditures are concerned?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Tourism.

MR. TOUPIN: The normal practice is to deal with requests for sharing into the construction of facilities through the Facilities Grants Program, either through municipalities, Local Government Districts, or Indian Bands. This is certainly a special case as we find in some unorganized territories in the province that we had to deal with separately, and I'm willing to look at that possibility if they incorporated under a non-profit structure.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 110. The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

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MR. SHERMAN: I just have a couple of questions, Mr. Chairman, on this item, Provincial Parks System. There have been some rumblings in the past and the recent past with respect to provincial interest in Assiniboine Park in the City of Winnipeg, and indications from time to time that consideration has been given and discussions have been held on the possible transfer of Assiniboine Park from the city to the province. I would appreciate the Minister's comments as to whether the province is looking covetously at Assiniboine Park and intending to move in that direction at all. What would the benefits be of that kind of a change?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, it is not the policy of the government to take the responsibility of managing Assiniboine Park and Zoo. It has been decided that the maintenance, the operation of the park is to remain with the City of Winnipeg. The funding of the park pertaining to an approved budget is done by the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs after having been negotiated through the Minister of Urban Affairs and the City of Winnipeg. The operating costs of the park itself for 1976-77 will be \$2.5 million and that's paid through the Estimates of this department. There is included in the capital expenditure bill to be presented to the House an amount of \$717,000 for capital expenditure within that facility. So that is something that we could discuss in detail when we get to the Capital Expenditure Bill. But certainly it's not the intent of my department to remove the managerial responsibility from the City of Winnipeg or to insist that it be renamed or any other, say conditions. We've accepted to pick up the approved costs of operating the park and a reasonable amount for expansion of services within the park and zoo.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: I appreciate the Minister's information on that point, Mr. Chairman. I was not able to see what particular advantages would accrue to the province by takeover and other than the fact that they, I suppose could change the name of the park, but what particular advantages would result in financial terms escape me since the operation, the bills are picked up by the province anyway, and certainly I wouldn't have expected that the province would find that there was any particular advantage to taking on the management responsibilities. However the question has attracted some attention and some coverage in the media from time to time, and that was the reason for my question. I am glad to have the Minister's assurance on that point.

The other question is related to the proposed projected development of a large new park within the City of Winnipeg boundaries over the next ten to twenty years, and I wonder if the Minister can comment on that subject, whether the province is involved in the development of that new park in the city and whether or not there is anything under capital expenditures, capital appropriations this year, or as far as he can see projected for future years to accommodate provincial participation in that project.

MR. TOUPIN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there is provisions within the Estimates to contribute or share with another city park, but it is not within the City of Winnipeg. It's in the City of Thompson where we are picking up approximately half of the operating costs of that park within the City of Thompson. I'm not aware myself, or my officials, of the possibility, well certainly not in 1976-77, in operating expenditures or capital supply for a new park in the City of Winnipeg. I would be so advised by the Minister of Urban Affairs where we would enter discussions with the City of Winnipeg, either councillors or officials if that was the case. But certainly no foreseeable provisions for that purpose in my four or five years' projection.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 110(d)(1). The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, I want to discuss the construction of the resort hotel at Gull Harbour and I wonder does that come under this item? Mr. Chairman, the first question I'd like to ask the Minister regarding the construction of that building was how much federal funds were involved? The manner in which the tendering system was conducted at Gull Harbour has apparently left a lot to be desired and considerable concerns and anxieties have been addressed to me regarding the matter. It's my understanding, Mr. Chairman, that the project was tendered, I believe, on May 27th, 1975, and the contract prices were submitted I believe by three contractors: W. W. Construction at about \$2.6 million, I believe it was; Poole at \$2.7 million, and Bird at \$3.4 million.

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But apparently, Mr. Chairman, the tenders came in so high on this hotel project that the architect and the department or the Federal Government decided that they had to re-tender. Apparently the tenders were called in to ascertain if in fact they could lower their tenders on the hotel. Naturally the question came up if in fact that they had to reduce the type of construction. Apparently this is where the conflict came in, Mr. Chairman. The contractors, I am told, were told that the changes that were required were major ones, they were supposed to be major in order to reduce the price. I understand that the architect called in Poole and W. W. and the other contractor to discuss how they could handle this matter but it went on, Mr. Speaker, and it got to the stage of course where it became a real fiasco from there on in. The tender apparently, without the proper tendering system, as I can understand it, was just allocated to this one company. The other companies were not even informed. I've got quite a lengthy file on it here. They have come to me and expressed their concerns that the specific changes that were required by the architect, W. W. construction were never informed of these changes. I don't know whether it's the Parks Branch is to blame or the architect is to blame.

I wonder if the Minister can advise me actually what did happen? Have we now got a hotel that's of lower standard than the original one that was tendered? How much Federal money is in it and does the Federal Government know that all these changes were made and the tendering system was apparently shifted to one side and basically the tender was just, as I understand it, allocated to one particular contractor. I've gone through the thing and I have a lot more details and questions I'd like to ask the Minister on it. I wonder, maybe he can fill me in on what his views are on the resort hotel at Gull Harbour.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, I am being very careful not to get the smaller parts of my anatomy caught in the wringer here, in the sense that I'd like to answer partially the question posed by the Honourable Member for Roblin. I'd like to be able to be more specific in the sense that I'd prefer dealing with the details of this question by supplying to members of the House, Mr. Chairman, a detailed report on what happened here. Because there's more than one department of government involved, provincially and even federally.

The amount that we struck with the Federal Government, to be specific on that part of the question, was a maximum of \$3.4 million. The Federal Government is to share to a maximum of \$1.7 million and the province \$1.7 million.

Now as the honourable member is quite aware when we do launch on the construction of facilities, it's always a big danger to exceed the amount allocated. It was my concern as it was the concern of my colleagues in Cabinet not to go beyond the total amount of \$3.4 million. So we had to instruct at certain stages of the preparation of schematics and so on that certain parts of the complex itself, infrastructure and so on, be deleted so we would be sure that the total amount of expenditure would not exceed \$3.4 million.

The construction of the Gull Harbour Resort itself was given to Poole Construction at a contract of \$1.9 million. Now that's one part of the facilities that are intended for Gull Harbour.

The other parts I'd like to be more specific on. Venture Manitoba Tours was involved. Management Committee of Cabinet was involved in the review of submissions, the tendering system, and the allocation of same. I would not be in a very good position to indicate without any reservations what did actually occur and if there was any misgivings on the part of those other companies that submitted tenders. But I'd like to get back this afternoon on that if at all possible.

MR. McKENZIE: I can leave the questions on the Minister's desk and he can possibly gather the information over the noon hour. I understand that Venture Tours, which was a private company, were involved as the Minister pointed out. They were, as I understand it, the people that were initially to call the shot as to who the contractor was to be on the project. But for some reason Venture Tours must have been phased out of it and it's my understanding that it was Provincial Parks Branch who took over after they decided that these original contractors came in too high. That would be my first question.

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(MR. MCKENZIE cont'd) .

The second question, Mr. Chairman, when you call tenders a second time, where they came in at the prices apparently that they came in, because apparently the three contractors, it was discussed with them in some detail and they became quite confused as to if they were in fact to lower their specifications or were they not to lower their specifications. Some seem to think that they didn't get these specifications so they were left at a sort of disadvantage, at least they tell me.

One section there is where W. W. Construction and they've spoken to me on the matter, that these specific changes that apparently were requested by the department, the one construction company never received them at all and that naturally is a concern.

Then the other of course, and the important question: was the tendering system used at all? Some quarters that have come to me believe that the tendering system was not used at all. In fact Poole construction got the contract by some method and I'd like to know what decision was made and why the decision was made to let them have it and not deal with the other two contractors. It would likely appear then there was no competitive bidding in the final decision of the park. So the Minister could maybe get me those questions during the lunch hour. I maybe have some more questions to raise on it.

The one other part, before we pass this along under the next item, I did raise the question of the Minister if he had had any enquiries about the Legislative grounds becoming a park. He didn't answer me on that. Maybe he hasn't had as many enquiries as I've had along this line but I've had quite a number of people feel that we should remove the vehicles from the grounds here. If he has no answer maybe he could take it under review for another year.

Another recommendation that I maybe could offer and ask the Minister would be, the whole south-east area of our province is in need of some form of economic development. There has been some quarters feel that it could be upgraded possibly through development into some kind of a park area. The Sandilands Forest Reserve is in that general area and maybe in the next year they could take a look at that and see if it does have any potential at all. I suppose the area may be as far as Bissett.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 110(b)(1). The Honourable Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, the new provincial park called Nopiming takes in the Bissett area. So we certainly are looking at the possibility of having some development in the area.

The south eastern part of the province is being utilized to some degree now. There are studies being conducted to see the possibility of making more use of the Sandilands and related services. The Honourable Member for Emerson more particularly has been after me for quite some time to pursue some of these possibilities.

I would like to indicate to the Honourable Member for Roblin, although I am hoping to get back to him with more specifics, that in regards to the construction of the Gull Harbour resort, that at the initial outset Venture Tours, that is the MDC through Venture Tours, were implicated in the plans for sharing and for operating of the facility itself. That was changed by a directive of Cabinet where Venture Tours, the MDC, was withdrawn from the scene and total sharing of cost of facility and operating of same was transferred to the Parks Branch of my department. So that's the reason why we've been involved in regards to the process of having schematics prepared, the tendering system and so on.

There was no second tender called. A review of initial tenders established the lowest bidder being Poole Construction. Jointly with Venture Tours at that time the Department worked with the lowest bidder to establish final costs because we did have to streamline somewhat to attempt to stay within the overall amount agreed upon between the province and the Federal Government. We were not at any stage allowed to exceed the maximum amount that was agreed upon. If there ever was a desire on the part of anyone to exceed the total of \$3.4 million, it's clearly understood, Mr. Chairman, that that additional amount would be total provincial funds and not shared by the Federal Government. It's certainly not my intent to exceed the \$3.4 million in regards to the construction of the resort itself, the infrastructure needed and additional related facilities.

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I would like to indicate to the Honourable Member for Roblin that I personally don't have any intention of transferring the responsibility of the grounds of the Legislative Assembly from the Minister of Public Works to myself. I believe that if the Honourable Minister of Public Works has intents of relieving this area from vehicle and pedestrian traffic that he'd have to deal with that himself. He has the power within his Act and I am sure that he has made a fairly good job of maintaining the grounds around the Legislative Building, Memorial Boulevard and so on. I believe that there is other areas that the Department of Tourism and Recreation and Cultural Affairs can be involved in even in the City of Winnipeg, setting aside the Assiniboine Park and Zoo.

As an example, I made reference in my opening remarks last evening pertaining to the study of the Red and the Assiniboine River. Certainly, jointly with the Federal Government, with mainly the Department of Urban Affairs and the City of Winnipeg, the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs is pursuing a study pertaining to the Red and Assiniboine Rivers. I'm sure that in the years ahead that we will be able to convert some of the areas now into green space and have more parklands available within the City of Winnipeg. I'm mostly interested at the mouth of the Red and the Assiniboine and I think that we will have to pursue that possibility with more vigour in the future.

MR. McKENZIE: Well, Mr. Chairman, I thank the Minister. I'd like to pursue this. He says to the best of his knowledge that no second tenders were called for the resort development at Gull Harbour. Now that's not the information that I have at all. In fact I have documentation here that will indicate that that was not the case.

I have a letter in fact from the architect here to one of the contractors, dated April 5th, 1976, which is one year later and I'm sure the Minister has a copy of that in his file the same as I have. It writes to Mr. Warkentin re the Gull Harbour resort. "We've been instructed by the client to inform you that Poole Construction has been awarded the contract to construct the Gull Harbour resort hotel on Hecla Island. The choice of the contractor was made in accordance with the terms of reference of our specifications following meetings held with the client and the two low tenderers." So there definitely was a tendering system used the second time around. And it says: "Poole Construction had the low tender price." There must be a misunderstanding between me and the Minister there. The letter goes on: The reason that this client or this gentleman, it was because of your reluctance to extend the period for the specifications from 60 days - it goes on - didn't provide . . . And yet if you read the contract, the 30 and 60 days were in there and then they were taken out. I just can't understand it. It went on to contract forms here, it's got the revised tenders marked right on it. It also goes on to say that "the revised tenders shall not be called for, minor changes only are contemplated." That again is confusing. Minor changes? They must have been fairly major changes. --(Interjection)-- Yeah, then on the extra work section, Section (e), it mentions there that revised tenders shall not be called for, minor changes only are contemplated again. So I'm certainly satisfied that the contractor that I'm referring to here, the price was below the two billion of the original contract. In fact the Sanford Evans Building News Service spells it out quite clear. So I don't know, Mr. Speaker, it adds up, there's a lot of questions that we could raise on this, the way it was handled, the tendering system doesn't seem to have been used. Naturally there are concerns amongst the contractors and maybe after dinner if the Minister can give us more detail on what actually did happen and why - what it looks like is the tendering system was flouted, it was granted, now what did this Poole Construction have that the other contractors didn't have.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

MR. TOUPIN: I think the least that we can say, Mr. Chairman, is that there seems to be contradiction between information supplied to me and the information supplied to the Honourable Member for Roblin. I still stand in regards to getting the information in detail for the honourable members of the House pertaining to additional information that is sought by the Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

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MR. HENRY J. EINARSON (Rock Lake): Mr. Chairman, the Member for Roblin has been posing a very interesting subject here, and I hope I didn't miss this point when I was late to ask the Minister when he made some comments in regards to the agreement between the Federal Government and the Provincial Government whereby they had agreed on establishing a maximum amount of money that would be spent. Were those who are interested in tendering this job aware of that amount of money, that maximum amount? In other words, I would think it would have some significance insofar as tendering is concerned.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, I believe that those that desired and did tender on the project itself were quite aware of the total amount of dollars allocated. It was splashed in the papers several times to my knowledge. When the agreement was signed with Ottawa on the total amount of the expenditure for the facility, for the whole cost of Gull Harbour development, being \$3.4 million, being \$1.7 provincial and \$1.7 federal, the details of specifications that were initially brought out and, yes, certainly modified because I had a great fear that the total amount of the expenditure on the construction of the resort itself would exceed what we had decided upon provincially and federally, not to exceed the million nine that it was tendered for, for the construction of that complex, and I don't intend to exceed the \$3.4 million equally on additional construction of facilities.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, a couple more. And this is the Sanford Evans Building News Service that I'm referring to now. The first document is dated May 28, 1975, when the prices received, the originals were in and it's: the prices received according to Sanford Evans were W. W. Construction, \$2,688,400; Poole Construction \$2,793,511; Bird Construction \$3,493,835. I well understand that the Minister doesn't necessarily have to take the lowest bid or the lowest tender.

But then the next Sanford Evans release on May 8th, 1976, shows that Poole Construction got, on the revised contract, the revised tender for \$2,793,511. Now the architect on the phone tells me that this W. W. Construction was below the \$2 million and yet Poole got it for \$2.7 million. So there's quite a substantial difference there and maybe the Minister could take that under advisement and hopefully give us what other specs or what other things did Poole provide to the resort that W. W. Construction couldn't offer. The difference is quite substantial.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, I still stand according to the advice that I'm receiving, that the tender was given to Poole at \$1.92 million, I believe it was. Pertaining to the additional information that is requested of me, obviously we'll have to wait more details hopefully this afternoon.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 110 - The Honourable Member for St. James.

MR. MINAKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand - through you to the Minister - that there has been some questions raised with regards to the recreational facilities and park in the Thompson area. Unfortunately it's difficult to be present in two committees when they're running simultaneously. I understand that the Minister did comment that there will be some type of park development at the Partridge Crop Lake. I wonder if the Honourable Minister can advise if there will be any development this year, particularly with simple recreational facilities that are needed in that area. I'm thinking of boat launching and a simple road into the area as well as possible parking lot facilities and possible campsite with say fire sites available for use this summer. Can the Minister advise, is there moneys and programs scheduled for this summer?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, in regards to the Thompson Park and small zoo we've agreed to share in the operating costs of that facility. I believe the amount that we have in our Estimates for that purpose is \$50,000. We're intending to continue this policy on the 50-50 basis with the City of Thompson.

The Partridge Crop Lake area, as the honourable member is probably aware, is 16 miles southeast of Thompson consisting of a series of lakes along the Grosse River system. We are examining park opportunities there and with the Department of Highways are investigating the possible location of different roads and resort areas in the vicinity of Partridge Crop Lake but there is nothing specific yet to report. That was the indication that I left with the people of Manitoba in the short statement that I made a month or so ago,

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd) that we were pursuing a similar development as we have near Lynn Lake I believe it was, and Paint Lake more specifically. But there's nothing as specific as we'd like to see it to be able to report back to the House and indicate that we're now ready to spend capital funds for development of facilities. But it's being explored actively.

MR. MINAKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Then if I understand the Honourable Minister correctly there will be no activity in any form this year with regards to opening up the Partridge Crop Lake area for use by people in the vicinity of Thompson, that for this coming season there will be no activity there or no usage of the facilities. I would then ask the Minister when he anticipates this progress will take place.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, I could not in all justice leave an impression with the House that we would have development in the Partridge Crop Lake area because we don't have funds specifically earmarked for that purpose. If I'm voted additional funds, by whatever means or through winter works funding, there could be possibilities in that fashion to do things in 1976, or through funds that are being made available in the Department of Highways. So there could be a possibility. We're actively looking at longer range development. If nothing happens because of lack of funds in 1976-77 it's certainly my intent to make some provisions in the next fiscal year.

MR. MINAKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you to the Honourable Minister. From those statements can I conclude that the development of this particular recreational facility is one of the top priorities, if not the top priority, in the Minister's Parks Department as far as opening up of this type of facility in Manitoba?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, it's certainly at the priority that I would like to seek funds from other sources in 1976-77 if I can possibly acquire some and enough of a priority to indicate, like I have a minute ago, that I intend to make provisions next year for the development of some service in that given area. But I can't go beyond that.

MR. MINAKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder then, through you Mr. Chairman, to the Minister. Has his department looked at spending a small amount of money to try and relieve the congestion that does now occur at Paint Lake, I believe, primarily at certain times, on weekends and so forth, with regards to boat launching and so forth. Is there any measures taking place to handle this problem in the interim period which I would believe might be able to be relieved without great expense.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, we have no new funds for that purpose, only existing operating expenditures contained within the Parks Branch to attempt to deal with the problem to the best of our ability with the staff that we now have and the funds available for maintenance and if possible, upgrading of certain areas there. But there is no provisions within capital expenditure to improve to any great extent.

MR. MINAKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would ask through you to the Honourable Minister that he give consideration to this approach for the interim period and possibly to take it up with his department. I would visualize with the comments the Minister has made with regards to the Partridge Crop Lake that it probably will not be in service for two to three years. I understand that demands on recreational services in Thompson hasn't subsidized at all, if anything it has increased. Possibly he would take this up with his department to see if there isn't some means of finding some capital or some means of providing this additional boat launching at Paint Lake area so they can handle this congestion in the interim period until this other park is opened up. I hope the Minister will take this to his department.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 110(b)(1)--pass; (b)(2)--pass. I wonder if we could call it 12:30. I am leaving the Chair to return at 2:30 this afternoon.

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CHAIRMAN: Mr. Walding

MR. CHAIRMAN: I would refer honourable members to Page 11 in their Estimates Books, the Department of the Attorney-General, Resolution 24, Law Courts. 24(c) Courts of Queen's Bench, (1) Salaries. The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): I'll pass at this time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 24(c)(1)--pass; (c)(2)--pass; (c)--pass. Resolution 24(d) County Courts (1) Salaries--pass; (d)(2) Other Expenditures--pass. The Honourable Minister.

HON. HOWARD PAWLEY (Attorney-General) (Selkirk): Mr. Chairman, would it be in order for me to report back now at this point with the consent of the Committee on a question that was asked - yes, the Honourable Member for Assiniboia is here - it's not on this item, but I committed myself to answer it today, and that was on how many people charged, and how many charges. The total is 7 charged, 23 charges.

MR. PATRICK: . . . United States, or anywhere.

MR. PAWLEY: Anywhere.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 24(d)--pass; Resolution 24(e) Surrogate Court (1) Salaries--pass; (e)(2)--pass; (e)--pass; Resolution 24(f) Provincial Judges Court, Criminal Division (1) Salaries. The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. JAMES H. BILTON (Swan River): Mr. Chairman, this is rather a large amount of money for Salaries. I wonder if the Minister could take a moment and give us a bit of a breakdown or tell us what it's all about.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, while I'm getting the exact figures - this of course, provides for increases, salaries pertaining to provincial judges, plus additional full-time appointment and part-time appointments. Now, if we could just have the exact figure I think there has been two full-time appointments included in these figures, and one or two part-time appointments, and altogether there has been an increase of 11 staff man years added to the Provincial Judges Criminal Court.

MR. BILTON: Does it take a quarter of a million dollars, Mr. Chairman?

MR. PAWLEY: Well, that along with the increases in salaries, because in this figure is reflected the increases last year in Provincial Judges Salaries, as well as their support staff.

MR. BILTON: How many Provincial Judges do we have, Mr. Chairman?

MR. PAWLEY: We'll get that just in a moment. The staff will put together those figures.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 24(f)(1)--pass; (f)(2) Other Expenditures. The Honourable Minister.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, on the full-time provincial judges are 18, which includes Chief Provincial Judge Giles, 18, and insofar as part-time provincial judges, approximately 15.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 24(f)(2). The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: Under the part-time, do most of the part-time ones appear in the Family Division or in the Criminal?

MR. PAWLEY: Generally they are appearing in the Criminal Court, there is much more appearance in the Criminal Court by the part-time than there would be in the Family Court.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 24(f)(2)--pass; 24(f)--pass; Resolution 24(g) Provincial Judges Courts, Family Division (1) Salaries. The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask the Minister some questions in respect to Family Courts and there are still many delays as far as people being able to come before the court. I wonder if the Minister can explain.

The other point is, a young person's in conflict with the law, what is the preparations there, or what kind of preparations do we have to rehabilitate these young people? I understand that at the present time that there is no psychiatric facilities for juvenile offenders. Is there any psychiatric facilities for juvenile offenders? I understand the

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(MR. PATRICK cont'd) Youth Centre only does an assessment, but it has no Treatment Centre.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. PAWLEY: There is a Forensic Centre providing some psychiatric services, but that is really under Mr. Boyce's department rather than our department, but there is that service - not as good as I think it should be. On the delays in Family Court, all that I would say to the honourable member, that so much of the delay is deliberate. Parties are attempting to arrange for reconciliation among themselves; time is spent with family counsellors and others to attempt to bring about a reconciliation rather than bring the matter straight through to its conclusion, so that much of the delay that one hears of would be a deliberate delay because of a desire to bring about reconciliation of the parties.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, it really is totally the delay of the lawyers, the way I get it from some of the legal people. It's not because the courts are overcrowded, that's the information that I get. I think that the most important court is the Family Court where there is a serious problem involved and there may be suffering involved too. I know the Minister says it's only delayed because of the lawyers. I believe that last year the Minister himself, the Attorney-General, indicated it was not the lawyers, that there were over-crowded situations.

MR. PAWLEY: When I referred to delays I meant the courts and the lawyers, both agree on delays in order to attempt to bring about reconciliation as among the parties. I'm not aware of lengthy delay situations and I just wonder if anybody on staff could tell me that if a family matter appears before the courts today and has to be contested, when it would be heard. I wonder if anybody has that information. If today the matter arose before the court - Mr. Guttormsson is going to obtain that information and get back to us - if all parties agree, go ahead, forget counselling and reconciliation, etc.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, my other concern is - and I believe the Minister said juvenile is not his responsibility - can the Minister indicate . . .

MR. PAWLEY: The Psychiatric or the forensic services do not come within the Attorney-General. But the court itself, the administration of the Juvenile Court is our responsibility.

MR. PATRICK: Is not the Minister concerned about the rehabilitation program for the juveniles because is it not true that the juvenile offenders are appearing, their frequency of appearing on charges is increasing instead of decreasing so there is something wrong. Can the Attorney-General, if it is not his responsibility, can he not get together with the other Minister responsible for the Correction Services if he's responsible. But it appears to me that our rehabilitation system is not working.

The second point I'd like to raise with the Attorney-General: when you take a northern courts in The Pas, there is no rehabilitation, there is nothing in there. Is that not correct? All it is is holding court. But what kind of programs have you got for rehabilitation for these people. This is really a concern.

MR. PAWLEY: Well there is no holding facilities or rehabilitation services outside of the probation services provided the Department of Corrections. There is frequent liaison between our department and the Department of Corrections. We do meet with them in order to deal with this. As well, at the present time there's been a great deal of discussion and analysis at the proposed new legislation, infants in conflict with the criminal justice system. Because for many reasons there is a growing problem relating to juvenile delinquency and in some ways I think our facilities have not kept up rehabilitation services with the increasing problems nor has our law necessarily kept up. Although if we entered into a discussion of the new proposed legislation there are pros and there are cons to it and there's been very extensive discussion. It involves an entirely new approach, pretty well, dealing with juveniles in trouble with the criminal justice system.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, can I ask the Minister another question with respect to juvenile offenders? I'm told that when they're held in the Youth Detention Centre, before their cases are heard, why does it take so long? I understand some of them stay there for 40 to 50 days and 60 days and I think this would do most of these people much more harm than good. Why cannot their cases be heard immediately, in a couple of days or day, week? But here we're told that they're waiting 60 days.

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MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, I suppose we do have problems in saying that the questions could be more profitably answered by the Minister responsible for the Youth Centre because I believe his Estimates have been heard. But delays such as that ought not to take place. I suppose there are instances where, if one dealt with individual case files, one would find that there has been need for psychiatric services, assessment, classification by various officials and often these reports are not completed for one reason or another without the passage of a great deal of time. The only concern that I have is that I'm entering into a realm now in which another Minister could more properly answer the honourable member's questions.

MR. PATRICK: One question. I'm still dealing with justice and I'm concerned, because the Minister says that maybe in some cases. Can I indicate to the Minister I understand most cases have to wait 50 to 60 days and that's what really concerns me.

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

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, to carry on a little further with the questioning that has been prompted by the Member for Assiniboia, has the Minister any statistics which would indicate the total number of juvenile cases heard in the past year, the number that are first time offenders and the number that are repeaters?

MR. PAWLEY: We'll get that for the honourable member. Staff will get that before the day is out.

MR. GRAHAM: A second question I would like to ask the Attorney-General and I don't particularly want accurate figures. Could he indicate what percentage of cases that come before the Family Courts where counsel is provided by the Legal Aid Services? Would it be in excess of 50 percent?

MR. PAWLEY: It would be in excess of 50 percent. I think that Mr. Meyers is here; he could take note of that question and possibly have the answer for us when we arrive at the Legal Aid section, Mr. Chairman. But it is in excess of 50 percent.

MR. GRAHAM: As long as Mr. Meyers is prepared to give us that figure, I think it's a figure that's worthwhile noting.

MR. PAWLEY: I wanted to just mention that another reason for delays often in the Youth Detention Centre is the applications that are made by the Crown to lift juveniles from the Juvenile Court system to the Adult Court system. Applications which do involve the courts sometimes are remanded for a number of weeks while there is a contesting as to whether the juvenile be lifted from one level to another level. This too adds to delays frequently in the Juvenile Detention Centre.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, can the Attorney-General give us some broad guidelines that are used or if there are any guidelines that are used in the transferring of a juvenile to adult court. Is it the seriousness of the crime or the number of previous cases that he has been before the court? Are there any broad guidelines that he uses at all?

MR. PAWLEY: Yes there are broad guidelines. I suppose four basic areas have to be considered in such an instance. 1) Is it an indictable offence? If it is a summary non-indictable then of course transfer does not take place. 2) It depends again on the seriousness of the charge and the record of the juvenile. In weighing this then the courts look to the good of the child and also to the good of the community.

So it's a question of whether it's indictable or not to begin with; 2) the seriousness of the particular charge with reference to the record of the juvenile and 3) the good of the juvenile is considered, the welfare of the juvenile and 4) the good of the community. There is case law that's established which the courts depend upon in weighing their thinking in each particular case that comes before them.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I raise this because we do have in some other laws warnings that are almost established, and I refer specifically to The Highway Traffic Act where an individual knows that once he exceeds a certain number of violations of The Highway Traffic Act that his driver's licence will be renewed and he also knows that once he exceeds five points on his driver's licence that the penalty involved rises rapidly. Now I was wondering if there is any attempt made in the juvenile courts to establish a system somewhat similar so that a juvenile would know that if he appears in court for the

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(MR. GRAHAM cont'd) third or fourth time in a given period, he has a very good chance of that case being transferred to adult court.

MR. PAWLEY: Not certainly in the same way that it would be dealt with in The Highway Traffic Court. Only, outside of warnings by the court, that if the juvenile gets into further difficulty then he'll be dealt with more severely. But outside of that that type of warning from the court in each individual case there would be no particular accumulation of statistical material that would deal with it in a way which, when we're dealing with juveniles could very well remove it from dealing with each case under the circumstances at the particular time.

If I could just add that information has been given to me that insofar as delays, that in Juvenile Court: contested juvenile case, three weeks; uncontested, one week; domestic involving separation, maintenance, custody, six weeks to two months, but it can be earlier by special arrangement. --(Interjection)-- Yes, that's what I gather is the present normal course.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, there have been discussions, I don't know how extensive, towards the possibility of establishing an Integrated Family Court. Can the Minister give us the benefit of his wisdom in this particular matter? Is the province seriously considering the establishment of a Unified Family Court?

MR. PAWLEY: Yes, the province approved in principle the establishment of a Unified Family Court in which all matters that are presently dealt with in the Family Court - that's the maintenance and custody, the County Court, the Court of Queen's Bench, so that we'd be including divorce, division of property, guardianship, etc. It would all be dealt with within the one court. Approval in principle has been given to this. A Committee was established which involves representatives from the Department of the Attorney-General, the Law Reform Commission, and Federal representation attempting to work out details of such a court, attempting to develop costing as to the share which would be picked up by each government. I'm returning to Cabinet shortly with more particular figures as to the exact costs of establishing such a Unified Family Court in Manitoba. We were somewhat disappointed in that the 50 percent Cost Sharing Agreement that we thought we had with the Federal Government did not include a contribution by them towards the existing court facilities which the province now operates. So they're only prepared to cost share on a 50 percent basis for the additional services beyond that which is presently provided in the St. Boniface County Court District. The pilot project, as the honourable member knows, is intended to commence in St. Boniface and we're hopeful that once we iron out the financial difficulties that this pilot project can be commenced soon.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if that is established as a pilot project, would it be a two-year basis, a three-year basis, before the assessment would be made?

MR. PAWLEY: Three years.

MR. GRAHAM: A three-year basis. Can the Minister indicate, is it hopefully going to occur within the next 18 months?

MR. PAWLEY: Yes.

MR. GRAHAM: Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. LLOYD AXWORTHY (Fort Rouge): Mr. Chairman, I just have a couple of questions to the Attorney-General. One bears upon the report that the Department of Health and Social Development commissioned last year on Child Welfare and there's a fairly extensive section in that report on the administration of justice as it relates to young offenders and to delinquents. It was very critical of the handling of the young offenders by the Family Court suggesting that in many cases the response was not a particularly open one or one that seemed to be almost dealt with in an assembly line procedure and they were critical of things like lack of consultation between court officials and judges and the youth workers and so on. I'm really wondering if the Attorney-General has looked at that report, which I'm sure he has, and whether he has examined those criticisms to determine how valid they are and if they are valid what might be done in terms of providing some corrections on those criticisms.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

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MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, the difficulty which we face of course is that there is some disagreement as to how the Juvenile Court process should be handled. There has been some disagreement between this department and some of the suggested means of dealing with the juvenile offender expressed through Health and Social Development. There is certainly constant consultation involving the two departments. But if one was dealing with the specific, the precise complaints in that report then one could deal with them and might find out in fact that the Juvenile Court is not always totally in the wrong and the Department of Health analysis completely in the right. There is a distinct difference in approach in handling the juveniles.

MR. AXWORTHY: Mr. Chairman, I'm not suggesting which is the right assessment but I am suggesting that that was a very critical assessment that was made by another department of the government. I would be interested in knowing exactly what the Attorney-General has done to deal with those criticisms. From your remarks, I gather you said that you've had some consultation but you can consult on almost anything these days. I was disturbed by the fact that an official government report that had been commissioned by another department would say the things that it did about the operation of the Family Court system, which was highly critical. If the Minister would like I can get the report from our caucus room and go through those criticisms but I think he knows them as well as I do, what they say about the administration of it. All I'm really saying is, what's being done either to provide for a counter argument to those criticisms in terms of a justification of the present practices or is there any remedial steps being taken to counter them. Particularly, I think they made recommendations in relation to the need to change court procedures so that there wouldn't be the same judge sitting continually looking at the same cases, so there would be a kind of moving around, that there would be a much closer working out between court officials and the juvenile officials themselves. I think it also had something to do with what my colleague was mentioning and that is ensuring that there is provision of adequate treatment services so that the court itself would have a better number of options in terms of sentencing or dealing with juveniles rather than the very limited ones that we have now. It just seems to me that that focussed on a complex of problems and I would be interested in knowing what the Attorney-General's Department is doing about them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. PAWLEY: I'm just wondering whether it would be useful for the honourable member to obtain that report. Certainly there are problems which are developing all the time between the two departments and which are discussed in consultation. This particular report - I'm turning to staff and they have not apparently been given a copy of this report that you are referring to from the Department of Health and Social Development which certainly concerns me. If a report is extremely critical of the operations of another department of government I would have thought that all the appropriate people in that department would be notified or advised.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It was a report on Child Welfare that was supervised by Joe Ryant who is a consultant to the Department of Health and Social Development. I believe copies were sent to all members of the Legislature and it was discussed in part under the Health and Social Development Estimates so it's a public report. It is being used I gather as a basis for reorganizing all the child welfare practices in the province. My colleague, I think, has gone to get our copy of the report and I'd be glad to pass it on. I'd be glad to give it back to the government so they could read it.

MR. PAWLEY: Possibly what we could do, if we can have a copy of it, maybe we can deal with it when we reach the Minister's Salary.

MR. AXWORTHY: Fine. I'll be prepared for that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. BILTON: Mr. Chairman, there seems to be a far-reaching discussion and going along with some of the remarks of the Honourable Member for Assiniboia insofar as juvenile delinquency in northern Manitoba, for years I've attempted to have at least a partial setup of the services that are available to the City of Winnipeg to the young people in northern Manitoba. It seems to me that we have a gathering storm that's been

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(MR. BILTON cont'd) very evident over recent years and when I see that some 4,598 children went through that Juvenile Correction Centre during the past 12 months, I think that we've arrived at an alarming stage.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. I would remind the honourable member we're on the Department of the Attorney-General and not the Department of Corrections.

--(Interjection)-- Provincial Judges Court.

MR. BILTON: I believe that we are dealing with Family Court and it's all tied in. I didn't notice you, Mr. Chairman, calling other people to order and I'm simply talking along the same lines so far. I can say a great deal more but I am concerned about the developing situation.

When we see reports that people are putting signs in their windows indicating that anyone being molested should go into that home for safety, I believe that the Attorney-General should be taking serious cognizance of this fact and possibly declare war on some of this crime that is being developed amongst our juveniles. It seems to me that of those 4,000 youngsters that I spoke of that went through that Juvenile Correction Centre, I'd far sooner see the parents in that number go before the Judges in answer for their misdemeanours in not looking after their families. My purpose in mentioning it, Mr. Chairman, is solely to emphasize the fact that I feel the Attorney-General and his department somehow, somewhere, in spending \$22 million should grapple with this situation before it gets any worse. I think he'll agree with me that it is getting progressively worse and it's his purpose I would suggest to find ways and means to attempt to overcome it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, getting back to Family Court and I hope that the Minister maybe can also give me some statistics in this area. It would give us some indication of how good our law and order is in this province if we have something to compare by.

I still feel our Family Courts must give speedy justice, inexpensive justice. What I'm saying is that it's got to be speedy justice and it shouldn't cost a lot of money. I don't believe that this is what's happening at the present time. The other point that I would like to get - I don't know if the Minister has any statistics - but if he can give us some statistics then we would know just how good our law and order is in this province, if it's improving, because our population is not increasing to any great extent. It has grown very small or the growth is very small.

So my questions to the Minister are: can he indicate how many rape cases? What is the percentage increase this year over last year? Or give us an indication say for a three-year period. I would like to know how many non-capital murders there were in the Province of Manitoba, say this year as compared to last year or the year before. How many bodily harm charges were increased? Is the increase from 200 to 400 or what has happened? Indecent assaults and cases of manslaughter and so on. The other one that I'd like to ask the Attorney-General: how many narcotic charges as well in the province?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. I wonder if those questions wouldn't be better posed under Resolution 26 - Law Enforcement. We are on Provincial Judges Court, Family Division, at the moment.

MR. PATRICK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At least the Attorney-General will have some advance notice. By the time we get to that resolution maybe he'll be able to give us some statistics so we'd know how good the law and order is in this province and if we're slipping or improving the situation or what's happening. So I would be interested in those statistics.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: Mr. Chairman, I was able to obtain a copy of the report, the Review of Child Welfare Policies, Programs and Services in Manitoba. For example, on Page 34 of the Report, it says that the review has clear evidence that the necessary conditions of mutual confidence are lacking between child caring personnel and Judges. This is a major impediment to the ability to both the child welfare system and the Family Court to preserve, protect and to ensure the best interests of the child. Then they go into a number of specific complaints.

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(MR. AXWORTHY cont'd)

It seemed to me it is a fairly critical report. I can pass a copy on to the Minister but I must confess to being somewhat surprised that a report as extensive as this and as far-reaching as this in the child welfare field, commissioned by one department of the government would not, in effect, have been made available to the other department which it affects and also been perused and be able to react, particularly when they make such specific concerns and complaints about the whole child welfare system. I won't push the matter any further with the Minister and pass the report on. Maybe then he can be prepared to react to it at a further date. If he'd like this copy I'm quite glad to give it to him as long as I get it back.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 24(g)(1)--pass; (g)(2)--pass; 24(g)--pass. Resolution 24(h) Court Reporters: (1) Salaries - the Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, it wasn't too long ago that in the Province of Manitoba we had a shortage of court reporters. In fact some of the work of the courts was being held up because we didn't have sufficient well-trained and well qualified court reporters. Can the Attorney-General assure us now that there are sufficient court reporters for the operation of the court?

MR. PAWLEY: We have no complaints now about the court reporters. There is a difficulty certainly in keeping a top level calibre of court reporter available but at the present time we are not facing a problem insofar as court reporters.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. WILSON: I wonder if the Minister would elaborate. I'm looking at the Public Accounts. I notice that the salary levels are not all that great. Is part of the problem that they are allowed to moonlight and that they are able to derive a lot of income by selling or getting paid for their transcripts which possibly should be accruing to the government rather than to themselves? Can you explain why the court reporter gets to keep all this extra revenue?

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, it could be either way. At the present time there is the basic salary plus fees for transcripts. That is the method by which we operate and I suppose if we eliminated the fees for transcripts then it would have to be paid by way of additional salaries. So it doesn't probably make too much difference one way or the other. Of course we also have the defence counsel that pay their own to the court reporters. So that if you did move to straight salary basis without fees for transcripts you would have defence counsel not making any contribution towards the costs.

MR. WILSON: Is information available as to the salary range of these court reporters it's . . . apparently there's some part of morale in the system that many of the jealousies that occur are due to income levels, that some of these court reporters are making far in excess of the judges. What I maybe should be asking is: could the Minister indicate how much they sell these transcripts for?

MR. PAWLEY: Well we would be surprised, Mr. Chairman, if there were any instances where a court reporter made more than 50 percent of the judge's salary, salary plus fees, so I don't think that there is any need for that type of suggested conflict.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 24(h)(1)--pass; (h)(2)--pass. Resolution 24(1) Sheriffs and Bailiffs (1) Salaries - the Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. WILSON: I wonder if the Minister could indicate . . . I notice again that the salary levels under this section are very low, I wondered - due to the fact that the bailiffs and sheriffs men have new responsibilities or will they be having the responsibilities, I remember the case where the prisoners escaped and it was because the RCMP were no longer transporting them - I wondered if there was some indication, are these the type of men that transfer the prisoners or would they be just dealing with bankruptcies and seizures and that type of thing?

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, there is a shift, of course, from trying to ensure that police avoid a number of areas of responsibility that can be done by others. The use of RCMP to do many of these responsibilities and duties is in fact to only increase the costs. So that there will be . . . so much of this work, escort duty, etc. is being done by people within this section. I think a valid criticism could be launched

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(MR. PAWLEY cont'd) that some of the personnel haven't had opportunity yet for sufficient training in this section and that training process is now very much under way, so if there is a valid criticism it would be certainly as implied. I believe with the honourable member that there is a lack of training and much more training ought to be done. If I could just add that the court reporter salary, it ranges, Court Reporter 2 starts at \$10,260 to a high of \$16,032 at Court Reporter 3 level and the Judges are \$33,000.

MR. WILSON: Well if we could back up for a moment, what I was suggesting is besides the \$16,000 if he was able to sell his transcripts, what would his total salary range be? I'm not jealous of anybody making \$16,000, but I would be concerned if he was making more money moonlighting than he was on his job, and the fact that you mentioned that in many cases competent court reporters were not available. Are they not available because they are in fact off somewhere preparing transcripts which they get a fee for service? So they've sort of got their guaranteed civil service position in addition to possibly what might be a growing lucrative situation. I don't know, I was just looking for an explanation.

If I may continue, no I was not at any time suggesting to the Minister of any criticism of the Sheriff and Bailiff staff, I was coming to their defence. I felt that their salary level should be re-evaluated in the light of their new responsibilities. I know many of these men personally because they used to work for me, and it seems that \$7,900 and \$8,000, if they've got to transport prisoners around and some of them are violent and it would seem to me that their job position should be re-evaluated. There is a lot of difference between transporting prisoners and process serving and so this was my comment. It wasn't one of criticism, it was one of trying to upgrade their positions to fit the responsibilities. In fact I would hope if the Minister answered in a positive way then I would feel grateful if these people were being re-evaluated.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, we are commencing a re-evaluation now of their job description with a view to possibly ensuring that there is an increase in the salary level because the honourable member is quite correct, seven to eight thousand is not a high salary level and so that evaluation is just now commencing.

On the additional transcripts, we were just trying to . . . and it's very difficult to know with precision as to what the additional net fees would be, because they would have to pay their secretarial services out of the work which they do, but at the very very most, we wouldn't be looking at, at the very most \$3,000 - \$4,000, we think, on the average, net.

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

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, can the Minister indicate how many we have in the Sheriff's Department here?

MR. PAWLEY: Forty-one throughout the entire province, not just Winnipeg but other centres as well.

MR. GRAHAM: A further question; is it true that many of these people are retired policemen?

MR. PAWLEY: Yes, some of them are.

MR. GRAHAM: Do we get any indication what percentage?

MR. PAWLEY: The staff will get that.

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

MR. GRAHAM: The only reason I raised that, Mr. Chairman, is that the Minister indicated that there would have to be an upgrading and probably a training process, and I was just wondering what additional training would be required of a policeman with 25 or 35 years experience under his belt - would he need additional training?

A MEMBER: Possibly to regenerate his muscles.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I can understand that it may be necessary to have a training program for those that have not had that type of experience.

MR. PAWLEY: Well in any event I'm sure we're dealing with only a minority that are retired policemen within the 41, so that most of them would be non-retired police personnel. The question on the juvenile statistics, we have it now. The number

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(MR. PAWLEY cont'd) of juvenile charges processed by court during calendar year 1975: at Winnipeg 10,832, St. Boniface 1,214, Brandon 3,762 - I can pass this down - for a total of permanent locations of 15,808. In circuit locations, 7,191, for a total province-wide of 22,999, one short of 23,000. The number of first time offences: we don't have exact statistics on that but we estimate it would be 75 percent, about 17,250 of the total - I'm sorry, that is the figure for the subsequent, 75 percent are the subsequent - 25 percent. Number of first time offenders: we estimate about 12,120

Sorry, let me clarify that, I should have read this more carefully. The number of people, because first we're dealing only with number of charges, just about 23,000, but of course we're not dealing with 23,000 people, we're dealing with less, and there's about 75 percent of that 23,000 would involve individuals, different individuals. So we're dealing with about 17,250 juveniles. The number of first time offenders would be 12,100 or about two-thirds of those appearing in juvenile court would be first offenders.

MR. GRAHAM: Well, a further question then to the Attorney-General. Can he give us the total number of students in the school programs in the province? Is it less than 200,000 that would be under the age of 18?

MR. PAWLEY: I would say it would be 150,000 to 200,000. That's only an off the cuff estimate though.

MR. GRAHAM: Here again we're finding we can't compare real numbers because one juvenile may have been in trouble five or six times during one year.

MR. PAWLEY: Right.

MR. GRAHAM: But we're looking at 23,000 cases in a year and I suspect there's considerably less than 200,000 under 18 in the school system in the Province of Manitoba.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. WILSON: If you've finished with that section, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to get back to under the Sheriff section. I was wondering, and I'm sorry that the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs isn't here because he is one that has advocated that everyone should be incorporated as an individual. And my concern pertaining to the role of the Sheriff and the process server and that is one where I would like to see the government reactivate. When the City of Winnipeg had the court system before it was turned over to the province, corporations that did not pay their traffic fines, it was common practice that many of them felt that they were incorporated, that they could park anywhere and didn't have to worry about paying their traffic tickets. And the City of Winnipeg through Mr. Parkins' department used to issue seizures against the assets of the corporation and I notice since the province has taken over that this practice has been discontinued. In light of the fact that the Minister of Consumer Affairs is going to have so many other people incorporate, I would wonder if the Minister would consider this privilege that he has, where corporations who don't pay fines would then be subject to the same procedures as might be against an individual.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, our only responsibility here is to prosecute. We don't enforce the collection of the fines. I don't know which department does that, Public Works or City of Winnipeg. The Police Department of the City of Winnipeg do that, so we don't have any responsibility or jurisdiction in that area.

MR. WILSON: So in other words it's the City of Winnipeg that has discontinued the collection of fines against corporations.

MR. PAWLEY: Well if that is the case, because we only prosecute, we could check that out with the City of Winnipeg Police Department.

MR. WILSON: All right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 24(j)(1)--pass; 24(j)(2) Other Expenditures--pass; (j)--pass. Resolution 24(k), Personal Property Security Registry - the Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. WILSON: Would the Minister explain this section to me so that I can find out if I'm in the right section.

MR. PAWLEY: What we're trying to do here is develop a personal property registry system. At the present time the existing system is most inadequate and weak. If, for instance, one proceeds to purchase a motor vehicle, they can check in the county

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(MR. PAWLEY cont'd) court, the office of the Attorney Court Office in the district in which the vehicle was located to ascertain whether there's any debt against that vehicle or chattel. It's an inadequate system because only chattel mortgages need be registered. The personal property security registry system would try to bring together all liens on conditional chattel mortgages, lien notes etc., so that they would be collected within one system, in order to expedite the searching and the ensuring of security of title.

MR. WILSON: Well, I'm very pleased to hear that announcement because I think the registration of conditional sales contracts is long overdue and I would also like to see that under the Warehousemen's lien section that they were also registered. I had occasion to write the Minister pertaining to what I thought is becoming an unfair practice where under Section 31 of the Warehousemen's Lien Act people who have rented property are unable to recover without going through expensive replevin procedures, property which at no time it was ever intended should belong to anybody but the rental firm that was renting it out. So by establishing this registry, which is most welcome news, many innocent victims of automobiles that have been converted, unknowingly they've purchased these vehicles only to find out that somebody had a chattel mortgage lien. Then I should touch on . . . I guess there wouldn't be any protection for a car that had been in Saskatchewan. Is there some method where a citizen could pay a fee, if we're talking about going into a computerized age where like the Motor Vehicle Branch where buttons could be pressed and they could find out if there was a registered lien in Saskatchewan against that vehicle. Is this something we can look forward to in the future?

MR. PAWLEY: Well that is something that we can look ahead to in the future, it's ultimate. It'll be extremely costly and I would think would be quite some distance down the road. But a national computer system hooking into the various provincial personal property security registry systems; first I suppose most provinces would have to have developed such a system. But it is something certainly ultimately down the road that we would hope to reach. In fact if the Honourable Member doesn't mind if I could just give some further information requested. Of 25 full-time Sheriffs' officers, I think the Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell wanted - if he'd like to just for a moment - 25 full-time Sheriffs' officers, 9 are ex-policemen, 4 of these 9 are employed as courtroom officers of the Public Safety Building Criminal Courts. Of 17 part-time Sheriffs' officers the majority are ex-policemen. So dealing with the 25 full-time, 9 of them are ex-policemen.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. WILSON: Again I might ask the Minister, first of all I'll deal with the Sheriff's men, does the Minister intend to have the employees of this section who are transporting prisoners armed to protect themselves? Secondly, under the section(k) which we're dealing with, could the Minister indicate at what possible future time we could look forward to having conditional sales contracts, a fee paid to have these registered so we could protect the public. I'm concerned being the consumer examination person on the Conservative side. I think this would be a great protection to purchaser motor vehicles and I wonder if he could indicate when we could look forward to seeing these conditional sales contracts registered.

MR. PAWLEY: We would hope that this system would be completed in approximately two years - we should have the system operational. Insofar as whether or not the officers, custodians are armed, the answer is no, because there is security within the car itself so that the present custodial officers are not armed. We haven't felt a need for them to be armed in view of the supposed security in the car.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, when I asked the Attorney-General on the personal property security registry which I think is interesting, is it the same system that you're going into, what Ontario has in, where there is a registration of lien holders of liens on cars and so on. I would also like to know how many people there are employed. For a total expenditure of \$114,000 that doesn't appear to me that the program will handle everything that the Attorney-General intends to do. I'm sure this will be a fee for services. If somebody wants to find out if there is a lien registered against a personal property he'll probably have to pay \$3 or \$4 or \$5 to find out if there is - or

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(MR. PATRICK cont'd) whatever the fee is. I think it could be almost self-sustaining. Can the Minister indicate will it be similar to what they have in Ontario? I'm not speaking against it, I think that he's moving in the right direction. In fact we were advised in the House some years ago that there'll be a registration of liens in this province through the Consumer Affairs Branch and it appears we've moved very slowly in this area.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, the system will be similar to that in Ontario. I have with me Mr. Sinnott(?) who I imagine most of you have not met, who is charged with the responsibility of developing a system in Manitoba and has been doing a good job there within the moneys which have been allotted to him. If there has been a delay in proceeding towards the system it has been due to the fact that only so much money has been allowed each year. The total cost of developing the system will be around \$600,000 in total. Now matched against that, of course, are the revenues referred to. We are in the process of evaluating the revenues that can be realized because I agree that the revenues should certainly offset the costs of a system such as this because you're only serving a part of the population, not the entire population. But we anticipate that it would take about two years with most of these costs being ballooned in I would think during the latter stages of the development.

MR. PATRICK: Can the Minister indicate when will the program start or is it in some small way already started, the operation. Or are we in the process of just developing stages.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, the honourable member is asking me embarrassing questions. I like being placed in a position where I may be enjoying criticism from honourable members because I don't have enough money within my Estimates. If honourable members will vote me additional moneys we could get this system in operation very quickly otherwise we may be looking at this present state of development at the end of 1977 at the earliest.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, to the Attorney-General. I'd be prepared to vote him extra money under this item at any time. I think there's too many people fleeced out of quite a bit of money. At the present time the situation that we have in the province is "buyer beware" and I think it's time that the Minister moved in this area much quicker than he is at the present time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 24(k)(1)--pass; (k)(2)--pass; (k)--pass. Resolution 24(1) - Fatality Inquiries Act: (1) Salaries - the Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, on the fatality inquiries, can the Minister indicate the exact operation of this portion?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. PAWLEY: The Fatality Inquiries Act deals with the holding of an inquiry in the event of an accident resulting in a death. The reason is to determine when, why or by what means a death occurred then its report is made in each case.

MR. GRAHAM: . . . coroners.

MR. PAWLEY: That's right. The questions that the Act requires answering are: when, by what means and why the death occurred.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I have to, at this time, point out to the Attorney-General the introduction of the changes that occurred when we changed from the coroner's system has created a great deal of hardship in rural Manitoba. I will be parochial and give you my own area.

For example, in the Birtle-Russell area all of the inquiries are conducted in Brandon which necessitates the moving of the body to Brandon. In all likelihood the body has to stay there for up to 24 hours. A second trip to Brandon to pick it up afterwards. There is considerable inconvenience and costs involved here and I would ask the Attorney-General to consider that and see if there isn't some way of eliminating many of the costs that are incurred because of the implementation of The Fatality Inquiries Act.

MR. PAWLEY: We will certainly check into the complaints and I would share the honourable member's concern if in fact bodies are being transported from the Birtle-Russell area to Brandon, distances of some 75-100 miles. It's not the body, I suppose,

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(MR. PAWLEY cont'd) it's the hearings that would take place. But in any event I think the hearing should take place closer to the area. I'm told the actual body has to be transported down too. Well I would agree, I think that these hearings should be decentralized and they should take place closer to the centre in which the incident occurred.

MR. GRAHAM: I raise it because of a particular friend of mine who was in the funeral business - I say he is a friend even though he was my opponent in the last two elections. He's still a friend of mine. I can tell you this, his costs have risen enormously, plus the time that is taken because of that. The unfortunate part is that his costs he has to of necessity pass on as part of the funeral costs.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would think the body would be transported because of needs of pathology and probably that has to be done in most instances.

MR. GRAHAM: That used to be done right in Russell.

MR. PAWLEY: At our expense. So that the particular individual referred to, his expenses should be recouped.

The funeral director transports the body, in this case, to Brandon and the body is returned after the pathology is completed. The funeral director would bill the department and the department would pay the bill.

I share the member's concern insofar as the hearing is concerned. Hearings ought to be taking place within the vicinity of the incident and if that is taking place it will be corrected.

MR. GRAHAM: Will the Attorney-General inquire into this? I can only speak for one area of the province, but I suspect it is prevalent throughout the entire province.

MR. PAWLEY: Yes. We'll certainly check that out because if it is taking place that the hearings are being centralized, they should be decentralized and it should be corrected.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 24 - the Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Can the Attorney-General indicate where the hearings are held at the present time? Has he got any information where they're held throughout the province? Is it at large centres and how far do people have to travel?

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, the situation is at the present time that much of the discretion rests with the Crown Attorney which is working for our Department so that we will have to obtain that information from them and possibly too much discretion has been allowed if in fact the type of situations referred to by the honourable member have been happening.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 24(1)(1)--pass; (1)(2)--pass; (1)--pass. Resolution 24: Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$5,764,000 for Attorney-General--pass.

Resolution 25 - Legislative Counsel - (a) Salaries--pass. The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. BILTON: Again, might I inquire on the subject of salaries. There is an increase of several thousand dollars from \$128,000 to \$145,000. Could the Minister tell us why?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. PAWLEY: It was reclassification of both Mr. Tallin and Mr. Balkaran during the past year. So there was a reclassification which resulted in increased salary in both instances - as well as the general salary increase of course in addition to the reclassification.

MR. BILTON: It's not taking in any new staff whatsoever.

MR. PAWLEY: No. There's been no increase in the numbers of staff. I might say just on that point that if anything we were behind insofar as classification was concerned because we nearly lost a good man because of a need for keeping up.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 25(a)--pass; Resolution 25(b) - Other Expenditures--pass. Resolution 25: Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$167,100 for Attorney-General--pass.

Resolution 26 - Law Enforcement, the Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, I did ask a question a little while ago and perhaps the --(Interjection)--

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MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, do you mind if I just clarify two points before we commence this discussion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. PAWLEY: When we were in Cabinet dealing with law enforcement dealing with Estimates, we did not and we still don't have exact information to give to members as to our negotiations of course with Ottawa so we don't know exactly how much money will be required for RCMP. It would depend upon the outcome of those negotiations.

Secondly, the 3B Program was still very much in process at that time. We're just now identifying how many SMY we can recruit and train for this next year. So that is not included within these figures before you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask the Attorney-General if he can give us some statistics that I posed to him I believe in Item 4. It's the only way we can assess the law enforcement and how good it is and how good is law and order in this province. What is the increase? Because our population growth is not that great, it's very small. I'd like to know what was the non-capital murders this year as compared to last year, bodily harm charges, indecent assaults, manslaughter and how many more narcotic charges this year than last year. I believe there must be some kind of statistics kept and I think it's most important in any society to determine law and order. How many more rapes did we have this year over say the year before. I think the most important thing in any society is law and order and the only way we can gauge it, if we're slipping, and how badly, is if the Minister can give us some statistics. What's happening in the province?

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, the statistics which I have relate only to the RCMP, to the statistics outside of the City of Winnipeg. I have figures showing the number of cases in the courts in the City of Winnipeg which may not be precise. But I could give both sets of figures. But because we are dealing with RCMP here maybe I could give you the figures which involve RCMP cases outside the City of Winnipeg and what I will do is I will read out the offence and the first number which I'll give you will be the 1974 figure; the second number which I will provide will be the 1975 figure in each case, and also I'll indicate what the percentage change is from 1974 to 1975. Homicide: 36, 26, 27.8 percent decrease; Sex Offences: 124, 181, plus 45.9; Assault: 2,464, 2,695, plus 9.4. The Total Offences Against Persons - this is the sub-heading there - 2,624, 2,902, plus 10.6 percent; Crimes against property: 11,971, 12,839, plus 7.3 percent; Other criminal code offences, 7,831, 8,259, plus 5.5 percent. Total increase in criminal code offences, 22,426, 24,000, for a 7 percent increase in the total Criminal Code offences in 1975 compared to 1974.

Then dealing with drug offences - I'll give you the total drug offences here - 1,346, 1974, compared to 1,438, 1975, for a total increase of 6.8 percent. Juvenile delinquents - I don't quite understand this next figure and I suggest the staff just might check it out. It shows juvenile delinquents 138, 105, a decrease of 23.9 percent. Now that figure makes me a little uneasy. I would ask for that to be checked. But it's rural, we're dealing here with the rural and not the city so it may be quite accurate. Excise 39, 41, 5.1 percent increase; Customs, 214, 536, a 150 percent increase.

MR. PATRICK: What kind of charges are that Customs, what is it?

MR. PAWLEY: This would be trying to bring goods into the country without declaring them. I suppose that's maybe because of the impact of inflation that we have an increase there.

Canada Shipping: 20, 39, an increase of 95 percent; Bankruptcy: 15, 30, a 100 percent increase; Other federal statutes: 775, 1,391, for an increase of 79.5 percent. Total increase here from 1,201 to 2,142, 78.4 percent. So there's a large increase in federal offences.

Liquor Act: 9,065, 9,401, 3.7; Securities Act: 19, 38, 100 percent increase; Other provincial statutes: 2,182, 2,070, a decrease of 5.1; Intoxicated persons: 9,364, 7,881, a decrease of 15.8 - a decrease. So that the provincial statutes decreased from 20,630 to 19,390, a decrease of 6 percent.

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Municipal By-laws: 224 compared to 208, a decrease of 7.1.

Then going over to the next total. I'll just give you the total here. We're dealing with all driving offences. Criminal Negligence, Breathalyzer refusing tests, driving while impaired: 5,874 to 5,889 for an increase of only .3 of 1 percent. Liquor offences seem to be down throughout.

Other traffic offences. Federal statutes, provincial statutes, municipal by-laws, written warnings: 81,567 to 89,615, an increase of 9.8 percent; parking violations: 17,040 to 22,292, an increase of 30.8 percent; fatal accidents 132 to 119, a decrease of 9.8; injury accidents: 2,231 down to 2,071, a decrease of 7.2 percent; property damage decreased from 9,081 to 8,992, a decrease of .9 of 1 percent. Total accidents from 11,444 down to 11,189, a decrease of 2.2 percent. The total caseload shows an increase, 1974, from 144,712 to 153,871, an increase of 6.3. So over all it's a 6.3 percent increase.

In comparison to 1974 caseload we show a 6.3 percent increase which is, I'm informed by the RCMP in keeping with the national average increase. So for good or for bad we're at the same pace as the federal trends apparently across Canada. This is only outside of Winnipeg. We've got court figures for in Winnipeg but I don't know, they might be misleading to give them because they're not comparable. They might be misleading. But they do show a decrease in cases disposed of in Winnipeg - I'm sorry, an increase not decrease.

Under the Criminal Code indictable offences there was a decrease from 5,651 to 5,355, 1974 to 1975; non-indictable other than traffic, however, there was an increase: 3,411 to 4,926; federal statutes, an increase again, a big increase here as there was with the RCMP figures, an increase of 193 to 577; provincial statutes other than traffic cases: a decrease from 1,527 to 1,215. There's been an increase in all of the cases disposed of, an increase from 71,000-some to 82,180.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: The drug charges. Are the total drug charges 1,346 to 1,438 for plus 6.8?

MR. PAWLEY: The drug percentage increase for all drug offences was 6.8 percent.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, the Attorney-General says that he's satisfied because we're within the national average of . . .

MR. PAWLEY: No, I didn't say I was satisfied.

MR. PATRICK: Okay. But we're within the national average and this concerns me. If you get one of the cities, the City of Vancouver, British Columbia where they have some 20,000 people on hard drugs and probably the worst condition of any city in the world right now, so it can . . .

MR. PAWLEY: Excuse me. If I could just point out to the honourable member that I'm only dealing with percentage of increase. Certainly the amount of crime is much greater in Vancouver and the numerical increase would be much greater in Vancouver than here but we're only dealing with percentage increase. But it's something certainly that one ought not to be satisfied with.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe the Attorney-General gave us the rape charges this year as compared to last year.

MR. PAWLEY: We just had the sex offences, they're not broken down. They were increased from 124 to 181 but that's all sex offences. -- (Interjection) -- Forty-five percent increase. I guess we don't have the breakdown as to how many of those involve rape.

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

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I thought I had the figures which I obtained about three weeks ago from the City of Winnipeg however I can't find them. Quoting from memory I can tell you that the incidence of murder in the city was a relatively static figure. I think there was maybe two or three different from a year ago. But crimes of violence against the personal body of an individual doubled in the year.

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(MR. GRAHAM cont'd) Now those crimes of violence can be various ones, including rape, assault and various forms of assault. I think that is the most significant factor of any, is that crimes of violence against the body of an individual have doubled in the past year in the City of Winnipeg. I think that is cause for serious concern.

MR. PAWLEY: It might be except that I would point out that there is some discrepancy there because though we don't have the particular number of charges, it certainly should fairly closely reflect the cases which were actually dealt with within the courts. They do show a slight decrease in indictable offences from 1974 to 1975.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I can get the figures from the Chief of Police in Winnipeg in approximately ten minutes if I can get in touch with him because he gave me the figures just about three weeks ago.

I point out to the Minister that those include various forms of assault but the total number of assaults against the personal body almost doubled in the past year. I think it went from 300 and something up over 600 in the past year and that's lumping the whole works together and that would include rape and . . .

MR. PAWLEY: That could be, because under indictable offences here we have everything included. Of course we're dealing with from 5,600 and something down to 5,300.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, we're dealing with law enforcement and the thing that has always concerned me is the fair and equitable application of law enforcement throughout the province. I would like to refer the Attorney-General to the Report of the Chief Inspector of the Liquor Control Commission where out of the total fines that were collected last year for infringements of The Liquor Act, over 90 percent of the fines collected were collected in rural Manitoba and those were in most cases prosecutions brought forward by the RCMP. Over half the population of Manitoba lives in the City of Winnipeg and yet - maybe the people of rural Manitoba drink and break the law ten times as much as the people in Winnipeg but quite frankly, Sir, I don't believe that. I think it's the application of --(Interjection) -- I believe that there are as many liquor infractions occur in the City of Winnipeg as occur in rural Manitoba but yet that Report shows that there seems to be a discrepancy in the enforcement of that particular aspect of the law anyway, between rural Manitoba and the urban area. I would ask the Attorney-General to check into that because I think it is important that the application and the enforcement of the law be applied fair and equitably throughout the province.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, first I should point out that all fines collected under The Liquor Control Act remain with the municipality in which the liquor offence was committed. The fines being collected are not transmitted to a provincial fund. I do note from the figures which we have before us that there has been a very substantial increase in the dollar sum-wise of the fines collected in Winnipeg for Liquor Control Act offences, 1974 to 1975. In fact there is an increase from 13,998 to 32,229, so that it's more than double the increase which has taken place in one year in the collection of fines in the City of Winnipeg. It would appear from this that there has been a tightening up or a greater enforcement in this area by the City of Winnipeg Police than there was previously in 1974.

MR. GRAHAM: Then the total collected in the province would be in the neighbourhood of 300,000 I believe.

MR. PAWLEY: That could be. I'm just trying to figure out why there would be that type of discrepancy. One of the reasons probably would be that there is greater opportunity for liquor offences pertaining to the vehicle in rural areas than there would be in the City of Winnipeg with all the mileage which we have in these rural areas compared to the minimal mileage within the City of Winnipeg. I would suspect that much of that could be explained by the offence of liquor associated with the vehicle and the use of the vehicle in the rural areas as compared to the city.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, may I also suggest to the Attorney-General that in rural Manitoba it is not too difficult in the carrying out of your duty for an officer of

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(MR. GRAHAM cont'd)the law to sit in his car and observe people entering and leaving drinking establishments. It's the easiest way to pass the time and I can cite a case for the Attorney-General if he so desires. This happened a couple of years ago in the Town of Birtle where there was three RCMP cars, one parked behind one hotel, one parked behind the other hotel and a third one the street in between the two hotels. Two blocks down the street there were two fellows knocked off the Gulf Service Station with five RCMP officers in three cars sitting in the town just two blocks away.

MR. PAWLEY: I wonder if the Honourable Member for Birtle would like to recommend that the RCMP should cease to watch the drinking establishments in this way.

MR. GRAHAM: I'm not saying that at all, Mr. Chairman. All I'm asking is that we get equitable enforcement of the law throughout the entire province. If there is going to be a firm direction taken in apprehending intoxicated people in rural Manitoba then the same kind of concern should be expressed and used in the City of Winnipeg. Statistics we have certainly don't indicate anything approaching that type of equality.

MR. PAWLEY: I would certainly agree that the application of the law should be as effective in all things urban as they are in rural areas. I've also noticed this insofar as traffic offences are concerned, that frequently we find that there is less by way of handing out traffic offence notices in the city as compared to the rural areas.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. BILTON: Mr. Chairman, my loyalty to the RCMP makes me a little worried of some of the things that are being said. I must say in all sincerity that a mounted policeman, \$18,000 - \$20,000 a year man, just a highway jockey, I think it's throwing good money after bad. I think the men themselves, it's repugnant to them to have to do this job. But so long as arrangements are as they are I suppose it's got to go on. My concern in taking the microphone at this particular time is that I know the Minister told us a little while ago that the possible contract is yet to be completed with the RCMP. I notice that the money being asked for this year is pretty well static with last year. I wonder if the Minister could give us some indication as to the total cost of the RCMP in the province. I'm thinking of what the municipalities are paying. Does he have a figure in that regard?

Also I wonder if he could give us a report as to what is happening insofar as native police are concerned, that is those that are on Reserves. I suppose they're under this heading. Probably he could tell us whether or not it's working out well and just how many men are doing this work.

Whilst I have the microphone too, Mr. Chairman, having commented on my feelings as the declaration of war against crime in this province is long overdue, by the same token one sees from time to time reports that the police are abusive to people in custody. I'm not one that buys that at all and I notice that the legal profession are leading the way in pointing to some of the abuses their clients have. I wonder sometimes if their clients are not being abused by other clients that are in the same cell at the time and very often the policemen blamed for it. Mr. Chairman, sometimes force has to be used by the police. I would remind you that a good deal of it in my humble opinion is provoked. My experiences have always been that those that come afoul of the law for the first time, first offenders, they're usually pretty well scared to death, but it's the repeaters, in my humble opinion, that create a good deal of this problem. I don't think that the public at large should get the idea that the policemen in carrying out their duties are purposely abusive to prisoners. I would say that a good deal of it is provoked because the repeater is the one that's got nothing to lose and everything to gain and very very often takes unnecessary advantage of those that are trying to carry out the law.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. SHAFRANSKY: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask the Attorney-General under the section Law Enforcement, whether the funds provided deals only with the RCMP in the rural parts of the province or is it also to those municipalities that do have their own police force possibly, other than the RCMP? Is there any funds under this section provided to the City of Winnipeg or the City of Brandon, or is it just with the RCMP?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

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MR. PAWLEY: Possibly I could try to deal with the array of subject matter asked. The Honourable Member for Swan River asked a question in connection with native policing. Of course the Band or Native Police Program is one that is the responsibility of the Department of Indian Affairs. I think that it has worked less than satisfactorily. We are proceeding now towards the development of this 3B Program. Approval has been given in principle and now we've identified a number of men or women that we wish to recruit and train. They will be recruited and trained through the RCMP, will receive a three-month training course in Regina. Height and education requirements are not taken into consideration in order to encourage the recruiting of native policemen into that program. It's a cost-shared program between the Federal and Provincial Government and will involve policing on both the Reserves and in the neighbouring non-treaty communities. It's not here because at the time of the preparation of these Estimates we were far from knowing how far we could proceed and we still haven't pinned down except to say to you that we have general approval in principle and we're hopeful of getting approval for at least ten this year, to get under way with the program.

The Honourable Member for Radisson asked a question as to what is included in this figure. The costs included in this figure are the moneys paid by the province towards RCMP policing in municipalities of Manitoba, the RMs of Manitoba, and in villages, hamlets, etc., with population of 500 and under, plus highway traffic patrol work, would be all included in these figures. RCMP policing to the municipalities 500 and over is paid for as a result of a federal-municipal cost-sharing arrangement. The province has provided some assistance to communities of populations 500 to 1,500 in the past based upon population equalized assessment. There has been no assistance up until this year for our municipalities with populations 1,500 and more. But in the Budget was provided assistance, \$1.00 per person, to municipalities 1,500 population to 6,500 and financial assistance of \$2.00 per person to all municipalities having a population of 6,500 or more. As I mentioned last night this would mean, as far as the City of Winnipeg is concerned, about \$1.1 million. That would come within Finance or Budget Estimates. In this Estimate though would be the amounts that we pay out to the municipalities 500 to 1,500 and we have a list, or did have a list of the moneys that are paid out.

The Honourable Member for Rhineland is not present but Gretna, for instance, tops the list as far as the amount of moneys received, because if your equalized assessment is low then the amount received is greater under that program. The total amount paid out last year under that program was \$240,000, communities 500 to 1,500.

MR. SHAFRANSKY: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the attempt of the Attorney-General to provide training opportunities to the native people at the Training Centre in Regina so that they would be able to go back to the Reserves. I just wanted to question the idea of the province assuming more and more of the costs which are in the right, federal costs. You know there are many programs that the Federal Government has assumed under The Indian Act and it seems to me that they are backing out in every case, whether it be in education, in health services, in the type of community services such as airstrips and so on, that the Federal Government is sort of abolishing their obligation to these communities. It was established under The Indian Act that the province, because they see the need - and I believe that it's proper - but however I question the idea of provinces assuming costs which are, under The Indian Act, the responsibility of the Federal Government. It adds to the costs and the Federal Government seems to be escaping their rightful role and their responsibility. -- (Interjection) -- I don't question that.

MR. BILTON: I don't know whether the Attorney-General overlooked my question but I did ask him for the overall cost for the RCMP. For instance in Swan River, we as taxpayers are paying in the neighbourhood of \$100,000 a year. What I'm attempting to find out is what is the total cost of the RCMP in the Province of Manitoba? You've got \$8 million here. Communities such as ours, what's their figure as well?

MR. PAWLEY: We'll try to get those figures for you, Mr. Bilton. The staff are going to try to assemble those.

I want to say to the Member for Radisson that I appreciate very much his concerns and it has also been our concern and that's why there has been unfortunately delays in

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(MR. PAWLEY cont'd) completing these negotiations with the Federal Government. We have felt that the Federal Government certainly has a financial commitment insofar as the Federal Treaty Indian was concerned. That's been the reason for delays.

But I would remind also that in all these areas - Norway House for instance - we have a very sizeable non-treaty community which is our responsibility or any other community one could take in northern Manitoba there's a sizeable Metis or non-treaty community surrounding the treaty community. So there certainly is a mix of responsibility, provincial to federal. It's certainly an area of concern that we not become more and more unreasonably committed to programs that ought to be federal in nature.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. WILSON: Yes, I did want to talk about preventative policing under this \$8.2 million item. In cost sharing, I couldn't help but feel that crime prevention is a service to people and should be universal throughout the province. In other words what I'm concerned about and the information I'm seeking is: in the cost sharing is there any disparity? I mean are the people of Winnipeg being discriminated against with cost sharing pertaining to the rural sections of the province? I notice this time, as the Minister has mentioned for the first time, the City of Winnipeg is going to get a per capita grant for police protection. Would it be fair to say that the cost sharing has not been equal throughout the province? Do we have any control over the degree of protection, over who gets what? In other words does the squeaky wheel get the grease? In other words would a community like Selkirk have a greater degree of protection, police protection, than say a community like Carman, Manitoba? This is what I'm trying to establish.

MR. PAWLEY: Are you suggesting that Selkirk has a very squeaky wheel?

MR. WILSON: Well that would be a compliment to the Minister.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. WILSON: Well if the Minister could give me an indication, in his opinion how does the cost sharing work as it is today? Are the citizens of Winnipeg, who are also citizens of the Province of Manitoba, are they being short-changed in the formula as it presently stands pertaining to the comparison between the cost sharing, urban versus rural?

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, The Municipal Act requires that all municipalities 500 and over provide their own policing. So it is principally a municipal responsibility we're looking at in which the municipality is expected to provide these services.

I do want to say this, that to some extent I do feel that federally and provincially there has not been as equitable a distribution of assistance as there could be to municipalities for RCMP servicing. I mentioned before that communities 500 and under, RMs, 100 percent police contribution; communities 500 to 1,500 have received significant financial commitment, \$240,000 in fact. Up until this year communities 1,500 and over, no financial assistance. The Budget announcement was a start. I'm not suggesting that we have, I think, yet obtained an equitable situation insofar as police contribution is concerned.

There's another area that I don't like under the federal-municipal cost-sharing arrangement. Their cost-sharing arrangement is such that there is a formula for sharing of costs up to and including the first five SMYs, which is 50 percent. Above five SMYs the cost shoots up, even under the present arrangement, to 75 percent. So that the Thompsons, the Portages, the Selkirks, etc., who have ten to 15 RCMP officers - well Thompson 20, 25 RCMP officers - find out that the bulk of the RCMP officers fall under the 75 percent cost-sharing formula and yet those municipalities are often those that are serving a region that is facing escalating mill rate increases. So in many ways I think there is a plausible argument that the Thompsons, the Selkirks, the Dauphins, the Portages, the Steinbachs -- (Interjection) -- Swan River, yes. If the formula should yet be equalized or improved it should be directed towards those areas. I include the City of Winnipeg there too, in that analysis.

MR. WILSON: I hope I'm under the right section. I'll ask, would this under the Public Accounts, the grants, this \$315,000, is this the type of thing you're talking about? Could you explain what that is under Public Accounts?

It says real estate \$61,000, real estate rentals. I imagine it's renting office

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(MR. WILSON cont'd) space or police stations. It says grants \$315,000. I wonder if the Minister could explain what those grants are just to clarify it for myself.

MR. PAWLEY: Grants to the City of Winnipeg?

MR. WILSON: No, this is under Public Accounts, under Page 96 of Public Accounts, under Law Enforcement. It says Grants. It's probably higher this year.

MR. PAWLEY: Yes, that involves the \$240,000. But I understand that five quarters was added during that current year because of accounting procedures.

MR. WILSON: I want to use this opportunity if I could to talk about law enforcement, preventative policing. I can't help but feel we should start in the schools because our sort of Hughie Milquetoast attitude towards repeaters obviously isn't working and I couldn't help but pick up this issue of U.S. News and find the headlines called "Revolving Door Justice" and why criminals go free . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. Before the honourable member gets into his remarks it's practically 12:30. I'm leaving the Chair to return at 2:30.