

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

8: 00 o'clock, Thursday, May 15, 1969

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

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

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Leader of the New Democratic Party) (Radisson): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, if I may. I directed a number of questions the other day to three Ministers: the Minister of Labour, the Minister of Industry and Commerce and the First Minister, regarding the matter of a Fresh Fish Marketing Board and the First Minister took one or two questions under advisement. I know he's not in his seat at the present time. One of the questions, however, I directed to the Honourable Minister of Labour and he likewise took the matter under advisement. I'm wondering if he can now reply to my question as to the status or position of the Union that had agreements, or were in the process of completing agreements with the industry, some of whom have now been more or less declared as being redundant.

HON. CHARLES H. WITNEY (Minister of Labour) (Flin Flon): Mr. Speaker, I'm a little puzzled by the question of the honourable member. We did look into it and we find that the whole matter is being considered by the Department of Industry and Commerce in connection with the various plants. We couldn't find any men having been laid off at this particular time and we couldn't find any difficulties at this particular time with respect to the union and the management. So I'm not sure exactly what the honourable member is after but I think perhaps when the estimates of the Minister of Industry and Commerce come up that it can be pursued further.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, but my honourable friend did take my question as notice that he would look into the matter. Apparently he hasn't done so and I feel however, if I may, Mr. Speaker, feel that insofar as labour relations is concerned it's properly within the Department of Labour. I understand, however, some difficulty that he has encountered due to the absence, as I understand it, of his Deputy Minister. It can be, and will be, that I will discuss the matter a little later on this evening with the Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. WITNEY: Mr. Speaker, we did look into the matter. -- (Interjection) -- That's right. . .

MR. PAULLEY: . . . might I ask my honourable friend did he contact the union concerned, the Retail-Wholesale Trades Union?

MR. WITNEY: Mr. Speaker, I can't say who the department contacted but I took it up with the department when I got back and that was the reply that I received.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for St. John's.

MR. SAUL M. CHERNIACK, Q.C. (St. John's): Mr. Speaker, could I address a question to the same Minister who is now getting used to standing up. He informed the House some time ago in connection with a couple that claimed that there was discrimination involved in their employment applications. At that time he told us that the complaint had been made and was being investigated. Does he have a final report to make, or will there be one?

MR. WITNEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the matter was resolved satisfactorily between the people and the employment agency concerned. There was later a request for the report and whether or not the lawyer that the couple had engaged could have a copy of that report; we said yes. I understand that the matter was resolved satisfactorily and if the couple wish to take any further action that they are at liberty to do so through the report being available to their solicitor.

MR. CHERNIACK: Might I as a supplementary question ask why the couple should want to take any further action if the matter was resolved satisfactorily?

MR. WITNEY: That, Mr. Speaker, is something that I can't tell you. That's up to the couple concerned.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if a copy of that report could be made available to members of this House?

MR. WITNEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Inkster.

MR. SIDNEY GREEN (Inkster): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Finance. Some time ago a request was made by myself concerning information as to estate taxes received from estates in the Province of Manitoba and the Minister said there would be an attempt to obtain this information for us, so that when we get to the Estate Tax Bill it will be available. Is the Minister able to give us any information with respect to whether or not we will be receiving the information?

HON. GURNEY EVANS (Minister of Finance)(Fort Rouge): At the moment I'm not. I'd be glad to inform my honourable friend of what arrangements we have been able to make, but I should inquire from those who are in Ottawa before I do so.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, could I ask the Minister to make a special effort so that we could have this information before we debate the Bill which is going to be given second reading?

MR. EVANS: I'll do it as soon as I can.

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

MR. ELMAN GUTTORMSON (St. George): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Education. Last week he met with groups in the Lakeshore School Division. Does he plan to meet with other groups in Evergreen and Interlake with respect to the final report by the Boundaries Commission?

HON. DONALD W. CRAIK (Minister of Youth and Education)(St. Vital): Yes, Mr. Speaker. Whether it's on exactly the same basis as it was in Lakeshore though, still has to be determined.

Mr. Speaker, while I have the opportunity, I indicated at earlier sessions that I would advise the members of any youth programs that develop for the summer. I would like to inform them at this time that one of the programs which has been developed by the Youth and Manpower Division of the department will involve the opening of our Vocational Institutes in the province for the summer months. This will include the MIT and MIAA and vocational centres at Brandon and The Pas. Through this we hope to offer to any unemployed students over 16 years of age or under-employed ones possibilities in the many courses that are offered in these institutions. There is no tuition fee involved. There will probably be some caution fee that will involve a small outlay for textbooks or supplies. As I mentioned, the students would have to be 16 years of age or over and they would have opportunities in fields such as electronic and computer technologies, through to building design and drafting technologies, chemical heat and power production technologies and to medical laboratory and radiological technologies, and these are primarily at the MIT in Winnipeg. Automotive fuel and ignition systems, engines, preventive maintenance, lawnmower, outboard motor operations and maintenance will be dealt with in the industrial division; and speed and comprehension reading program, rotary calculator practice as well as in introduction to electronic data processing, and business administration will be carried on in the MIAA. There are topics at the Manitoba Vocational Centre in Brandon: plans include classes in carpentry, woodwork, automotive repair and machine shops; and at The Pas, July classes will include an introduction to extractive metallurgy, elementary geology and prospecting, general drafting, typing, office machines, home management, waiter, waitress training, plumbing and sheet metal.

The residential facilities will also be available in The Pas. I would indicate Sir, that the schools have not normally been closed in the summer, officially closed, but this year we are making special efforts to have the schools open so that any one of the young people who wish to avail themselves of the facilities will have that opportunity.

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

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, the other day, I directed questions pertaining to the Fresh Fish Marketing Board, in the absence of the Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, to the First Minister who took them as notice. One of the questions was: Could the First Minister or the government indicate who were the members of the Fish Marketing Board. My honourable friend at that time took it under notice. I note that my honourable friend, the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources is present today; could he inform the House who are the members of the Fish Marketing Board, the Fresh Fish Marketing Board?

HON. HARRY J. ENNS (Minister of Mines and Natural Resources)(Rockwood-Iberville): Was that directed to me? Yes, Mr. Speaker, in reply to the Honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party there's no difficulty. I would undertake to have the

MR. PAULLEY: I can't hear for the confusion.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I wonder if the Minister would be prepared to continue?

MR. ENNS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would undertake to supply the Leader of the New

(MR. ENNS cont'd.) Democratic Party with the information he requested. There are 10 directors appointed to the Federal Fish Marketing Board and I will have the names for him tomorrow.

MR. PAULLEY: Oh, I'm sorry - I didn't hear your last phrase. May I compliment the Minister on his promise of being a little more rapid in producing the evidence than his Leader was.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Inkster.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Health and Social Services. Is the Honourable Minister aware that the Brandon Students' Union were depending on passage of the Bill which was unanimously given second reading by the Legislature in order to embark on a co-operative housing program for Brandon for students that needed housing?

HON. GEORGE JOHNSON (Minister of Health and Social Services)(Gimli): I'll take the question as notice and get some further information if I could, from the honourable member.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, at the same time as the Minister is taking the question as notice, could he advise the House whether anything can now be done to get these students moving in view of the fact that the Member for Lansdowne and the Member for Brandon apparently succeeded in getting this Bill withdrawn so that it won't come back to this House.

MR. R.O. LISSAMAN (Brandon): Mr. Speaker, on a point of personal privilege, I'm not a member of that committee. I think the honourable member should withdraw that statement.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry. I understood the Member for Brandon was involved and I make an unqualified withdrawal. The Member for Souris-Lansdowne was the one who

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, just if I might pick up one question the Honourable Member for Inkster mentioned here. Incorporation is not required for the co-operative housing.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, may I tell the Minister that the Brandon Students' Union were depending on their Bill, which gave them the power to do this in order to embark on this venture, and if it's not required could the Minister do something so that the students could go ahead and do what they want to do?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Selkirk.

MR. T.P. HILLHOUSE, Q.C. (Selkirk): I wonder if the Minister of Education could answer a question. Could you advise the House as to whether or no the University of Manitoba Students' Union is a corporate body or just a voluntary association?

MR. CRAIK: No, it's not a corporate body. There is a group of students at the university now embarking on a co-operative student housing facility.

MR. HILLHOUSE: the university of Winnipeg a corporate body of students?

MR. CHERNIACK: If I may give information to the Honourable Minister. I incorporated the College Housing Co-operative Limited quite recently and they are involved in that so that your statement that they don't have to be incorporated is not correct.

MR. CRAIK: You don't have to incorporate a students' union for that purpose, though.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce. Hudson's Bay Company has a very long history with this province and one of the directors recently made a statement that the headquarters will be moved to Canada and probably one of the cities, either Toronto or Winnipeg. My question to the Minister is: Has the Minister made any overtures or invited this company to establish its headquarters in Winnipeg? And if he hasn't, will he be doing so?

HON. SIDNEY SPIVAK (Minister of Industry and Commerce)(River Heights): The answer to the question, Mr. Speaker, is yes.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Inkster.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address a question to whichever Minister is responsible for what was done by the Provincial Secretary. Is that the Minister of Industry and -- (Interjection) -- Government Services. I'd like to direct a question

MR. EVANS: Some parts are the responsibilities of the Provincial Secretary, some part of it is transferred to the Attorney-General; some part to the Minister of Government Services.

MR. GREEN: The companies department. -- (Interjection) -- I'd like to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Consumer Protection. Does the Minister of Consumer Protection have any objection to legislation incorporating a student's union?

HON. J. B. CARROLL (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs)(The Pas): Mr. Speaker

MR. GREEN: Is there going to be an answer to the question?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Minister indicates by remaining in his chair that he doesn't wish to answer. That's his privilege.

MR. GREEN: . . . Mr. Speaker, I distinctly thought that the Minister was answering from his chair and I wonder if we can get his answer on the record.

MR. CARROLL: Mr. Speaker, I have no objection to any way in which they get incorporated at all. They can either get incorporated through The Companies Act or by special legislation or in whatever way they prefer.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Minister of Trade and Commerce.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, lest there be any misunderstanding of my answer to the Honourable Member for Assiniboia I think it would be important that I explain it. The government has made representation to the Hudson's Bay Company; has followed with a great deal of interest the various announcements and suggestions that the possibility may occur that the head office would be moved to Canada. I may say that when the Business Development Mission travelled to London a year ago November, a luncheon was arranged at Beaver Hall at which I and several members of the mission were present with Viscount Amory and other officials of the company in which we formally again reiterated our desire to have the head office be located in the City of Winnipeg. We again renewed, or at least discussed the history and our concern that in the event there was a movement from the United Kingdom that it would be moved to Winnipeg because of the historical perspective in which we view the company with respect to the development of this province. I may say that since that time on other occasions we have made our contacts with them; we have been lead to believe that there was no firm decision yet but that Winnipeg, of course, with other areas will be considered if a decision is made that the head office is to be changed.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Hamiota.

MR. EARL DAWSON (Hamiota): Mr. Speaker, I have a question to direct to the Minister of Industry and Commerce on the same subject. Have you correspondence dating back to a year ago on this? Or has this all been done by missions and verbally?

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, I formally made a presentation to Viscount Amory and the members of the executive of the Hudson's Bay Company in London.

MR. DAWSON: A supplementary question. Was your presentation in writing or was it a verbal one?

MR. SPIVAK: My presentation was made to them verbally in their presence at a luncheon set up at their request.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Speaker, I have two questions. First I'd like to direct one to the Minister of Education. Will the two bills pertaining to the Education Department be distributed before the week-end?

MR. CRAIK: I don't know for sure, Mr. Speaker. It depends on the printing machinery.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland has a supplementary, I believe.

MR. FROESE: I'd like to direct another question to the House Leader. Will the speed-up resolution be dealt with during this week? And has the government decided as to whether Monday will be a holiday as far as the House is concerned?

MR. EVANS: As Acting House Leader at the moment, I have no knowledge as to when the speed-up motion will be presented. I know it will not be presented tonight. Whether it will be presented later in this week, I don't know.

The second question is, will we meet on Monday? I think much depends on whether the speed-up motion has been in effect by that time. I have no information as to whether there has been any discussion among even the Whips as to whether the House wishes to meet. I'm sure it will be the wishes of the House that will prevail.

MR. FROESE: Could the Minister find out and let us know as soon as possible so that we could determine and plan our Monday.

MR. EVANS: I shall inform the House Leader and the Premier of this inquiry and of the fact that I was not able to give any information on the subject, and doubtless they will wish to inform the House or to start some discussions among the parties.

MR. PAULLEY: If I may be helpful on this, Mr. Speaker - it's not a direct question. There have been at least some informal conversations and it is my understanding we will not be meeting on Monday, and I think that was the reason why the Committee on Public Utilities was postponed until Tuesday.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for St. John's.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask the Minister of Consumer Affairs whether we can expect to have a Consumer Protection Bill before us this Session?

MR. CARROLL: Mr. Speaker, every effort is being made to have this legislation made ready for the Session. I understand that it's pretty well finished at the moment and should be able to be introduced early next week.

MR. CHERNIACK: That's very good news, Mr. Speaker. I won't go on with any supplementary on that. May I then address a question to the Minister of Health, who a couple of weeks ago undertook to investigate more fully the policy of the Manitoba Health Services Corporation regarding the giving of information to physicians about cheques paid directly to patients by the Corporation. He may recall I raised it, and during his estimates he said that he would have to look into it further to enquire as to what the policy was, what the planning was to be in that respect as to the justification, and I'm wondering whether he is now in a position to inform whether that policy will be a continuing one, and that information, which I believe is private information regarding payments being made to premium payers, will be given to the doctors - the opted-out doctors involved.

HON. GEORGE JOHNSON (Minister of Health and Social Services)(Gimli): Mr. Speaker, I thought I'd answered this at one point but the Corporation's opinion was, in the discussion with the MMA as to their administrative setup, that they would at the time of paying, of sending a payment to a patient, they would notify the doctor on the basis that, as I understand it, it would be helpful to both parties. Secondly, that every three months the patient would receive a listing of the charges paid on his behalf to a doctor, or the doctors, their statement every three months . . . the effect of the amounts paid on their behalf to doctors, and they felt this was the way they would like to operate at this time.

MR. CHERNIACK: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I understand that there is no privacy involved then in the dealings as between the premium holder and the Corporation. The information is then made available to a third party. That is the decision. If that is the case, then may I ask if there is any compulsion on the part of the patient to apply for the money at all, and if he doesn't apply then of course the information would be kept secret from the doctor. It wouldn't be available. Is that correct?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Hamiota.

MR. EARL DAWSON (Hamiota): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. Can the Honourable Minister tell the House when the Order for Return that was submitted two months ago on the correspondence between the Federal Government and the Provincial Government regarding the Rivers Air Base, when it will be tabled in the House?

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, I simply would answer in the standard way of "soon," but I will try and find out where it is at this present time. I'm not aware why it hasn't been filed with us by now.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Health and Social Services. During consideration of your estimates you indicated, in response to a question of mine, that you would table or make available copies of present and up-to-date regulations on social allowances, and in addition to that, I raised the question as to whether there is any difference in the basic formula for arriving at exemptions for hospitalization and Medicare premiums, and the Minister told me that he would check and give us the information. I wonder if the Minister has that information or will he undertake to produce the same as soon as possible for our files?

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, there's no problem there as far as I see. I'll get on it first thing. I thought the regulations probably had gone over but I'll get copies. I know some copies had been available to certain members who've asked for them before my estimates came on, but I'll get on to it right away and answer the honourable member tomorrow morning.

MR. PAULLEY: . . . if I may, a supplementary - give us the information as to whether or not I was right as to the basic exemptions for hospitalization, Medicare premiums and the amount of assets that respective individuals in each case may have.

MR. SPEAKER: The Leader of the Opposition.

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Leader of the Opposition)(Ste. Rose): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address a question to the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. On the 27th of March, during the discussion of his estimates, I asked him the question regarding some tourism development in the Bissett area, regarding water control on Caribou Lake in particular. I

(Mr. Molgat Cont'd) . . . didn't expect the Minister then to have the specifics of it but he said that he would be checking into it and hoped to be able to give me an answer either personally or through the House on some other occasion. I wonder if he is now able to tell me what is the situation. It concerns the two dams that are deteriorated so that the water levels are not being maintained in the lakes under question.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I recall the question. I don't have the specific answer for the Honourable House Leader at this time. I'm trying to recall whether or not there wasn't a further personal representation made by a group recently to the branch in connection with this matter, and it is my understanding that a few personnel were being dispatched to the area to see what types of measures should be undertaken by the department. I would undertake to answer the Member for Ste. Rose more fully on this perhaps tomorrow.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, for the help of the Minister I would refer him then to Page 803 of Hansard No. 34, so he can follow the exact questioning.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. JOE BOROWSKI (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have two questions for the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. Earlier this morning a decision was made to bring in the residents of South Indian Lake and Pickerel Narrows next week for the Hydro hearings. My question is, which department is going to pay for their transportation and lodging in Winnipeg? And the second question is: are they going to be compensated for the loss? They're going to be taken off the trap lines apparently, or fishing. Who's going to compensate them for the loss in income?

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I think the question the honourable member is asking is perhaps an Order for Return. I would suggest that he direct these questions to the counsel of the community. I'm not aware of the specific details of how and who is picking up the tab on these occasions. I just know that this will be one of the numerous visits of the relocation committees of these communities to Winnipeg and that in the past, very obviously, satisfactory arrangements have been entered into.

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

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask a question of somebody opposite, and the Honourable the Provincial-Treasurer has me somewhat confused because he said that there were about four or five ministers taking over the duties that the former Provincial Secretary has. My question deals with superannuated employees of government and their pensions, and the question I will direct to the Honourable Provincial Treasurer: Has any consideration been given, or will any consideration be given to changes in the amounts of pensions being paid, particularly those in the low category pensionwise of superannuated employees, so that these pensions may be increased soon?

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I'm aware that matters concerned with the Civil Service Superannuation Fund have been under discussion and are under discussion. I'm not prepared to say that they have any particular object in view, such an object as was tried to be tied to the question by my honourable friend the Leader of the New Democratic Party, but the matter has been under discussion, yes; the matter is under review at the present time - yes.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question, then, in order that I have the right Minister to direct additional questions in the near future: Is my honourable friend responsible for this particular category of the operation of government?

MR. EVANS: I'll be glad to accept any question on the matter and undertake to see that replies are given. There are other departmental responsibilities, but in this particular case I will be willing to accept questions and try to see that answers are provided.

MR. PAULLEY: One further . . . Mr. Speaker, . . . deal directly with the Minister concerned, and I'll appreciate the remarks of my honourable friend.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Inkster.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. The Member for Brandon asked me to withdraw a certain remark regarding his involvement in withdrawing a bill from Private Members Committee. I'm advised by the Member for St. Boniface who sat on that committee that the Member for Souris-Lansdowne, in withdrawing the bill, indicated that he was doing so on behalf of the Member for Brandon and they - the two of them - would accept full responsibility for the fact that the bill was being withdrawn. So insofar as I may have said, and I don't remember saying, that the Member from Brandon was a member of the committee, I certainly should have withdrawn, but insofar as saying that he was involved in

(MR. GREEN cont'd.) the withdrawing of the bill from committee, unless the Member for Souris-Lansdowne was not advising the Committee properly I withdraw my withdrawal.

MR. M. E. McKELLAR (Souris-Lansdowne): Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege, I would like to correct the honourable member because he's far out of -- the question was asked of me on that particular day: was the Honourable Member for Brandon aware of what I was doing? And I said yes, but at no time did I say he was responsible for that action. If you want to blame anybody, put the blame on me. I moved the motion.

MR. GREEN: Was the Member for Souris-Lansdowne aware of what he was doing?

MR. McKELLAR: I certainly was, and I got lots of support too because it was unanimous.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I wonder if the business of the House may now proceed. Orders of the Day. The Minister of Agriculture.

HON. J. DOUGLAS WATT (Minister of Agriculture)(Arthur): Before the Orders of the Day. Yesterday the Honourable Member for St. George directed a question to me in regard to the mosquito problem in Metro Winnipeg, and I think I indicated to him at that time that I would find out to what extent the Department of Agriculture was involved and responsible for the influx in mosquitoes in the City of Winnipeg. I have contacted and have a report from a senior extension entomologist, Mr. Speaker, so I read for the information of the members the report that I have received.

The Committee on pesticide residue testing conducts two surveys on all milk produced in Manitoba each year. Recent results from these tests have shown that levels of DDT in milk produced within the Metropolitan Winnipeg boundaries is slightly higher than milk produced elsewhere in Manitoba. It should be emphasized, however, that the slightly higher levels found within Metropolitan Winnipeg have not in any way been hazardous to human health. In an effort to rectify this situation, between 25 and 30 milk producers who operate within Metro Winnipeg boundaries were contacted last fall so that we could determine the location of all land used for the pasturing of dairy cattle or for the production of feed for dairy cattle. These areas were then plotted on a map and the map forwarded to the Metropolitan Mosquito Abatement Branch with the request that DDT not be used in these areas in future mosquito control programs. The Mosquito Abatement Branch agreed to this and agreed that, if control measures were required, that alternate short residual insecticides would be used. The restriction on insecticides used requested by our residual committee dealt only with DDT and did not apply to other insecticides available for mosquito control work.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to my honourable friend the Minister who's just taken his seat. Can he assure that the people in my constituency and my City of Transcona might be relieved of having to go out swatting mosquitoes irrespective of the statement that my honourable friend has just made?

MR. WATT: Mr. Speaker, my wife phoned me last night when she heard on the radio that I was responsible for control of mosquitoes in the Province of Manitoba, and I have given her assurance that of any further areas served that I'll start right out on the farm.

MR. PAULLEY: My question to my honourable friend, however, doesn't deal with his wife. It deals with the Member from Radisson, and I'm more concerned and I'm not on a farm. Can I be assured and my wife be assured that the swatting exercise may be diminished?

MR. WATT: Mr. Chairman, I assure my honourable friend that he and his wife will be looked after as soon as I look after mine.

MR. PAULLEY: This is normal procedure for the government opposite - look after me first!

MR. SPEAKER: A short holiday in business seems to have done the members well. Orders of the Day. The Honourable Member for Gladstone.

MR. NELSON SHOEMAKER (Gladstone): Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I asked certain questions of the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources - three questions, in fact - and he said he would take them as notice. They were straightforward, easy questions to answer. I wonder if he would care to answer them now?

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I'm still accepting the questions as notice.

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

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, if there are no further questions, I beg to move, seconded by the Minister of Industry and Commerce, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a committee to consider of the supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MATTERS OF URGENCY AND GRIEVANCE

MR. RUSSELL DOERN (Elmwood): Mr. Speaker, I wish to speak on a matter of grievance. Mr. Speaker, I wish to raise a question which concerns the practices of this government in regard to the hiring of certain employees. This was triggered by a question I put to the Minister of Industry and Commerce over a year ago in regard to positions that were filled that were neither bulletined within the service or advertised in public. At that time I received a very short answer from the Minister of Industry and Commerce and that caused me to submit an Order for Return, which I did on April 30, 1968. At that time I asked a number of questions and the answers were not forthcoming until a few months ago; so it took practically one year before I received a reply to my Order. At that time I inquired of the government, first, how many Civil Service positions over \$6,000 a year were filled in 1967 and 1968 that were neither advertised publicly nor bulletined within the service. I also asked for a list of each position, including the qualifications and salary; and finally, the reasons why there was no public advertisement or bulletin issued.

Mr. Speaker, I received this reply several months ago and since that time I've examined it and had a statistical distribution made of the findings of those particular positions, and when you examine it in that fashion, some interesting statistics come to light. For example, it is shown that out of a number of some 70 appointments that were made that were neither advertised nor bulletined, meaning that the overwhelming bulk, 99.9 percent of the people within the Civil Service, and the people outside the Civil Service who may have been interested in these positions, were not informed. For example, in the salary range of \$10,000 to \$15,000, 71 percent of these positions were filled in that manner; and in the fifteen to \$18,000 range, 11 percent were filled in that manner; showing that some 82 percent of the higher positions were filled without this, what is a normal procedure, I would suggest, of the Civil Service Commission, being violated. Because as I understand the rule of the Commission, it is that anyone over a Clerk II level, they are required I think by statute or by custom to advertise, or at least bulletin - it's compulsory, I understand, to bulletin anything over Clerk II. These are obviously over Clerk II and they were not bulletined.

When you look at the reasons, this is where I must express some question and direct this in particular to the Minister of Government Services, because although many of these were promotions, nearly 80 percent, it would still seem to follow that regardless of the fact that they were promotions, that people in the department should be aware of the opening, because although it's a promotion from one level to another, it is nevertheless a new job in a sense, or an opening, and therefore anybody who has the qualifications should have the right to apply for that job. So I'm not sure it is a satisfactory answer to say that these jobs were simply filled because they were promotions. This is what 80 percent, statistically, of these reasons given amount to.

But then when we look at some of the other ones, I think one can raise still more questions. For example, three percent apparently were filled in this manner because of the answer "normally recruited by searching graduate schools". Another three percent, the departments answered through the Civil Service Commission; "These people must be actively sought rather than advertisements made". Five percent said: "Past or similar advertisements didn't produce qualified applicants." And so on. Appointment based on an individual's training and experience, etc.

Mr. Speaker, I don't deny that it's possible that these appointments may be justified, but it's also possible that this reasoning or the answers given are simply a rationalization of a decision already made. I think it's important that people in the public administration have the right to know of any opening, and if a procedure like this is followed, they are being deprived of that right. Not only people in the public administration but people who are not yet members of the government, people who wish to enter the service, knowing that there are these appointments made. I think it's really a question of the principle of merit; whether this is in fact the principle. I think it's also a question of fair play, of letting people know, of giving them an opportunity, of allowing them the right to submit, even if they should fail, they still, I feel, have a right to apply.

So, Mr. Speaker, I say to you, through you to the Minister of Government Services, that a departure from this rule may be justified but I wish to ask in general whether any departure is acceptable to the Minister.

Mr. Speaker, one could go into the question at some length, the question of merit,

(MR. DOERN cont'd.) the question of political patronage, the question of whether or not the Civil Service Commission and the Civil Service should be a really independent body, because there are two schools of thought on this. One school of thought thinks the Civil Service should be completely independent; another school of thought, the modern school, feels that it's really a question of being responsive to the government, so when a new administration comes in, they should have the right to really shake up the higher echelons and to do a lot of hiring of people that would work for their programs, people who would implement their programs, as compared to people who might show some resistance, or might show some lack of enthusiasm to implementing the programs of a new government.

And then, of course, we can always think of the historical example from the United States of Andrew Jackson who believed in large measures of hirings and firings and so on. That certainly didn't seem to be a satisfactory point.

So what I'm really raising here is the principle that is followed by the Civil Service Commission, and in particular, the government's attitude to a small percentage of hiring that is made. There are, I think, over 8,000 civil servants and I'm only drawing attention to the appointment of a few dozen, but nevertheless I think that this perhaps may open up an unsavoury prospect. I'm sure that the Manitoba Government Employees Association, which represents probably 90 percent of the people who are in the Civil Service, are concerned about this type of practice. I know that when you speak to people in the civil service and so on, they are sometimes suspicious of appointments that are made in the regular manner, not in this exceptional manner but in the manner of hiring; they are supposed to have preference. Civil servants are supposed to be given preference, but in some cases there is considerable doubt as to whether this appointment is on the basis of merit or on some other principle.

So I think that if there is concern there - and I suggest that there is concern as to some of the normal appointments of the government. I guess you can never entirely eliminate that doubt - but when you have appointments made that are not publicly made known to members of the public administration or the public at large, then I think there's more concern. I think it's also a question of morale. If this type of thing goes on, no one who has aspirations to higher office or to higher rank or level, higher positions in the Civil Service, can be happy.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I'm really saying to the government and to the Minister of Government Services, those are the statistics that were made known to me. I think that at some point if possible - I know the Minister does not have the right to speak now -- but maybe she does, maybe this is possible. I would like to know what the attitude of the government is in this regard, whether the government feels that this is acceptable or whether perhaps the government should re-examine all exceptions to the normal rule of bulletining or advertising positions over a certain classification.

MR. SPEAKER put the question and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House resolved itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, with the Honourable Member for Souris-Lansdowne in the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wasn't quite completed the other night. I had a few more thoughts that I wanted to touch on and before the Minister does reply.

One item that I would like to question him on is on the matter of freight rates. Is anything being done to reduce the differential on freight rates, because we know they're certainly to the advantage of the east. Eastern Canada seems to get all the advantages and this has been working out to the disadvantage of western Canada. I know this to be a case in connection with the cannery when they want to ship goods and I'm sure it must apply to a good number of other commodities, and where we're at a disadvantage. I for one would like to know whether anything is being done in this connection to improve the situation. Certainly this would add to bettering the position of the industries that we presently have and probably induce others to come in who would have a considerable amount of shipments to be made.

I also note from the report of the Province of Manitoba Economic and Financial Survey put out by Wood, Gundy and Company, they mention under their item of Future Development on Page 20 - and I imagine this refers to the COMEF and the TED reports. They mention here: "The first study will cover the progress made since COMEF. Factors such as tariffs, transport rates, taxes, rail line abandonments, population trends, grain handling, rural industrialization and urban development will be examined." Apparently these are the items that will be considered and I would like to know just what portion of the grain handling, what aspect of grain handling is being considered under this particular resolve here. Just what is meant when they speak of grain handling. This is quite a large field and probably the Minister could enlarge on this particular item as to what is meant. This naturally also referred to transport rates which I figure has to do with freight rates, so some of these items will come under consideration if they haven't been done so yet.

We have the Fisheries Act before us for second reading. The Act hasn't been dealt with but on different occasions mention has been made and questions have been asked of the Minister in connection with this particular Act. But I would like to in general refer to it briefly because I may not be fully informed on the fisheries and their situation here in Manitoba, but when we are going to pass legislation of the kind that is before us, I'm a little leery whether we're really helping the industry as such by bringing in this Act; would this new organization probably hinder more than help. I think it should leave an alternative open so that not all the fish would have to be sold through a marketing board, because we find from the experiences that we've had with other marketing boards, that once you form a monopoly of this type, that the people in control, they rather take it easy. In my opinion, they become complacent sooner or later, and since there is then no competition that the thing doesn't operate the way it should, and in my opinion they're passing up many opportunities that would not have been passed up if we had alternatives and if we had more than one organization dealing in this matter. I question very much whether this is the right thing to do and whether we should just have one organization of this type in the business. There might have been exploitation in the past, I cannot say, and that this should probably be avoided or at least lessened, but whether to go as far as we are contemplating under this new Bill, I am really very leery and I would like to hear from the Minister whether he definitely feels that this will be such a great advantage.

We know from the honey producers that honey is being sold for 37 cents, the retail trade, yet the producers are only receiving something like 14 cents. There's a very large spread and if this should apply to the fish industry I'm sure that fishers would not be happy and that they would probably then be looking for something else and might not get a second chance.

There are two other matters I should briefly mention. This has to do with the Chambers of Commerce report in connection with two resolutions that they passed at their district convention. One has to do with the matter of taxation. They express that in general taxes are getting to the point where this is harming industry and that there will be difficulty in attracting new industries and additional investment into Manitoba because of the high taxation. To what extent is industry leaving this province as a result of higher taxes, high taxes, and how many industries that probably would have come in did not come in, that have contacted the department with the proposition of coming in and then later on decided not to come in because of the tax situation? I think this would be of interest to know, whether we're getting to the point

(Mr. Froese Cont'd) . . . where industries are reluctant to come in because of this.

The final point that I was going to touch on has to do with the matter of Hydro rates. I'm sure that this not only pertains to this particular department, it would probably better be raised on another department, but since the estimates, our time limit is coming to a close, that the 80 hours are running out, perhaps the Minister could tell us whether the matter is being considered as to whether there is any intention to reducing Hydro rates in northern Manitoba. We know that this has been discussed in a private resolution on the Order Paper but I think we should hear from the Minister whether there is any intention of reducing Hydro rates and whether this would then help to bring in more industries into northern Manitoba?

Mr. Chairman, I didn't want to take up too much of the Committee's time but these were the few matters that I thought I should raise before we leave the estimates of this department.

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

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say a word or two in respect of some statements that I made the other night and some statements that the Honourable the Minister of Industry and Commerce made - and I regret very much that the Honourable the Minister of Health and Welfare and Social Services is not here - in respect of fish marketing boards. I wonder whether or not the Honourable the Minister of Industry and Commerce has recanted and is now prepared to indicate to me that he has reconsidered his assessment of the questions I directed to him in respect of the Fresh Fish Marketing Board, and the answers that he gave at that time, because I'm sure that if my honourable friend the Minister of Industry and Commerce has taken the time out to survey the situation properly, he will find that he was grossly in error and ill-informed as to the present situation prevailing in respect of the Fresh Fish Marketing Board. Also, my honourable friend the Minister of Health and Welfare indicated that I didn't know the difference between a five-inch fish net and a net my wife wears on her hair. I'm sure he, too, has taken that under consideration and finds that he was in error. But for the time being, Mr. Chairman, I note that there is a large number of vacant seats so therefore I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inkster, that the Committee rise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is a motion on the floor moved by the Leader of the New Democratic Party that the Committee rise. All those in favour say aye. All those opposed say nay. I declare the nays have it.

MR. PAULLEY: May I have a count, Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Call in the members.

MR. PAULLEY: Maybe we could get the Minister of Education to teach people how to count.

A COUNTED STANDING VOTE was taken, the result being as follows:

YEAS: 22; NAYS: 24.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I declare the motion lost. The Honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Chairman, I'm glad now that we might consider the estimates of the Department of Industry and Commerce to a relatively full House. -- (Interjections) -- Apparently there's some questions being directed to me, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to hear those questions.

MR. EVANS: Oh stand up. You know what's all -- you've done that so much yourself . . .

MR. PAULLEY: Maybe I should apologize to my honourable friend . . .

MR. EVANS: You sure should.

MR. PAULLEY: . . . for bringing him out of hibernation or wherever he was a few moments ago.

MR. EVANS: Where was I? Where was I?

MR. PAULLEY: I don't know, do you?

MR. EVANS: I was in the House.

MR. PAULLEY: Good for you. I'm glad. You were one of the -- Mr. Chairman, may I say my honourable friend then was one of seven of government; there were 14, for the record, on this side of the House. We out-numbered the government by two to one. This was not recorded prior to the calling in of my honourable friend, but I'm sure Hansard now has got the story.

MR. EVANS: What item . . . ?

MR. PAULLEY: Just before I disturbed my friends from their slumber, or whatever they were doing, I was talking on the question of asking whether or not the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce was now in a position to recant some of the remarks that he made in respect of myself the other night, and also whether the Honourable the Minister of Health and Social Services might be in a position to do likewise on reflection of what they said to me when I raised the question of the Fresh Fish Marketing Board. If you recall, my honourable friend the Minister of Health and Social Services indicated that I didn't know the difference between a five-inch fishing net and my wife's hair net. -- (Interjection) -- And my honourable friends opposite say "hear, hear." And at that particular time I did say, however, that I knew more about what was going on in the fishing industry, and in particular as it affected the Town of Gimli, than did my honourable friend in that B. C. Packers were packing it up and had given notice to their employees that the Fresh Fish Marketing Board had indicated that the operation was redundant in Manitoba.

Now, neither my honourable friend the Minister of Industry and Commerce, the Honourable the Minister of Labour, or the honourable representative of Gimli knew what was going on in Manitoba. The morning following the statements of the Minister of Industry and Commerce and the statement of the Minister from Gimli, I had three phone calls. I had three phone calls from three different companies in the fish processing business who told me that my statements were correct. And three out of four of the major fish processing firms in Manitoba are on their way out, unbeknown apparently to the Minister of Industry and Commerce, the Minister of Labour and my honourable friend, the representative of one of the very concerned constituencies of Gimli insofar as the fishing industry were concerned. Now who is right? I was severely chastised by my honourable friends opposite because I dared, in the opinion of the Minister of Industry and Commerce, to mention names. My friend the Minister of Industry and Commerce said I had no right, by inference at least, to indicate and use the name of Booth Fisheries, and I want to say to my honourable friend I make no apologies, and the indications have been given to me that what I stated the other night was correct, and come October of this year their operations will be more or less withdrawn. I have been informed by some of the fishing companies that a number of the larger boats that normally go out this year, or annually, on Lake Winnipeg will not be going out because of the uncertainty of what's happening in the fishing industry, and that many of them will be phasing out of their major operations in and around October. I am also informed on reliable sources that many of the independent smaller fishermen will not be going out because they do not know the situation that is prevailing at the present time and have not been informed by the people who are supposedly informed - namely, the government. I'm informed that there are fears and apprehensions rife within the fishing industry. There is no objection though, Mr. Chairman - and I want to repeat this and I said it the other night - there is no objection to the basic concept of a fish marketing board. The objection is that there hasn't been consultation with the fishermen themselves, and there hasn't been consultation with the trade unions who are at the present time representing a number of the employees in some of the major industries. And yet, when I raised this question the other night in the House, the Minister of Labour didn't know anything about it, the Minister from Gimli - his answer was I didn't know the difference between a fishing net and a hair net, and my honourable friend the Minister of Industry and Commerce, his reply was: "Tut tut. Tut tut. Don't mention names." Now have the Ministers, the three of them, recanted? Are they prepared to withdraw their -- (Interjection) -- What's that?

MR. EVANS: Something to do with Joan of Arc, is what I said.

MR. PAULLEY: Well that's right, and by Jiminy Christmas, this province needs a Joan of Arc. She at least got burned at the stake for carrying on in opposition to others, and maybe that would be a darned good thing to happen to the government.

MR. EVANS: In opposition? Burn the opposition, did you say?

MR. PAULLEY: Yes my honourable friend -- I am sure, Mr. Chairman, I'm sure my honourable friend is one of those who would love to burn the opposition so there would be no revealing of the deficiencies, the inadequacy in the aptitude of the government opposite. They would just love to establish a dictatorship. They would just love to establish, and as a matter of fact they've attempted it on a number of occasions, to establish a dictatorship in the Province of Manitoba, but thank goodness for democracy, we're not going to let them do it.

MR. EVANS: I'd like to light a fire under my friend and see if I can't get him off dead centre and on to the subject.

MR. PAULLEY: Yes, I'd like to light some fires under my friend too. So in this we have a mutual admiration society. You see, we've endeavoured, Mr. Chairman, on this side - and in this I will include my honourable friends to the right - to light a little fire under those opposite --(Interjection)--Yes, my honourable colleague from Inkster, and my friend and colleague from St. John's just said so properly, Mr. Chairman, that if we lit a fire under them it would be tantamount to burning their brains. How true! How true! And I thank my colleagues for helping me in that. But the fact, and the cold fact is, Mr. Chairman, that the government opposite really don't know what's going on in the fishing industry in Manitoba.

My honourable friend, the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources is with us tonight and I'm pleased to see him here. I asked him, or at least I asked the First Minister in his absence the other night, who were the members and the directors of the Fresh Fish Marketing Board. The First Minister said, "I'll undertake, in due course, to answer my friend's question." Here's the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, to whom I directed the same question today, in effect said, "I believe there's some directors; I don't know who they are; I trust and hope that eventually I will be able to answer my honourable friend and will do so, in due course."

MR. ENNS: Mr. Chairman, in the interests of accuracy, I'm quite prepared to give him the names. The Manitoba director is Mr. Bill Hayes; the other five directors are appointed by the Federal Government, covering different senior federal officials on the Board whose names I don't have at my fingertips. Each jurisdiction, Manitoba, Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories appoints one member each. I don't have all these names at my fingertips, but I know the director that we appointed and I certainly want to assure the Leader of the New Democratic Party that he will have these names tomorrow.

MR. PAULLEY: I appreciate this. I said this afternoon, I thanked my honourable friend. But I suggest to him, however, that when we're dealing with a matter of fish marketing boards, raised by the Minister of Industry and Commerce, that this information should have been available at the time. I accept, as I did earlier, my honourable friend will produce this information. And I'm sure, I'm sure that when my honourable friend produces that information, it will be more knowledgeable than what that the other three Ministers that I've referred to as far as their knowledge is concerned of the fish marketing operation in Manitoba. Because, Mr. Chairman, as far as the information relayed to me is concerned, there has been up until now, no real information transmitted to the processing firms, the fishing industry as a whole, and that the Board of Directors, including Manitoba's representative, the choice of my honourable friend, there has been no consultation whatsoever with the trade union that's representing the fishermen and the processors and the Fresh Fish Marketing Board. Now how can we, Mr. Chairman, operate under such circumstances? So I say to my honourable friend the Minister of Industry and Commerce, I doubt if I will get it; I suggest to my honourable friend that he should stand in his seat and say to the Member for Radisson, I'm sorry for inferring that you didn't know what you were talking about; I'm sorry because of the fact that I should have allowed you without admonition, to name a name.

I suggest to my honourable friend the Minister of Health and Social Services - and I hope he doesn't break another blood vessel tonight - that he should retract his statement, -- (Interjection) - not on his knees, I'll leave your knees to you - and by jove, I don't know of anybody that needs to get down on his knees more than the Member for St. Boniface - but, I suggest to my honourable friend the Minister of Health, Welfare and Social Services, that he should now realize that I know more about what's going on in Gimli insofar as B.C. Packers'25 employees, at least, than my honourable friend does. So I say, I told you my dear friend, the other night, but your ears were attuned elsewhere. Now that apparently they're in perspective and you're listening to me, I'm sure that I will receive from you a retraction of what you said the other night which indicated that I didn't know what I was talking about. I want to assure all of you that I do know what I was talking about. I want to again assure you that representatives of the fishing industry have been in consultation with me and substantiated what I said the other night.

I appreciate what the Honourable Member for Selkirk said when he referred to the fact that there was a Bill before us and he was reserving his comment till that time, and I'm sure the members of the committee will appreciate the position that the member has taken. And I would have taken the same position had not the Minister of Industry and Commerce raised this on the presentation of his estimates. So please, Mr. Minister, take another look - or Mr. Ministers, I suppose I should say - I guess I should include even the Minister of Mines and

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd.) Natural Resources, so I've got four of them - an honourable quartet who don't know what's going on in the fishing industry in Manitoba.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Chairman, listening to the honourable member, the Leader of the New Democratic Party, one must realize that something that happened this afternoon has had a direct effect on him because I've never seen him more pious.

May I simply state in this matter that I would suggest that he take the advice of the Honourable Member for Selkirk and when Bill 15 does come up, he would have that occasion in which to more appropriately comment and ask questions directly of the Minister who is involved. However, may I say the following thing: the Fish Marketing Board has not declared any company redundant. One company has made a decision to close and it has already informed their employees. Other companies no doubt will close. When you rationalize - if I can use that term - an industry, you find that those who are redundant are going to have to be replaced, and the concept of fish marketing accepted, the concept of fish marketing accepted. I know that in terms of fish marketing and I can tell you in terms of the TED report and we can just draw . . . --(Interjections) -- No, I'd like to finish if I may, Mr. Chairmen. -- (Interjection) -- I'd like to finish if I may, Mr. Chairman. Their redundant operations are going to be rationalized and in turn the industry itself, the industries themselves will in fact be compensated for those that are declared redundant by the Fish Marketing Board. Now they are in the process of working this out; there is a transitional period that we're going through, and anyone that suggests that there are not going to be difficulties, is incorrect. -- (Interjection) -- I beg pardon? Well, there are difficulties. Obviously this is something that has to be worked out with the Fish Marketing Board and if there are any questions in connection with this, the Minister who's in charge can answer. That's all that's required in connection with, you know, the questions that have been raised by the Honourable Leader of the New Democratic Party.

Now if I may get back to my estimates, I'd like to deal with the Honourable Member from Rhineland's questions. He made reference to a Hospitality amount of some 30 or 50 thousand dollars that was mentioned and I have to repeat again what I repeated last year to him. This deals with a list of organizations who hold national conventions in Manitoba and who Manitoba organizations have asked or the national organizations have asked for hospitality and there is a special committee which awards this and this amount is in the votes of the Department of Industry and Commerce. During 1968 and 1969 the following organizations received the grants: Manitoba Motor League; Catholic Women's League of Canada; the LOL Toastmistress Conference Fund; the Canadian Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors; the Canadian Industrial Editors Association Conference; the St. John Ambulance; the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association; the Mid-Canada Dog Shows; the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada; the Federation Jeunesse Ouvriere Chretienne; the Canadian Women's Field Hockey Association; the Manitoba Amateur Softball-Fastball Association; Conference on International Affairs; Kinsmen; the Razorback Track Club of Winnipeg; the Winnipeg Student Christian Movement; the Hong Kong Veteran's Association; the Minister of Justice of Iceland; the Manitoba Speed Skating Association; the Canadian Cycling Association; the Western Canadian Funeral Directors Convention; the Society of Industrial Accountants of Manitoba; Broadcast News Division of Manitoba Press and Mid-Canada Dog Shows. These were for conventions that were held in the City which the Hospitality Committee had granted sums to them - this is a procedure that's followed in the past. You'll note in the estimates that this year there is an increased amount at least voted for the coming year on the assumption that during the period of the year 1970 we will have more national conventions held in Manitoba, at least hopefully we will.

Dealing with the question of freight rates and the contribution of the department to it in the assistance of this, this is really the responsibility of the new Department of Transportation. It was formerly the responsibility of the Department of Industry and Commerce. We have done considerable work on it and I should mention specifically the concern that the Honourable Member for Rhineland mentioned about freight rates and its implication by saying that the costing orders that are to be made pursuant to the National Transportation Act, which was Bill C231, have not yet been issued. We have as a province made representation in order to try and achieve the most equitable costing that could take place in view of our particular situation; we have confidence that there will be some degree of success in our efforts to obtain what we would consider a realistic costing formula under the National Transportation Act. In turn, the department has offered assistance in freight rate matters, one in particular of concern

(MR. SPIVAK cont'd.) in the Member of Rhineland's area, but on a variety of matters, with corn, dry grain and steel tin plate, steel springs, lumber, garage doors, agricultural implements, brick, glass, furniture, copy plates - and I can go on and on. This is the manner in which we have offered services to try and give assistance and to try and obtain for our companies the best freight rates possible under the existing arrangements.

The Honourable Member for Rhineland in his discussion of my opening statement introducing the estimates, was concerned about the necessity of financing exports and asked what was this all about. I simply suggest to him that our future growth in this province is going to depend to a large extent on our ability to export. One of the problems that our manufacturers have had, and even those who have been our primary producers, is ability to be able to finance their exports. While they have had opportunities and have had credit available for financing receivables, their exports financial ability has been really related to export outside of the province to the western region, in many cases to the eastern region of Canada. It's our attempt to try and increase our export market into the mid-western area of the United States, and in United States particularly, but also to western Europe and the Far East and if this is going to take place one of the very obvious things that has to occur is the ability for the manufacturers or primary producers to be able to finance the additional receivables that they'll have to carry as a result of the increased business activity that it has. There was no doubt that in the TED report, and there are many sections on this and I would simply refer him to the report in a general way - there are many sections which specifically indicate that this ability to finance is going to be a very real responsibility and this is why we have called the Citizens' Committee together that's referred to in my opening statement; this is why we have accepted the Manitoba Development Fund's recommendation that they will increase their financing of export opportunities; and this is why we are going to do our best to try and educate the financial institutions in this province of the perspective we see for Manitoba in respect to exports and the necessity for increased activity on their part.

The Honourable Member for Rhineland also mentioned something in connection with agriculture. He referred to the Wood Gundy Report, I believe, and he made reference to the particular items that they said were to be discussed by the TED report. I would assume that they received that information or took that information from the Order-in-Council which in fact set the TED Commission which is in the exhibit of the actual TED Report and he can refer to that. There are particular sections in the TED report referring to this but I would ask him to look particularly at Pages 49 to 67.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Gladstone.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Several days ago the Minister opened his remarks on Page 2084 of Hansard with this comment, he said, "Mr. Chairman, I have a fairly lengthy, but fairly brief statement that I'd like to make in connection with my estimates." And I have found that that has been so for the last three days - they're lengthy, but brief. We've had plenty of talk, about 50 words to the minute or second, but very very little information. Now I would like some information, for a change. I would like to know the number of people that are employed in the department, the number of people that are employed in the department of Industry and Commerce and the names of the five public relations men and the salaries of each. Now I

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Chairman, I probably can give him the information right now and that would satisfy him, if that's all right.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Well, as long as it's not fairly lengthy and brief.

MR. SPIVAK: Well, let me just assure you of one thing. There are no public relations that I know that are employed by the department, and insofar as the number of employees, for the coming year of 1969-1970 there will be 97 employees: 38 in Administration, 6 in Business and Trade Development; 27 in Industrial Development; 5 in Product and Process Development; 7 in Industrial Training and Immigration; 8 in Economic and Business Research; and 6 in Regional Development.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Well, Mr. Chairman, according to a publication that's pretty familiar with the government called the "Manitoba Business Journal" - because I think they're the biggest advertisers in this Journal - there is on Page 31 of the February-March 1969 publication quite a long article on the public relations business, and it defines in detail what a Public Relations man is. "Public Relations" - and I'm quoting now, Mr. Chairman - "in the past 15 years has become an important activity in the business world." And it says: "The Manitoba Government has five Public Relations men in the Department of Industry and Commerce." And I'd like to know their names and their salaries.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Chairman, on this I've just informed the honourable member that there are no Public Relations men that are employees of the department, and I would suggest to the Honourable Member from Gladstone that occasionally there are sometimes - very slight - but there's sometimes that the written word is not necessarily correct.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Well then, they should advise the editor of the paper that it's wrong, that they're wrong.

MR. DESJARDINS: Who wrote it?

MR. SHOEMAKER: The editor of this particular article - I am not certain . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: S. Spivak?

MR. SHOEMAKER: And Company? However, it's there and my honourable friend probably has a copy of it in his office, or several copies of it.

Now, Mr. Chairman, that exercise that we had a little while ago when we had a vote, you know, we could call another one I think right now and probably win again, but I don't intend to do it. -- (Interjection) -- Well we could call it but -- I still think that we have greater numbers here than the government. I would be out of order. I don't intend to call it but, Mr. Chairman, do you remember the night that, when this rule wasn't in effect, and we did defeat the government? About seven or eight years ago, and we all . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: . . . sure got hell from Duff.

MR. SHOEMAKER: He sure did, and Duff was away, and that's why we defeated the government. Well anyway, I think it is kind of useful, because it does point up that the government members' absenteeism is greater than the Opposition quite frequently.

We got - or the NDP Chieftain certainly was ridiculed the other night for mentioning names of firms and suggested that we should stand up and cheer every time that my honourable friend refers to a new industry. And then my honourable friend the Member for Lakeside referred to a propaganda sheet of May 9th in which my honourable friend was using exactly the same tactics. I'm sure, Mr. Chairman, that if you would give me a little bit of time I could go through my propaganda sheets and find a dozen of them where they have come out and named the firms that they've helped. They do it all the time. This isn't an exception - this is the rule. It's the rule. They do it all the time. They go out to the ribbon-cutting ceremonies all over the province and stand up and say, "Now here's another concrete example of what the Manitoba Development Fund can do, and what the Government of Manitoba can do," and all this kind of business. So what's wrong with us mentioning a few?

For instance, I would like to know, Mr. Chairman, too, whether or not the shareholders of the FFF Farms lost any money when that firm changed hands? And what has prompted me to ask that question, Mr. Chairman, is the annual report of the Manitoba Development Fund - and incidentally, I find it most difficult to follow this report because they talk in circles all the time. -- (Interjection) -- I know you have to read it but you've got to read between the lines as well. But on Page 14 of that report, under Assets, has my honourable friend got it in front of him? Well, look on Page 14 - less provisions for estimated losses for 1968, nearly a million dollars. Now what does that mean? And he can answer me when I sit down. And what does the \$690,000 estimated losses mean for 1967? And I take it that the assets for 1968, shown as \$37,803,362, is the total loans on the books as of this date.

And then I refer to Page 20 of the same report, a very misleading kind of a summary of loan activity from inception of the Fund, I suppose, to March 31, 1968. The number of loans and the amount; the number declined; the number approved; and the number withdrawn; and then you get right down to the basic. I take it that there's just about one out of three applications that results in a loan, and I'd like to know whether I'm correct in that. So it looks as if, since the inception date, there have been 250 loans approved and accepted, and of that number 86 have now been repaid. I wonder whether I'm correct in that.

And then the classification of loans, the size of the loan. And instead of giving the size

(Mr. Shoemaker Cont'd) . . . of the loan they give the size of the loan plus -- well it's worded this way, Mr. Chairman: The estimated total capital investment; that is, the amount the borrower has put in plus the amount that he has borrowed from the Manitoba Development Fund. There's no breakdown at all. So it's very very misleading. Instead of telling us the amount of the loan, coming out and telling us the amount of the loan, they simply state what they estimate to be the combined capital investment. Well why do a thing like that? What's the point? I find it very very difficult to follow.

Mr. Chairman, I said earlier that it appears from the annual report that there's only one loan out of three, or roughly one out of three that is accepted, and I'm sure that the Neepawa Area Development Corporation could confirm that so far as they're concerned. About two days ago I phoned the President of the Neepawa Area Development Corporation for certain information, and since we can't use the names of any firms in this House any more lest we bring a curse on them -- (Interjection) -- It will be the cause of a recession? Well in the eyes of my honourable friends they've recessed to the point that he wouldn't lend them a dollar two or three years ago. The three firms in Neepawa that have resulted in an expansion of business in Neepawa in the last two or three years, all of the capital, every red cent of it, was raised locally. Every red cent of it, according to the President of the Neepawa Area Development Corporation, and I think in every case that an application was made for money and in every case they were turned down. And the President told me -- I see that he's having a conference, a Big Two conference over there with the Minister of Government Services.

HON. THELMA FORBES (Minister of Government Services) (Cypress): . . . have to keep awake.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Pardon? You've got to keep him awake? Well that's understandable. And the President of the Chamber of Commerce told me that in two of the three cases cases they attempted to discourage them from going into this type of business; that it was, in the one case, there wasn't room for it in Manitoba, and in the other case that they would prefer that they backed another horse, so to speak. Well this concurs what I have said on many occasions.

Now I saw the Member for Rhineland using An Economic and Financial Survey published by Wood Gundy, and I don't recall whether we got this from the government or whether we got it direct from Wood Gundy. -- (Interjection) -- Direct from the government? Oh, direct from Wood Gundy. Well, they need to be brought up-to-date too, because on the last page, the map of Manitoba -- I wonder if my honourable friend happens to have that publication. Well on the last page that points up the areas of oil fields, gas pipelines and so and so, they use a little miner's pickaxe to spot the five locations in Manitoba - and there are only five, Mr. Chairman - where industrial mineral mine or quarry is situated. At two of the places, two out of three, they're no longer in operation; no longer in operation, and this is supposed to be up-to-date because it shows the gold mine at Bissett. They might as well take the pickaxe away from there. And they show Neepawa with a pickaxe there for the salt plant, and they might as well remove that pickaxe, so there's only three out of five that's left on that page. And I wonder what my honourable friend is doing to replace some of these industries.

Now, Mr. Chairman, we've been talking about the TED report for the last three or four days - and my honourable friend, I see, has got his pretty well thumbed and marked and paper clips in every other page or so - well, on April 2nd, on April 2nd, almost immediately after tabling that report, the department of propaganda sent out 52 pages, kind of summarizing the TED report, and there they are, the 52 pages. I note my honourable friend the Minister of Government Services doesn't like that term "propaganda".

MRS. FORBES: It's done too. You need it. You need it. "Read" means gathering knowledge from the . . .

MR. SHOEMAKER: But it emanates from her department, and if she doesn't like the propaganda, then she should fire some of the Public Relations men that she has hired.

MRS. FORBES: Oh no. You'll need it, and it's not propaganda. You couldn't get along without it. You're always quoting from it.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Well I've always said, Mr. Chairman, the subscription price is nil and it's worth every cent you pay for it. You just can't lose.

MRS. FORBES: Ha ha. Big joke. Do you want your subscription taken away?

MR. SHOEMAKER: Well, I don't care whether you do or not.

MRS. FORBES: All right then. I'll see it's taken off the list tomorrow.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Well, I'll see that . . .

MRS. FORBES: He couldn't make a speech if he didn't have it.

MR. SHOEMAKER: If you take my name off the list I'll order one under another name.

MRS. FORBES: You wouldn't pay for it.

MR. SHOEMAKER: . . . contribution for everybody. Mr. Chairman, on this very point, seeing that we've raised this subject, is there a subscription price to anybody? I understand there's about 600 copies of every propaganda sheet that goes out. Is that about right? 600? To all the press and -- (Interjection) -- give and take a few, yes. But on the first page of this 52-page epistle, it says: "The report stresses the need for clearly defined development objectives. One reason for the failure to reduce appreciably long-standing disparities has been the absence of clear numerical targets for regional development. In order to obtain the statistical data necessary for establishing them, the Commission recommends an initial two or three years of intensive research, discussion and planning for each region" -- there are five in the province I understand -- "involving a cost of \$150,000 to \$200,000 to be underwritten by the federal and the provincial governments."

Does my honourable friend intend to carry out that recommendation, and if so, what are his plans? Now, I have always maintained that so far as the taxpayer is concerned he gets far better value for his tax dollar at the local level than he does at any other level of government. Always. And I think this is a good idea to have some of the local men do some of the research and bring recommendations to the attention of the government. And, Mr. Chairman, you remember that new industry that the Member for Roblin introduced to the House the other night -- I don't see him in his seat there now, but he brought forward a proposition that would nearly use up all of the wheat in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and Alberta. Now I forget the Hansard that that story appears in, but I would ask my honourable friend the Minister of Industry and Commerce to check with his colleagues, because if the proposition is a sound one, well then we should be getting on with the job. And at that time he said he had not discussed it with the Minister but he was going to package wheat with wheat itself and you'd eat the package and the premium and the contents.

In this 52-page report it says, "The Commission also recommends diversification of Manitoba Development Fund services to provide management and financial counselling, to conduct research in seeking out development projects, to engage in leasing of plants and equipment, to give financial support." I think this is a good idea, this leasing. And, Mr. Chairman, I don't intend to deal at any great length with this but there's several pages here -- three or four -- on Manitoba's greatest potential, it says, Tourism. And I know my honourable friend didn't want us to discuss tourism under his department but I will never forget what Governor Guy and Governor Farrar said the other day, both of them, in respect to travel within the province and a provincial-interstate program that they both said would increase our trade considerably. I would like to hear what my honourable friend has to say about that. -- (Interjection) -- Who said that? Yes, My honourable friend, the Member for Emerson, has asked about how that other industry that the Member for Roblin asked about. He was going to cross the black bears with the black ones -- (Interjection) -- Oh, I see. Now there's an industry that probably should be looked into.

Mr. Chairman, you will recall that when I was speaking on the Throne Speech I referred to the survey, the trading survey that was made of the 12 trading areas in Manitoba, and I specifically pointed to the one that was made for Roblin in which this survey -- yes, this survey said that if the people in the Roblin area would do certain things that they could expect an increase of nearly -- well slightly over \$3 1/2 million. "Roblin's customers have indicated they are willing to increase their spending by \$3,514,000 providing improvements can be made." Now, that is a 38 percent increase in the business of that area. Now what's my honourable friend doing to make certain that the changes are made that will result in this increased trade potential, because I think these are important things, and the same thing was said about the 12 other trading areas that came under that microscope back three or four years ago. I don't know what the cost of preparing all these surveys was. I have no idea. I don't think we were ever told that, but certainly it was considered an excellent idea by the Minister at that time. So I would like to hear what my honourable friend has to say in this regard.

Mr. Chairman, I see that it is just about time to call it a day. Well, I think I'll have my honourable friend, at the rate he talks he'll be able to give me all that information,

(MR. SHOEMAKER cont'd.) or the Honourable Minister of Government Services. Perhaps these five Public Relations men are hired under my honourable friend's department, and it looks like we're not going to reach her department so perhaps she could supply the information that we asked for; that is, the names of the five Public Relations men and their salaries, because it would be helpful, I think, to the committee. -- (Interjection) -- They will be under Government Services. Well, we're not going to reach that department so probably she could give us the information anyway.

MR. EVANS: Committee rise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee rise and report. Call in the Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply wishes to report progress and asks leave to sit again.

IN SESSION

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Pembina, that the report of the Committee be received.

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

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Industry and Commerce, that the House do now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried, and the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock Friday morning.