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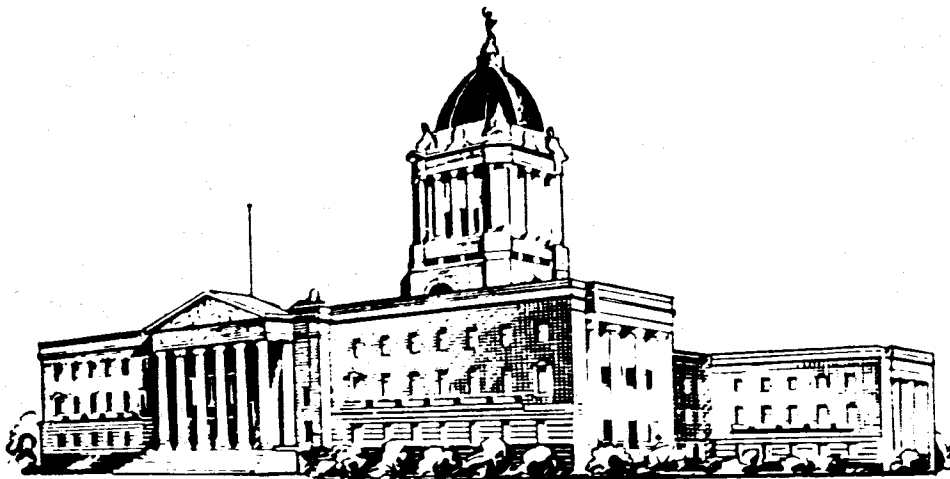
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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

2:30 o'clock, Thursday, July 2, 1970

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. The Honourable Minister of Cultural Affairs.

STATEMENT

HON. PHILIP PETURSSON (Minister of Cultural Affairs)(Wellington): Before the Orders of the Day, Mr. Speaker, I have an announcement to make.

First of all I would wish to make reference to an honourable member of the House who had the exciting experience of seeing a dream fulfilled - I'm sorry he's not here - a dream that he had held for a long time, that he put in much time and many hours to bring to realization. I refer to the Honourable Member for Wolseley, Mr. Leonard Claydon, and have reference to the train that has been known as Claydon's Cannonball and more recently the Prairie Gopher Express - Prairie Dog Express - a gopher is a prairie dog. Many of us, I think most of us rode that train from Winnipeg to the Lower Fort yesterday and some rode back on it from Selkirk to Winnipeg. The Honourable Member for Wolseley rode up in the lead car, a very proud, a very happy man and I think that most of us will share that pleasure, that happiness with him. This is the beginning, the 1st of July is the beginning of a series of events that will be taking place this month and if they all reach the same peak that the events of yesterday reached then we will have every reason for looking back on this particular month with extreme satisfaction and a great deal of pleasure.

I am passing around Mr. Speaker - or having the page boys pass around some information about events that are to take place later in the month on the 14th and on the 15th. They are pretty well self-explanatory. It has to do with the visit of the Queen and the Prince, Prince Philip, Prince Charles and Princess Anne to the City and their stay here for a period of two days. It has to do with the cruise of the motor ship Lord Selkirk from the Selkirk dock and then the observances that will be carried out here in the general area of the Legislative Building and elsewhere in the City.

If I may ask the boys, Mr. Speaker, to pass these around to the members for their information and then if there should be any questions that I can answer I would be very happy to reply to them. It seems to be the general consensus that the celebration yesterday went off exceptionally well, not only at the Lower Fort and in Winnipeg but in many places throughout the province and I look forward to similar success on these later dates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK (Riel): Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Minister on behalf of our group for his bringing attention to this. His words are shared fully by those of us on this side of the House. I also think it's probably in order to congratulate the organizers yesterday for the procedures that took place which went very smoothly in most cases. I think perhaps, Mr. Speaker, if I might take the opportunity, might call attention to the fact that the historic sites and monuments group that has been established by the Federal Government - I'm not sure when but they've been very active in the last few years -- have done an excellent job in restoring and retaining for historical purposes sites such as the Lower Fort Garry. I think that all who had an opportunity to be there yesterday will acknowledge the fact that this is certainly a very fine landmark for Manitoba and for Canada, and we know of course that they're taking on similar undertakings in other areas to preserve our historic sites and I think that should be noted at this time as well. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. Adjourned Debates. The Honourable House Leader.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q.C. (Minister of Mines and Natural Resources)(Inkster): Mr. Speaker, it's the intention of the House to go back into Law Amendments Committee now and to have the same schedule tomorrow as we've had today, with the exception that this evening Industrial Affairs Committee will be meeting at 7:00 o'clock and the Minister of Labour tells me that there is little question that they will use the entire evening; so members, other than Industrial Affairs Committee will not be called upon for any committee meetings this evening. You know, the Minister of Labour says they're welcome to attend, but Industrial Affairs Committee meets tonight at 7:00 o'clock and will likely go through so other members of the House will not have any

(MR. GREEN cont'd.) scheduled activity this evening.

Tomorrow morning we're going back into the committee room where representations will be heard to Municipal Affairs Committee, Agricultural Committee, Private Bills Committee and I believe there are no representations to Professional Associations Committee; and then if all the representations are completed, hopefully today and tomorrow for all of those committees, that is Law Amendments Committee and including the other committees, then we will be sitting in Law Amendments Committee following the conclusion of all representations to consider the bills we've heard. So I trust members will be aware of what it is our intention to do and what we had previously discussed before with members opposite.

MR. BUD SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask the Government House Leader if we will be going right into those committee sittings in the morning without a question period in the House or will we be assembling in the House first?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition discussed this with me the other day and he thought that the question period at 2:30 in the afternoon is the one that we would have and that we needn't have another one in the morning or in the evening, so we'd go right into committee at 9:30 but be back here the same as we are doing today, at 2:30 in the afternoon.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. JAMES H. BILTON (Swan River): Mr. Speaker, alluding to the remarks of the Honourable Minister of Cultural Affairs, I think it was most gracious of him to recognize my colleague and the effort that he has made toward the train; and also I wonder if he would see to it that a message of appreciation from this House go to the Chairman of the Centennial Corporation and all those that worked so hard to make such a successful day.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, if I may on that note suggest that there should be a special letter of appreciation sent to the technicians at the CNR Shops in Transcona for their expertise in making it possible for No. 3 to once again take the rails.

MR. BILTON: Mr. Speaker, it took the CPR to get the train out on time.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I was going to address a question to the House Leader.

MR. SPEAKER: I was of the impression earlier when I called Orders of the Day there were no questions and I believe the House Leader was in the process of rising to adjourn the House.

MR. GREEN: It may be something that I have said that has aroused questions. I regret that but it usually happens.

MR. MOLGAT: Yes Mr. Speaker, I was going to ask the House Leader questions relative to his statement a few moments ago, but there was another matter brought up in the interval which I had not expected. Is it correct then that the House will not reconvene until 2:30 tomorrow afternoon and that tonight the Law Amendments Committee will sit till 5:30 presumably? . . .

MR. GREEN: No

MR. MOLGAT: . . . this afternoon; Industrial Relations tonight? What about Friday night? the Minister can

MR. GREEN: Well, at that point Mr. Speaker, for instance you indicated that Law Amendments would close at 5:30 tonight. If Law Amendments decided to go on for a half hour to hear another representation we exclude that consideration. Tomorrow evening we will be back in a position that at the close of the afternoon tomorrow of deciding whether we would be sitting Friday night. I assume that with the hours that we are now keeping that we could sit tomorrow night. Members usually look to see how far they've got to go and how much business has to be done, and I think those are considerations that will affect all members tomorrow afternoon.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister for Cultural Affairs, 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 2:30 Friday afternoon.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

2: 30 o'clock, Friday, July 3, 1970

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

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

REPORTS BY STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PETER FOX (Kildonan): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the First Report of the Standing Committee on Industrial Relations.

MR. CLERK: Your Standing Committee on Industrial Relations wishes to present the following as their First Report.

Your Committee met for organization and appointed Mr. FOX as Chairman. Your Committee has agreed that, for the remainder of this Session, the quorum of this Committee shall consist of Seven (7) members.

Your Committee has considered BILLS:

(No. 34) - An Act to amend The Electricians' Licence Act.

(No. 50) - An Act to amend The Fire Department's Arbitration Act.

(No. 91) - An Act to amend The Department of Labour Act.

And has agreed to report the same without amendment.

Your Committee has also considered BILLS:

(No. 77) - The Payment of Wages Act.

(No. 92) - An Act to amend The Labour Relations Act.

(No. 93) - An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act.

(No. 117) - An Act to amend The Employment Standards Act.

And has agreed to report the same with certain amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Kildonan.

MR. FOX: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Elmwood, that the Report of the committee be received.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: At this point I should like to direct the attention of honourable members to the gallery where there are 25 students from the Rosedale Church Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Mary Enns. The choir is from the constituency of the Honourable Member for Lakeside. On behalf of all the Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, I welcome you here today.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

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

MR. WALTER WEIR (Minnedosa): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could enquire of the House Leader as to when we might expect receiving some of the first transcripts of the Public Utilities Committee.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q.C. (Minister of Mines and Natural Resources)(Inkster): Mr. Speaker

MR. WEIR: Related to Bill 56.

MR. GREEN: I understand. I'll have to take the question as notice because I don't know how well they are making out with the transcripts.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture. Can the Minister indicate to us whether or not it would be his intention to have the Special Session of the Agricultural Committee sitting after the session or between sessions to consider changes or improvements to the Farm Implement Act.

HON. SAMUEL USKIW (Minister of Agriculture)(Lac du Bonnet): It is the intention to have the members of that committee meet between sessions and to report to the next session of the Legislature.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. LEONARD CLAYDON (Wolseley): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might ask leave of the House just to make a short statement? (Agreed)

STATEMENTS

MR. CLAYDON: Mr. Speaker, I must apologize for not being here at the opening of the House yesterday afternoon and particularly to hear the kind words from the Minister of Cultural Affairs. He will perhaps forgive me when I tell him I was attending a Centennial Committee Meeting at City Hall. However, I did take the opportunity to listen to the tape and I appreciate his remarks and I would like to tell him that nothing has given me greater pleasure than to be able to promote that train, and when I see the expression on children's faces it makes it all worthwhile.

It seems, Mr. Speaker, a lot of people have forgotten that any person of 20 years of age or less did not really realize what a steam train was and this seems to be a page out of a story-book to them. I'd just like to inform the House that the objective is to commence running this train as a public tourist attraction starting about July 11th. Hopefully, we hope to have three or four trips per day on Saturdays and Sundays, and we'll see what the demand is from that point on. The train is expected to run from a point in Tuxedo opposite City Park down the Cabot subdivision which is the old CNR mainline to Cabot, a distance of about 17 miles. I cannot tell you what the fares will be, but let me tell you that as long as I have anything to do with it that I'll certainly see that the children's fare is reduced to the lowest possible amount so that the children can have maximum benefit from riding on this train. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Cultural Affairs.

HON. PHILIP PETURSSON (Minister of Cultural Affairs)(Wellington): Mr. Speaker, the very brief recognition that I gave to the honourable member across the way yesterday was a well-deserved one and I think I could have said much more than I did, but I thank him for thanking me.

I take the opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to make a short additional statement to the one that I made yesterday, and that is to indicate to the honourable members a slight change in timing of the sailing of the motorship Lord Selkirk at the time that Her Majesty's party boards that ship and sails down the river and back again. It was mentioned on the circular that was given yesterday, the information that was distributed to the members, that the ship would be leaving the dock at Selkirk at 6:30. That time has of necessity been changed to 7:30. Otherwise, the timing and the scheduling has not been changed in any other way except that there will be no stop at St. Peter's Church due to circumstances that cannot be avoided. I trust that members will take note of that change in time, leaving Selkirk at 7:30 rather than the time originally given.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD (cont'd.)

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. BUD SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs if he could enlighten members with respect to an item on the information sheet he distributed yesterday pertaining to a dinner at Government House on July 15th. There was no indication as to whether that applied to all members of the Legislature or not. Does he have any information on that?

MR. PETURSSON: It is my understanding, Mr. Speaker, that it applies to members of the Legislature and their wives.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, could I direct a question to the government House Leader and ask him whether in view of the problems involved in the situation, particularly for rural members, whether he can comment on some of the widespread rumour and report that is circulating both within the press and without as to a possible adjournment date for the current session and the length of that adjournment. Does the Minister have anything that he can advise members of in that respect at this stage?

MR. GREEN: Not at this time, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Cultural Affairs.

MR. PETURSSON: Mr. Speaker, in reply to the Honourable Member from Wolseley -- from Fort Garry, I'm sorry, I think I may have to qualify that statement. I'm just waiting for information to be returned to me here and I will give it as soon as I get it. Otherwise, hold any reply that I make in abeyance until then please.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for The Pas.

MR. RON McBRYDE (The Pas): Mr. Speaker, if I could ask a question of the Minister of Cultural Affairs for clarification. Did I understand him correctly that the Queen will not be visiting then in St. Peter's Church?

MR. PETURSSON: Yes, there were problems that developed. The Lord Selkirk is rather a large ship and there were problems involved in landing from it on the river bank. It would have required some rather major construction work in the building of a dock and landing facilities, and for that reason the motorship will not be stopping at that point.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Speaker, what alternate arrangement has been made for the large number of people from the Interlake Reserves who will be at St. Peter's to see the Queen, and will those people be notified of the changes?

MR. PETURSSON: Mr. Speaker, the plans at St. Peter's Church and in that area had been made long before it was known that the Lord Selkirk would be sailing north on the river, and it was thought that it might be an interesting break in the trip to have the people aboard go ashore and pay a very brief visit, but inasmuch as that had to be changed, then it will make no difference to the original plans that had been made for that occasion by the people in their own observance of, say, centennial year. This is their observance but it had been made without reference to the coming or the visit of the Queen or the legislative party that will be aboard.

I am informed now, Mr. Speaker, that the dinner at Government House does not include the members of the Legislature. Invitations are being sent to those who are to be there and those who receive them of course will recognize the invitation; those who do not will not be present.

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

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Ste. Rose): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Is he in a position yet to tell us what the details are going to be for the assistance in the correction of the flooding problems on Lake Winnipeg?

MR. USKIW: I don't think that we're going to essentially correct the flooding problems, I think that's almost beyond our capacity at this point, but the details with respect to the land adjustment program around Lake Winnipeg will be made known very shortly.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: A supplementary question to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture. It's amusing to hear that it's beyond their capacity now to do something about the flooding; it certainly wasn't a year or two earlier. Does the program that he intends to announce include considerable diking?

MR. USKIW: Would the honourable member repeat that question, Mr. Speaker?

MR. ENNS: Does the program that he intends to announce with respect to the flooding at Lake Winnipeg include a considerable amount of diking?

MR. USKIW: I believe my honourable friend is referring to diking that is now in progress, and that's really the repair of the emergency dikes that had been constructed in 1966. To my knowledge, there will be very limited, if at all any diking under the new program.

MR. ENNS: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is it the government's intention to expand its land purchases in that general area, the . . . Poplar Park area and other flood prone areas?

MR. USKIW: There's an area that will be announced when the new policy is made public.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I believe it is the intention of honourable members now to go back to the Law Amendments Committee and other committees that are hearing representations from the public and that we will not meet in this House again until 9:30 on Monday morning; 9:30 will be a regular House day rather than a committee day. So I would move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister for Cultural Affairs, that the House do now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

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

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): Before the House is adjourned, could the House Leader give some indication of when the next meeting of the Law Amendments Committee could be held?

MR. GREEN: Well, Mr. Speaker, I would hope that we would be able to now complete most of the bills, most if not all of the bills on the Order Paper, and that the next meeting of Law Amendments or other committees would take place after the conclusion of those matters to which I have just referred.

MR. SPEAKER put the question and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House adjourned until 9:30 Monday morning.