

## THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

10:00 o'clock, Friday, February 24, 1967

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

MR. JAMES COWAN, Q.C. (Winnipeg Centre) introduced Bill No. 64, an Act to amend the Winnipeg Charter 1956 (2).

MR. SPEAKER: Committee of the Whole House.

HON. GEORGE JOHNSON (Minister of Education)(Gimli): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move, seconded by the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the resolution standing in my name.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee proceed. Resolved that it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend The Education Department Act by providing among . . . .

MR. DOUGLAS CAMPBELL (Lakeside): Mr. Chairman, order. Have we been told about His Honour?

MR. JOHNSON: Oh yes. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Chairman, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed resolution recommends it to the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee proceed. Resolved that it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend The Education Department Act by providing, among other matters, for the appointment of certain of the members of The High School Examination Board, the payment of whom may be authorized under The Interpretation Act.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, this resolution must precede the Department of Education Act amendment which will be before us as I understand it because under the general provisions of The Interpretation Act certain monies could be paid to the members of this board and for that reason the money resolution must precede its introduction. In point of fact, no monies have been paid to members of this board in the past. It's not contemplated to do so at the present time but I was advised by the Legislative Counsel that in bringing in an amendment to the Act we must follow this procedure.

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Leader of the Opposition)(Ste. Rose): Mr. Chairman, is it the intention of the Minister to make any changes in the personnel of The High School Examination Board and are these in all cases practicing teachers?

MR. JOHNSON: When the bill is before us I think we can go into detail, Mr. Chairman. In general, we must make provision for representation on the High School Examination Board of a representative from Brandon University and it's also contemplated under this to allow the Manitoba Teachers' Society to appoint two members of their society to the board. The Board consists of representatives of the University, the President, Deputy Minister of Education or his designate and other members who are spelled out in the Act. I can get into the details at second reading as to why the teachers should be on there but mainly it's because of the increased flexibility.

MR. MOLGAT: Is it also the Minister's intention, Mr. Chairman, to make the usual provisions which I see in the Board's setup by my honourable friend's recently of adding members of the Legislative Assembly to this board now that they're going to pay?

MR. JOHNSON: No, Mr. Chairman, and I never said we would be paying anything.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution be adopted? Committee rise. Call in the Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the committee of the whole has adopted a certain resolution and directed me . . . .

MR. J. DOUGLAS WATT (Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Springfield the report of the Committee be received.

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

IN SESSION

MR. SPEAKER: I wonder if I might take a moment to direct the attention of the honourable members to the gallery on my right where we have --(Interjection)-- sorry.

MR. JOHNSON introduced Bill No. 63, an Act to amend The Education Department Act.

MR. SPEAKER: As I said a moment ago I would like to direct the honourable members' attention to the gallery on my right where we have 48 students of Grade 11 standing under the direction of Mr. Epps. They are from the Steinbach Collegiate. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Carillon. On behalf of all the members of the Legislature I welcome you all here today.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day.

HON. WALTER WEIR (Minister of Highways)(Minnedosa): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I wonder if I might have permission to present the first report of the Flood Forecasting Committee?

The Flood Forecasting Committee held its initial meeting of 1967 on Thursday, February 23rd. The committee met to review the situation covering flood prospects on the Red and Assiniboine Rivers. The committee reports that a stage at Winnipeg between 20 to 23 feet city datum is indicated and flows near bank full capacity can be expected along the Red River between Emerson and Winnipeg. However the committee emphasizes the fact that weather conditions from now on are highly significant and could give rise to either substantially lower or higher peak stages depending on whether subsequent meteorological conditions prove to be favourable or adverse.

A large portion of the major dikes in the Greater Winnipeg are constructed to a top elevation which corresponds to a stage of 26.5 feet city datum. The remainder of the major dikes are some four feet higher. On the Assiniboine River spring peaks slightly above normal are indicated on the assumption that weather conditions from now on until the end of the break-up period will be average. There is no evidence that flood stages will be reached although ice jams could cause local flooding between Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg. The committee advised that a subsequent meeting will be held early in March to again review the situation as regards flood prospects in light of conditions existing at that time.

The following information was available to the committee for its appraisal of the situation, results of a snow survey made by the Water Control and Conservation Branch during the period February 13th to 17th in the basins of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. A soil moisture survey made by the same branch at freeze up last fall. Records of fall and early winter flow in both streams is recorded by the Federal Water Resources Branch. Meteorological information on fall and winter precipitation obtained by the Meteorological Service of Canada at stations in the watershed of these rivers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Information from various co-operating United States agencies concerning conditions in the Red River Basin in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Mr. Speaker, I think that I might add to that that the Water Control and Conservation Branch within the next two to three weeks will be watching very closely the developments that are taking place and approximately at that time decisions will have to be made whether to proceed to accelerate the remaining earth removal from within the floodway to have it available should that be necessary.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Minister for his statement. I wonder if he could enlighten the House as to the snow conditions south of the border. Is there more snow on the American side at this time than there was last year at this time?

MR. WEIR: Mr. Speaker, we are in a little more favourable position this time this year than we were at this time last year.

HON. STEWART E. McLEAN, Q.C.(Provincial Secretary)(Dauphin): I want to answer a question that was put to me I think twice by the Honourable the Member for Gladstone-Neepawa with respect to the subject of power toboggans and I have a full -- what I hope will be a full definitive statement on this rather important topic.

The operation of power toboggans and other forms of snowmobiles in the Province of Manitoba is governed by Sections 6 and 180 of The Highway Traffic Act. Subsection 10 of section 6 reads as follows: "Subsection 10. The Registrar shall not register a snowmobile except one that (a) in the opinion of the Registrar is of such a size that if operated on a highway is not likely to create a hazard or to endanger persons or property; and (b) is equipped in the manner in which a motor vehicle is under this Act required to be equipped." That's the end

(MR. McLEAN cont'd). . . . of the subsection. Acting in accordance with this restrictive authority the Registrar has in fact registered several of the large commercial snowmobiles of the bombardier type. The smaller types such as the power toboggans used for recreational purposes are not registered.

The operation of these unregistered snowmobiles is governed by section 180 of the Act which reads as follows: "Section 180. Subsection (1) Subject to subsection (2) no person shall operate a snowmobile on a highway other than a snowmobile mentioned in the exceptions set out in clauses (a) and (b) of subsection 10 of section 6. Subsection 2. Except during the times when under subsection 11 of section 33 lamps on vehicles are required to be lighted, a snowmobile may be operated directly across a highway from one side to the other if (a) the snowmobile is brought to a stop before entering on the highway; (b) the operator thereof is the licensee named in a valid and subsisting licence by virtue of which he is entitled to operate a motor vehicle on highways in Manitoba; and (c) the highway is not a limited access highway as defined in The Highways Protection Act or a provincial highway. Subsection 3. While a snowmobile is being operated across a highway the operator thereof is subject to divisions 2 and 3 of part 4 as if the snowmobile were a motor vehicle." That's the end of the quotation on that section.

Members will note that this section prohibits an unregistered snowmobile being operated on any highway in the province except for the purpose of crossing directly from one side of the highway to the other; and even this limited permission does not apply where the highway is a limited access highway, a provincial trunk highway or a provincial road. Further you will note that only a person holding a valid driver's or chauffeur's licence is permitted to drive a snowmobile across a highway.

One final point which should be mentioned is that the definition of a highway in the Act is worded so that it specifically includes all the space between the boundary lines thereof.

MR. NELSON SHOEMAKER (Gladstone): Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my honourable friend for the statement and the only comment I have is if it had been in Greek why someone probably could have understood it but I am at a loss to know the implications of it and certainly a lot of the people in the province will still be at a loss to know exactly where they stand. I hope that if the press are allowed to have the statement that has just been read to the House that they will interpret it and report it in terms that even people with Grade 1 or 2 education can understand, because I'm at a loss to know exactly what position they're in yet.

MR. BEN HANUSCHAK (Burrows): Mr. Speaker, just one question in connection with the Honourable Provincial Secretary's statement this morning. I believe that he said that between the two points of - that is of crossing a public highway the snowmobile will be treated as a motor vehicle as it is defined in The Highway Traffic Act. How do the insurance requirements apply to the snowmobile or that of the power toboggan or do any insurance requirements apply to it?

MR. McLEAN: Mr. Speaker, . . . . requirements . . . .

MR. JOHN P. TANCHAK (Emerson): Is there any age limit as to the driving of the snowmobiles? . . . . No? -- (Interjection) -- Just crossing the highway. But regular driving, is there an age limit?

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Speaker, if the honourable minister is going to reply I wonder if he could also tell us whether they intend to bring in any amendments on the traffic act in this regard because I feel that it's far too restrictive.

MR. McLEAN: Mr. Speaker, no amendments in the Highway Traffic Act are proposed with respect to these matters. The age limits that would apply would be, if any, would be the age limits that are applicable to the obtaining of a license and that of course is only applicable as members will remember from this clear exposition which I gave, refers to crossing a highway and the other, I think the other question was about the boundary line of the highway being - or at least the territory concerned being the boundary lines of the highway.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Chairman, when the Minister says the "boundary lines of the highway," he means I presume the outer limit, that is the full part of the highway, the full road allowance including the ditch?

HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Premier) (Wolseley): Mr. Chairman, this is an interesting topic. I think that perhaps we would do better if we discussed it on the Ministers estimates and at that time I think we would be glad to have any suggestions that anyone has as to how this matter could be improved. I remind members of the House that we passed this law last year, so presumably we knew what we were doing. But if there are new ideas we'd be glad to have them.

MR. LEMUEL HARRIS (Logan): Just to change the thing a little bit around now and bring a little something into the House different --(Interjection)--Cherries yeah. Well this .....

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Does the honourable member have a question?

MR. HARRIS: No, I haven't a question but I have something to bring out the .....

This is on St. David's Day. St. David's Day falls in the middle of next week and it seems that we are all taking a holiday or doing work in other places. So I bring you greetings from the Welsh people of Manitoba and as we are going to celebrate this day next week I thought I would give a little talk to you people on St. David's Day. --(Interjection)--Well no, I wouldn't do that. Maybe the seats would fall down.

Well anyway, I was up at The Pas last week and I was quite taken with the attitude of the people there in their celebrations, how close knitted they were together and we in the larger cities, haven't got that way of looking at life that they have in the smaller towns and I was quite taken when I went into the theatre there and seen what a show them people put on. It reminded me of the days back home when we used to do the same thing, although we had more people than The Pas had - we had about a quarter of a million people. I was thinking of the time when I went over there, not so very long back, and when I'd come back to this country my school mates - class mates - and the young chaps that I knew they sang a song to me which I thought was very appropriate and brought that spirit to the fold that I was just talking about. We keep a welcome in the hillsides, we keep a welcome in the dales, this land you knew will still be singing when you come home again to Wales. This land of song will keep a welcome and with a love that never fades will kiss away each hour of your life when you come home again to Wales. Thank you.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I'll let the honourable member for sunny St. James have the floor.

MR. DOUGLAS M. STANES (St. James): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day and together with the Honourable Member for Assiniboia we wish to announce to you, Sir, that tonight at 7 o'clock His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor will open the second Manitoba winter carnival in St. James. Immediately after that Canada's National Hockey Team will play their last game in this country before proceeding overseas. Friday night, Saturday and Sunday is crowded with many events, two to mention: one there will be free skating on the new rink which was built very recently for the National speed skating which took place in St. James last weekend; on Sunday night there will be mass bands and mass choirs in the Civic Centre for an inter-denominational church service.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend on behalf of the Honourable Member for Assiniboia, the sponsors, the Chamber of Commerce in St. James and the Council of St. James, a cordial welcome to all who wish to come and have fun in sunny St. James.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I noted the comments of the First Minister regarding waiting to discuss the matter of snowmobiles until we reach the estimates and I sympathize with his views, except we don't know if we're going to reach the estimates, the way things are going. There is I think here, Mr. Speaker, a real problem which requires a straight forward statement by the Minister, or the government, in layman's language, because the statement he made this morning while it is accurate, will I'm afraid not be understood.

I think the important thing here is this definition of "highway". If you look at the Highway Traffic Act, highway means every single road, trail, section road in the province, and if the boundaries mean from fence to fence, it then means that in every road in the province the snowmobiles are barred from using the ditches. This statement should be made by the government if this is so, because it's being done throughout the province now. This is a big industry in Manitoba today; we are producing them in Beausejour; there are many of them sold, many of them used. I think it's high time the government states clearly what the situation is.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask a question of the Honourable the Provincial Treasurer. The Order for Return No. 1 asked by my colleague the Member for Turtle Mountain was about the amount of Manitoba Savings Bonds that have been redeemed in 1966. It shows that there were \$17,500,000 worth of Savings Bonds redeemed. The budget indicates that the change in Savings Bonds during the course of the year was from \$71 million at the beginning to roughly \$59 million at the end. So a change of some \$12 million. I presume then that there was a sale of Savings Bonds during the year. Would it be accurate then that that sale produced only \$5 million worth?

HON. GURNEY EVANS (Provincial Treasurer)(Fort Rouge): Mr. Speaker, from memory plus or minus \$6 million. I'm not sure where the odd amount comes in.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address a question to the Minister of Education. Under the new plan in the White Paper, is it correct that the location of schools and the decision to build a school will be completely up to the Finance Board and that there will be no local voice into the decision and the location?

MR. JOHNSON: No, Mr. Speaker. Under the White Paper the School Boards will still -- the eleven larger boards will be in charge of the organization completely of education within their boundaries and will submit their projects to the school building projects committee as they have in the past. That's the way it's visualized.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, a subsequent question. Will the local division boards then be entitled to decide where a school is going to be built and when it is going to be built?

MR. JOHNSON: Where, not when I guess -- well they'll submit their projects to us as they have in the past. I don't know what the honourable member is driving at.

MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker, I have a further supplementary question. Is it not a fact though -- I would like to direct the question to the Honourable the Minister of Education. Is it not a fact though that the public school finance board has the authority as to whether a capital venture will be allowed covering school buildings?

MR. JOHNSON: Well it's visualized at the moment, if the school building projects committee and minister concur that the school is necessary in a certain area -- for example a project is brought in and as you know they're approved on the basis of the numbers of students in a school program -- we plan they would transmit the information to the school finance board, who's duty it would be to put the capital requirements in the Foundation Program, total program.

MR. RUSSELL DOERN (Elmwood): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Education. Are the teachers at the two schools we visited, Cranberry Portage and The Pas Vocational, paid an extra northern allowance?

MR. JOHNSON: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DOERN: A supplementary question. I got the impression from talking to the staff that some of them will not stay on. Could this be considered, or is this -- where do you draw the line in terms of northern allowances? I'm afraid some of these people may leave simply because it's rather remote.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I'll look into this matter. I've heard no complaints from the teachers concerned.

MR. ELMAN GUTTORMSON (St. George): I'd like to direct a question, Mr. Speaker, to the Provincial Treasurer. Will diabetic supplies be exempt from the 5 percent sales tax -- those that are obtainable without a prescription?

MR. EVANS: An ... at this point, Mr. Speaker. I'll answer questions during committee stage.

MR. GUTTORMSON: Mr. Speaker, I have a subsequent question I'd like to direct to the Minister of Public Utilities. I understand that certain firms are able to purchase the driving records of various individuals and then are permitted to sell them to insurance companies; yet if any other person, an individual attempted to purchase the record of an individual he would be turned down. Why is this practice permitted?

MR. McLEAN: As far as I am aware, the practice is not permitted. I've never heard the suggestion made before.

MR. GUTTORMSON: I understand last summer.....

MR. SPEAKER: Order .... still interested in a supplementary question?

MR. GUTTORMSON: Yes, I'm trying to -- this procedure was followed -- the man went to the .....

MR. McLEAN: ... by simply saying if the honourable member wishes to submit evidence of this practice, I'll be glad to investigate it.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask a question of the Minister of Education. Some days ago I asked him two questions regarding the school division plan, one of them was whether he had issued some new figures for the teachers salaries changed from the White Paper and the answer was not very clear at the time and I'd like to ask him again, have such figures been sent out to the school trustees of the province or to anyone else? The second question was regarding the special levy and whether he had studied the position of the various divisions and could he tell the House how many would be able to operate within the Foundation Plan and how many would in fact have to impose a special levy?

MR. JOHNSON: On the first one, the answer is no. The Department are still examining the teachers' salary schedules in view of some comments we've had and we have issued nothing to date. This will come into our regulations. Secondly, with respect to the special levy I have no more to say than I have said in the White Paper that this year -- last year the total school budget for the province, local and provincial, was \$90 million. The \$95 million Foundation Program we think is a realistic program. We have anticipated within our own ambit special levies varying rurally from around 2 to 5 and higher special levies in the metropolitan area. Other than that we don't wish to comment further in that regard.

MR. MOLGAT: Do I understand then the Minister expects in the rural areas special levies at this time even when we start on the Foundation Program? We're starting off with the expectation that there will be special levies?

MR. JOHNSON: From zero to five mills possibly. It depends on the agreements. We have no control over the teachers' salaries matter which is a matter of collective bargaining between the Teachers' Society and the trustees concerned.

MR. EARL DAWSON (Hamiota): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct my question to the Honourable Minister of Education. A few days ago I asked you about an advance poll so that members could vote. I understand now that there are advance polls but the times of the advance polls are while the House is in Session. Do you plan on having an advance poll for members in the House here or what?

MR. JOHNSON: No, Mr. Speaker, and I'm trying to find out if it's at all possible to put polls in the House here to help the honourable members and the boys are still looking into it. I'll try and have an answer this afternoon. --(Interjection)--

MR. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Leader of the New Democratic Party)(Radisson): . . . . that the Honourable Minister of Education declare this Assembly a hospital and then possibly the Chief Returning Officer make provisions.

MR. MOLGAT: This would really provide for the secrecy of the ballot in view of the fact that it would be very easy to identify first the constituency each individual voted in.

MR. ROBLIN: I'm in favour of the idea but this isn't a hospital. This is a fishing station.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I regret to have to mention it this morning but I notice a newspaper being read again and this is the third time this Session that I've mentioned it. I know all honourable members know the rule in this respect and I would ask them to kindly refrain from reading newspapers in the Chamber. It is strictly against the rules. The Honourable Member for St. John's.

MR. SAUL CHERNIACK, Q.C. (St. John's): Mr. Speaker, if I may direct a question to the Minister of Public Utilities. Does the Motor Vehicle Licence Department give information on individuals' driving records on application?

MR. McLEAN: Not that I'm aware of.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. SPEAKER: Order for Return. The Honourable Member for Gladstone.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell that an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing: 1. All traffic counts conducted by, or on behalf of the Manitoba Government, on P.T.H. No. 41 for the years 1965 and 1966. 2. All traffic counts conducted by, or on behalf of the Manitoba Government, on No. 45 highway, for the years 1965 and 1966; and 3. All traffic counts conducted by, or on behalf of the Manitoba Government, on the provincial road from Neepawa to Carberry, for the years 1965 and 1966.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Speaker, I'll be happy to accept the Order for Return on the understanding that the reply would be submitted on the basis of annual average daily volumes as they may fall within certain ranges.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Second reading of Bills. Bill No. 17. The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, may I have this item stand?

MR. SPEAKER: Adjourned debates on second readings. Bill No. 32. The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker, Bill No. 32 deals with a matter which has been a serious and complex and troublesome problem to the City of Portage la Prairie and to farmers in the adjoining rural municipalities. I notice now that the provincial government has - on the request of the city of Portage la Prairie it's true - has now become a partner in the arrangements that are made there. I have no doubt whatever that this action is taken in the best of faith but it still appears to me to be a fact that by this action and by acceding to the request of the City of Portage la Prairie that the government has become a party, at least to this particular transaction, and I would suggest that having done so that it will probably be called upon to intervene on some further occasions, because I'm sure that the Honourable Minister of Highways who signed the agreement along with the City of Portage la Prairie recognizes that this is not a solution to the problem. This, Mr. Speaker, is dealing with a crisis in the situation but it is not a solution because it does not do what the Supreme Court and the other Courts that dealt with this question ordered and that is the abatement of the nuisance. And what do we have as government policy, now that the government has become a party to this action, what do we have now to report as to the next development. What is going to be the solution? What is going to abate the nuisance? Because this doesn't do it. This solves one factor - and admittedly a difficult one - because the City of Portage la Prairie was faced with a judgment that it had to move, but to move by dealing with one of the properties affected will not end the matter. I don't blame the government for trying to help out the City of Portage la Prairie, but I do suggest that by helping in this way that they have involved themselves in the further procedures.

Is it not apparent, Mr. Speaker, that when this action has been taken by the City of Portage la Prairie and through this agreement and this legislation at least appearing to have the blessing of the government, is it not apparent that any other landholder adjoining or close to that lagoon that feels that he has suffered damage can immediately say, "I too have suffered damage. I want to sell my land for \$300 plus per acre." That's a pretty good price even in that area. And is it proposed by anybody, the City of Portage la Prairie or either of the two Ministers concerned, the Minister of Highways who joined with the City of Portage la Prairie in signing the agreement or the Minister of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs who sponsors the legislation, would they for a moment suggest that the other landholders who feel that they are damaged will take no action just because this has been done? How is the nuisance going to be abated; Mr. Speaker?

I listened with great interest to the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie, the Honourable Member for Turtle Mountain, the Honourable Member for Gladstone, all of whom gave some interesting sidelights on this case. I agree completely with the Honourable Member for Turtle Mountain that we ought to learn a lesson from this situation to see that in the development of lagoons that they are most carefully constructed from now on. I agree with the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie that the most careful soil tests should be made and assessed before lagoons are constructed. I'm not sure that I agree with the Honourable Member for Gladstone who takes the position that there is never any recourse against professional people and firms. It would be my opinion that it would not be beyond business ingenuity to write a contract in the fashion that the professional people agree that their advice or their supervision or their construction as the case may be shall be so satisfactory that if full satisfaction is not obtained, that they will stand behind their work. And I would think that in many cases that such a provision should be written into these contracts. Whether there was any such provision in this contract I am unaware, but I think it's well worth considering.

But my main concern, Mr. Speaker, is the fact that although this deals with one landowner, we have several other landowners who have suffered damage and what's to be done with them? It happens that this lagoon lies immediately between the two metropolises of Portage la Prairie and Flee Island. It has therefore been very easy for me in my progress from one place to the other to keep in very close touch with it because I can pass by on either the east side of it or the north side of it without going a foot out of my way on the way to that latter area. I have watched it during construction periods and since, and I have watched the land that is close by. I didn't comment on it at the time that the case was before the Court but I had recognized -- any practical person can see -- that there is seepage from the lagoon. The general fall of the land in that area is to the north and east so it was natural that the north and the east would be the first to suffer damage and it happens that this half section that we're talking about lies in a position that we farmers refer to as cornering the lagoon. In other words the corner of the farm that is being purchased faces the corner of the lagoon. But there is a

(MR. CAMPBELL cont'd). . . . farm immediately to the north of the lagoon; there's a farm immediately to the east of the lagoon and they too have suffered serious damage in my opinion. Being a practical farmer, not an engineer, but it's evident, anyone can see the difference that has occurred to many many acres of that farm land since that lagoon has been in there.

It is even a fact, and I have not investigated these as carefully because they do not lie on my route to the Campbell farm, but even against the fall of the land, to the south, Mr. Speaker, to the southeast, even to the west which is directly against the fall of the land, I am told that there is damage there. What is the situation facing a problem of that kind. Mr. Speaker, are we going to say, are we really going to take the position that if farmers who are damaged are going to get redress in any way that they must go through the process of going to the courts and fighting a battle all the way to the Supreme Court? This is unfair to the average farmer because he can't afford to go to court - and in my opinion he shouldn't have to go to court. I know that it's not easy to assess damage just out of hand. I know you need some professional advice. I know that you can't just willy nilly say that the damage is such and so; but surely, surely it shouldn't always be the case that the private individual should have to stake his small means against that of a public body which can rely upon the taxpayers purse in order to fight through a first court and a second one and right to the Supreme Court.

How is this matter going to be resolved, Mr. Speaker? This is the question that I ask and I suggest to you that the government has involved itself -- undoubtedly in good faith. I'm charging nothing but that -- but they still have involved themselves in this question and I think that they have a moral responsibility to intervene now to try and help to arrive at a solution. I don't know the solution. It seems difficult indeed to suggest that at this late date that the lagoon should be abandoned. A lot of money has been invested there. On the other hand it seems difficult to suggest that it could or should at this late date be sealed so as to prevent further percolation, I don't know.

I am certainly not an authority on the matter of lagoons, Mr. Speaker, but I am aware that in some areas they have worked well and I raise the question is it probably detrimental to the operation of the lagoon itself when such a large amount of seepage occurs. Perhaps the lagoon system, the chemistry that's involved and other matters require that all of the effluent be maintained there in order for the air and the sunlight to perform their functions completely. I don't know and I don't know what the answer is; but I do say that this is not the whole answer, this does not solve the problem. This deals with the crisis that arose because of one organization having fought the matter all the way through the courts and obtained a judgment and that because there were pressing their judgment this had to be dealt with. But what about from now on, what's going to happen? I make the plea on behalf of farmers whom I know are wondering about this situation -- how are we going to deal with it? I suggest that someone on their behalf should look at the situation. And we do not want to, no one would want to penalize the City of Portage la Prairie; they're in a difficult position undoubtedly, and perhaps this crisis action was maybe all that they could take under the circumstances that they faced at that time, but it won't settle the remaining problems -- and there are several of them still to be resolved.

So I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that the government has a moral responsibility as well as a direct implied one now that they have taken this action and I would suggest that they tell us when they close their debate as to exactly what is contemplated for the immediate future.

MR. T.P. HILLHOUSE, Q.C. (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I feel that there's a danger involved in this legislation and I feel that we're embarking and accepting a principle with which we may have some difficulty in living with. Now the essence of this Bill is to enable the City of Portage la Prairie to pay off a judgment and it is alleged in the Bill and in the preamble and the various parts of the agreement that the City of Portage la Prairie did not have the necessary powers under the Municipal Act or under its charter to acquire title to this land. Now my feeling in the matter is this, that if that is true, that what we should have done here would have been to pass enabling legislation allowing the City of Portage la Prairie to acquire title to this land and also allowing the City of Portage la Prairie to borrow the necessary money for that purpose, rather than have the Province of Manitoba become indirectly - and as my friend from Lakeside says - morally involved in this proposal.

The thing that worries me, Mr. Speaker, is this, that the Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg is at present involved in litigation and there may be a large judgment recovered against the Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg, I don't know. But supposing such a judgment is recovered, is this province going to advance the money to the Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg to pay off that judgment? I think that we're embarking and



(MR. HILLHOUSE cont'd) . . . . accepting a principle which is going to be very very hard to live with and I think that the procedure here is wrong. My feeling is that you should have given to Portage the necessary enabling legislation to enable them to purchase that land and if need be, give them the right under the same Bill to borrow that money, either by going into the markets for that purpose or you could even go as far as to lend the money to them yourselves; but don't become involved as a party to this particular judgment or action.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Turtle Mountain that the debate be adjourned.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Bill No. 38. The Honourable Member for Selkirk.

MR. HILLHOUSE: Mr. Speaker, with the permission of the House I'd like to have this matter stand.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill No. 52. The Honourable the Attorney-General.

MR. EVANS: In the absence of the Minister, I wonder if we could have this item stand.

MR. SPEAKER: The adjourned debate, Bill No. 56. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. MOLGAT: I wouldn't want to break this fine record and I would ask for the matter to stand.

MR. EVANS: . . . . agreeable to me. I would not wish to hurry debate as I have said before. I do indicate to the House however that we have a short time if the measure is to pass in order to make the administrative arrangements and while not trying to urge any speed upon the House, I want that very clear, I do also ask that when the debate does proceed that those who wish to speak if they be good enough to be prepared to do so at as early a date as they conveniently can.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might just comment on that without exhausting my right to speak on the Bill. I think there was a particular problem here, Mr. Speaker, with regards to copies of the Bill. The other night when the Bill was distributed to us, I asked for extra copies because this is a bill which I think has implications obviously for a large number of people and I wanted to send copies to them so that they could analyze the bill in the light of their particular areas of concern. There were no copies of the bill available, Mr. Speaker, and so to the best of my knowledge at this time the people who have copies are merely the members of the House. I think it's essential on a bill of this nature that it be very widely distributed. I believe the copies may be available now but they have not been to date.

MR. EVANS: . . . . that and I hope my honourable friend didn't think that I was criticizing him for not proceeding today. I was not; I hadn't intended to. I am informed now that we're expecting the extra copies of the Bill today.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

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

#### COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 91. 1 (a)--passed.

HON. STERLING R. LYON Q.C. (Attorney-General) (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I believe I was just finishing what I hope will be a brief statement on tourism figures and trying to re-capitulate a bit as to what I was saying last night. These . . . . estimates depends entirely upon the guide rule that is used by the DBS or by whomever is compiling the statistics and I was indicating to the Committee that we have done within the branch a fairly intensive survey, the preliminary results of which indicated that the tourist business in Manitoba was much bigger than that indicated by the DBS. This is in no way an attack on DBS's figures at all but it does indicate that there are certain factors in their compilations which are not taken into account, and I've gone on to explain the difference in the traffic derivation sources as between the American boundary and the east and west boundaries of our province, and showing that the amount of American and Canadian traffic that was entering Manitoba particularly from the Ontario-Manitoba boundary had increased rather dramatically over the years since the base was first laid in 1953 and have indicated that this was of course as we would all appreciate due

(MR. LYON cont'd). . . . in large measure to the Trans-Canada Highway and the manifestations from the completion of that public work.

I believe I had just gotten to the point where I'd indicated that our statistics had shown that there were major areas of increasing importance for the Manitoba tourist market and that a large percentage of tourists from those areas logically will enter Manitoba via the Ontario border - and I mentioned the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

The sum and substance of what I have said is contained in the next few words and that is what I would like to emphasize to members at this time. The figures for total tourist expenditure in Manitoba in 1965, based on the new traffic survey and the recent survey of expenditure for Manitoba tourists, placed an estimated total value of approximately \$81 1/2 million of tourist revenue to the province as against the DBS figure of \$51,250,000 that we have issued based on the old out-dated surveys. So while no one is saying that these figures are definitive and are perfect, these are the increased figures that are indicated by our own surveys to show that the tourist industry in Manitoba as most of us expect it is much bigger business than perhaps even the bare DBS statistics will show. Using the new survey statistics - and I stress again that these are tentative findings - tourist revenue for 1966 is estimated at approximately 86.5 million dollars as against the 54.5 million estimate that we have used, and I have used the figure myself because it's a DBS figure, based on the old survey. The basic DBS U.S. border statistics are not yet available to firm up these estimates of what our own surveys indicate.

So let me report and let me put at ease the mind of the Honourable Member from Hamiota and any others who may think as he does that far from falling behind other provinces, Manitoba's volume of tourist traffic based on the DBS figures has increased since 1958 by an average of nine percent per year. And this is a rate of growth according to the latest information we have, a rate of growth that is equal to the national average and is greater than any other Canadian province excepting Ontario. And when I say that you must realize that Ontario is the largest tourist province in the Dominion of Canada. So this is certainly no time for pessimism in the tourist business in Manitoba. There's no reason for it on the part of anyone. We have an industry, a private industry in Manitoba, we have people in Manitoba who are willing to share in the unique opportunities that are offered particularly this year by the Centennial celebration and the Pan American Games, and this is going to be one of the bench mark years for tourism in our province. Our hope and expectation is that the tourist business this year in Manitoba will be certainly the greatest in history; but more importantly, that emerging from this large tourist business this year we hope there will be continued repeat business which will derive from it and that it will have an escalating effect upon the tourism business in Manitoba for all years to come.

We are hopeful that by the end of 1967, using the index that I have described as applied on our new survey, that the total tourist revenue may well exceed \$100 million in Manitoba this year. And that is getting up to rather large sums for any industry in the Province of Manitoba. A most valuable injection of outside dollars into the economy of this province and one that we want to encourage and I'm sure all honourable members want to encourage in every way possible.

Now dealing if I may specifically with some of the points that have been mentioned additionally by the Honourable Member from Hamiota. He raised the point about the Rivers Recreation Area. The Rivers camp ground is too small. We do have plans and we hope they can be brought to fruition to acquire additional land for the expansion of that area because it is proving to be a very popular tourist resort.

The member made some mention about concessions. I merely wish to tell him that there are three methods of land tenure that are offered. First of all there's the annual permit and I think that's the form to which he has reference where there is a short period of notice required by either party to terminate the lease. There is the interim lease of 3 to 5 years which is made during the period of development, then there's the long term lease after the development is completed. Anyone can apply for the lease if the development commitments that the concessionaire agreed to at the outset of his plan are met. And I can tell the honourable Member that the only concessionaires, the only people who are in problems at all with leases are concessionaires who are in default on the terms of their lease and who are ignoring repeated requests about arrears and so on, with the result that they cannot, and I think properly, cannot be permitted by the Department to extend their leases when they're already in default on

(MR. LYON cont'd)...the development stage of whatever kind of project they are undertaking.

There was some mention made that there had been no tourist lodges opened in Manitoba in the last five years. I'm happy to say that that is not the case. There have been at least five new tourist lodges opened in Manitoba in the last five years -- three of them providing accommodation, the other two as yet not providing accommodation. Most of these are in recreation areas of Manitoba or alternatively are in northern areas of Manitoba where fishing, hunting and other activities commend themselves to the tourists.

On the Community Recreation Branch I appreciated some of the comments that were made of the work that is being done by that Branch. There was some comment made that Manitoba was not using the full allotment of the federal monies available for physical fitness and amateur sport as it then was, now Community Recreation. Again I'm happy to put to rest any fears that the honourable members opposite might have in that regard. We are using the full federal allotment. I can say that in the current year that we're presently in, Manitoba qualified for the full federal allocation that was applied for and received and in addition we received another \$40,000 for renovations of the provincial center at Gimli as a result of underspending in other provinces. So not only have we got our full allotment, we've got \$40,000 more than our full allotment because of underspending in other provinces. Manitoba and two of the Maritime provinces were the only ones to expend all of the federal allocation. Neither Saskatchewan nor Alberta, as my honourable friends across mentioned, did this. So Manitoba, I think has had the reputation over the years of using the full amount of the allocation possible in this important field.

We receive about \$60,000 from the Federal Government for thirteen projects. One of these has been salaries up to the present, but in the fiscal that is now before the committee; that is '67 - '68, salaries will not be submitted as we will qualify for sufficient other projects to claim the full amount and salaries will not be claimed for under Community Recreation in the next fiscal year.

MR. DOERN: What's the full amount?

MR. LYON: \$60,000. There was some mention made of students receiving scholarships or loans. There are 40 students mentioned I believe by the Honourable Member for Hamiota receiving loans. These loans are interest free if the student returns to Manitoba. Many of these students have returned and are teaching physical education in Manitoba schools; some are still in school and a very small number have gone to other places and as a result of going to other places the penalty is then invoked and they then must pay the five percent interest on the loan.

The Honourable Member from Assiniboia made some comments with respect to regional offices and I think this is a very good suggestion, certainly one that our people have been thinking of. We have in our estimates funds for one regional office in Brandon in the next fiscal year and more are certainly included in our long term planning. He made some comment regarding referendums for recreation committees and this matter also has had consideration by the branch and discussions are going on at the present time with the Department of Municipal Affairs to see whether a suitable amendment along this line can be prepared for this purpose. It's a very worthwhile suggestion.

There was also comment about the physical education directors hired by schools and extra work that they might do. We find within the branch however that these phys. ed. directors are already working pretty much to full capacity. If they were asked to take on added extra curricular activities it would be virtually impossible for them to act as recreation directors. The government is now offering -- as one question was asked -- the increased grants to enable communities to hire full time directors who would work in co-operation with the schools.

There is another question I believe, from the Honourable Member for Assiniboia about the summer course at Gimli. These are geared to the young people and many return to the communities to offer services and numerous of them do go back to university. This is quite true. But they do return very often to the communities as professionals after they've completed their university training. But I would underline this point - and this is the important point of the whole matter - these students are not selected by the branch to go to a particular community. The students are selected by the community and they know when they select the student from their conversations with him what his chances are going to be of coming back to the community or whether he's going to university or whatever. So the decision is made by the community and if they choose to select a university student I think we must abide by that

(MR. LYON cont'd) . . . . decision on their part. I'm happy to say that more adult courses are planned for Gimli. The branch is prepared to offer other types of adult leadership courses at the local level.

The Member for Assiniboia also mentioned the paraplegic games and I believe he will be aware of the fact that our Director, Mr. Miller, is an advisor to the Paraplegic Games Committee and has been fully involved in the planning of those games to date. I could perhaps urge my honourable friends opposite, who are perhaps a wee bit closer to their colleagues at Ottawa than we are on this side of the House, if they suggest to their federal colleagues that the \$17,000 grant that the paraplegics are seeking would be a great thing for Ottawa to give then they would certainly have our full support because we agree.

The Member for Inkster mentioned community centers and the possibility of making grants of \$1,000 to all community clubs --(Interjection)-- Elmwood, I'm sorry. This we would love to do, if we had sufficient money. I don't know how many community clubs there are in Manitoba, a ball park guess might be around 250 to 300. On an annual basis that runs you into a quarter of a million minimum a year and if we had that kind of money I think we would be prepared to consider it but we do consider with the resources that we have at hand we are funnelling those resources in the Community Recreation Branch into the most meaningful programs that we can. That is leadership training and the other areas where very little work was done before and we're hopeful that through this kind of co-operative action with the voluntary groups who are carrying on in many cases exceptionally good programs that we are doing as much as we can. Of course if they are in trouble - community clubs - they must look first of all to their municipalities because they are creatures of the municipalities. I know in our own area they come directly under the Parks Board as they do I suppose in most areas, and they must initially, as local clubs, look to their local municipal government for the kind of support that they need to carry on because all of us I think would agree that these are most worthwhile programs that they carry on.

For our part, referring to the Member for Inkster in his --(Interjection)--no, the Member for Inkster now, in his discussions about community centers being a municipal responsibility, we do offer these community center leaders the leadership training opportunities. In addition to that, Winnipeg has just completed a recreation survey which was supported to some extent by provincial funds to study the needs in the Metropolitan Winnipeg area; and as well in addition a social service audit is now studying some of the problems suggested by the Member for Inkster and we are providing assistance directly to that audit through trained personnel primarily.

I'm not going to get into a long or an extended argument with the Honourable Member for Gladstone about his views of tourism in Manitoba. I've heard him on numerous years express the thought that tourists came into Manitoba with a ten dollar bill in their shirt pocket and all they ever changed was their shirt. If that's his view of tourism in Manitoba he's entitled to it. I think the other 900,000 people in Manitoba take a rather more hopeful view of it and I think a rather more hospitable view of it than that, and while I think perhaps he's maybe just being glib with us it's not the kind of thing that is really very helpful to tourist promotion in Manitoba to have this kind of statement being made publicly because I don't think this reflects the attitude of the people of Manitoba. The people of Manitoba want to welcome the tourists because they realize that the tourists not only are a source of business for the people of Manitoba but they are people whom we want to see back because basically we enjoy having them here. When you see the tens of thousands who come to this building in a year, who are here to see Manitoba, many of them for the first time, money is not what brings them here or the desire to spend money, although they do that in the course of their activities, we like to have them here not just because they are spending money but because as a neighbour of perhaps the most powerful nation in the world, the United States, we like to have this kind of fraternization with our neighbours to the south to let them come up here and see the kind of country that we have and to share with them, as I think it was intended we all should, the God given recreational resources that we have in such abundance in this province and so that maybe -- I wouldn't even be cruel enough to suggest that he really believes that. I suggest that he's perhaps saying it just to be glib because I'm sure the bulk of us want tourists from whatever part of the world to come here and to share in the kind of recreational resources we have in this province because we're proud of it - and we've got great reason to be proud of it because we have a diversity of activity and beauty that we can offer to people from outside of our boundaries which is practically unmatched in any other province of Canada. It's true we don't have any mountain

(MR. LYON cont'd) . . . . ranges but we have other things that are indigenous to our prairie and precambrian topography which the man from Chicago, the man from New Orleans, the man from California finds completely exhilarating, as many of them have told me as they come into this building, having been out to the Whiteshell or having been north or having been out on the prairies where many of them haven't seen proper prairie land before, and with the development of our string of provincial parks across the province we're offering them a diversity of enjoyable areas such as they can find in no comparable area, I suggest, in most parts of this continent.

So I say to my honourable friend from Gladstone, I hope he was kidding. I think he was. I'm sure that he would be among the first to extend the hand of welcome and friendship to the tourists when they come here and to hope that they will come back and bring more of their friends with them, because that is the purpose for tourist promotion. That is why we are engaged in this program. That is why we are all being asked to vote the monies that are appropriated in this Department.

He made some comments upon the book that was distributed yesterday for all honourable members to have. This is a large volume information book, 'Manitoba Vacation Handbook' which is turned out in large quantity for mass distribution to tourists outside of the province and those who are coming in. I'm told it's one of the most informative handbooks of its kind that is produced by any of the provincial tourist agencies - and certainly it's not printed on glossy paper because it's not that kind of a book. It's not a promotional book; it's a book that gives hard facts and there is a new issue of this turned out every year to keep abreast of the changing circumstances and facts. If my honourable friend wants us to spend money on glossy pages and so on in this, we would certainly listen to his suggestion but I doubt very much if anybody would pay any attention to it because you might just as well print the telephone book in glossy pages as print this. This is meant to be informative. It's like a dictionary. It's like any kind of a mass distribution book that you want to be informative for people and that you want to turn over each year and reprint. We think it's a good book. I'm not saying that it's completely accurate, 100 percent, but I think it does contain most of the information that a reasonable tourist travelling into our province would want to find out.

He turned to the first - or was it the second page - and he looked at the Gate of Upper Fort Garry and he said, "Where in Heavens name is Upper Fort Garry. Nobody in the House knows about it," and so on and so forth. Well I hope again he wasn't betraying just his own ignorance because I'm sure that most of the people in Manitoba know where the Fort Garry Gate is -- and if they don't, if they don't, Mr. Chairman, all they have to do is turn to page 28 of this information jammed Manitoba Vacation Handbook and it tells them. So even in his absence I hope some of his colleagues will tell the Honourable Member from Gladstone if he looks at page 28 of this very cheap book that he doesn't like, he'll find the information that he's looking for. And if he would take the time to read all of the pages of this book I'm sure he would be much more informed on Manitoba and on tourism than he presently appears to be.

Those are all the points of which I have note at the present time, Mr. Chairman. I'll be glad to attempt to answer any other questions.

MR. HARRY P. SHEWMAN (Morris): Mr. Chairman, my remarks will be very brief but I'm sure they'll be of great interest to the members of the House. We have the greatest tourist attraction at Morris, Manitoba, I think of any place in Manitoba, and that is the Big M Stampede which will be held in July and I think that we have the second greatest stampede in Canada east of Calgary. And when we think of tourist attraction we have it in Morris. Our Centennial program out there is a park in our agricultural grounds in connection with the town and the rural municipality of Morris; and the Red River Valley Fair Board is building that park for an extra added tourist attraction. Now we have at Morris spent around \$110 to \$120,000 on a grandstand and other buildings that fits in with our tourist trade for the Province of Manitoba, and I would be remiss at this time if I didn't mention the fact that we need more financial help - and the kind of help that we need is honest to goodness money.

We will be appealing to the government at a later date because we have the horse racing, the Harness Racing Association in Manitoba interested in giving us a harness meet out there for two days and possibly extending it to five days, and we need barn room for cattle and for horses, hogs as well. Anything that is related to the agricultural end of our fair we need financial help. I'm going to make the suggestion to the members of the House here when we get this money that we're looking for and we build our stable and our accomodation necessary for a good agricultural fair, that they will give me their help in persuading the Red River Exhibition of Winnipeg to move their show to Morris because I know that we can accomodate them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think the Member for St. Boniface is on his feet.

MR. LAURENT DESJARDINS (St. Boniface): Mr. Chairman, I think that this is something quite special that we start this new department. I'm keeping my fingers crossed, I hope that it will do what I hope it will do. If you remember for a number of years now I've been suggesting a department of youth and recreation or a department of leisure. I say what's in a name, and sometimes it's difficult to arrive at a right name -- I hope the indication that tourism comes first that this is not just going to be something as a tourist bureau - tourist attraction - I think that the recreation and filling the leisure time of the population of Manitoba would be the most important thing. So I'm certainly hopeful that this department will show the leadership that is needed in this field.

I think that we have to realize this is a thing that we will face now, the working day of most of the people of Manitoba, in fact most of the people of North America, is getting shorter. There is more and more time for leisure - and leisure might be rest, it might be recreation, it might be reading - there's so many different ways. I see a gentleman pointing at me and shaking his head saying that he hasn't got very much leisure time. But for the rest of the people of Manitoba I think that we can do an awful lot. Now I hope that we'll treat this department seriously. I think that it is a very important department and I hope that it will become even more so. I think that it should run alongside the Department of Health and Education when we're thinking of dealing with our most important resources here in Manitoba or anywhere else, the human resources. I would not like to see this department be just a distribution agency and I'm afraid that I would not go along with the suggestion of the Member for Elmwood that we should start giving grants or giving a certain amount to all the community clubs. I agree with the Minister that what we need is leadership and training. We can do an awful lot more if we spend the limited amount of money that we have in the proper places in the proper way and I think that this department must give the leadership and the training.

The Member for Hamiota mentioned yesterday that we graduated quite a few students, quite a few young people as directors of athletics but we are hiring very few here in Manitoba and I hope that this situation will change. I listened to most everything that was said on this department and there is something that pleased me very much, with the Honourable Member of Inkster. I've been advocating certain things here for the - well specially the first few years that I was in - and without too much support from anybody else except people in my own Party and now it seems to me that there is somebody else now, a new member, that is interested in the same things that I am. And I'm talking about the community centres and using the schools that we have now as community centres. And I would hope that the Minister - I was a little disappointed with his reply to this. I think that this is very important. I think that this is a natural and I cannot see how any of the members here could disagree with this. What do we look for in a school? This might be the time to show the leadership and this is something that we can do. I don't think it's done anywhere else on a small scale. There's a school in the constituency of my honourable friend, I know that for a number of years have done it, and I think we passed some kind of a bill here to make this a little easier for them.

But I feel that we are looking for exactly the same thing when we're looking for a school and a community centre. What is important? The location. The location so it will be in an area where it will not be too dangerous for the school children or the children going to the community club. This is an important thing. Then we are in a location where the distance will be an important thing. We try to centralize our schools where there'll be as short a distance as possible and the same time serving enough of our population, enough of the children to make it worthwhile to be able to put a certain amount in there.

Now there's something that is very important and getting more and more difficult - in the cities anyway, it might not be a problem in the rural parts. It is the real estate. Real estate is quite high and I feel that we cannot say like - maybe he didn't mean it for this instance, but the Minister said, "Well we'll play ball with these different centres, different councils and so on." I think that we've got to take action. We've got to show leadership. I say we - I'm talking about the members of this House and the government. I'm not saying now that this is what should be done but I think that we should very seriously study the possibility of bringing the community centres under the school board instead of the parks board. I'm not saying that this is the answer but I think that there would probably be points for and against but we should study this seriously. We have in the large areas, large yards - in the city especially - that there's nothing going there all summer and we have to have duplication because we have to have community clubs. And then there's the question - I think it's such a

(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd.) . . . . natural - I can't see any points against this at all.

I would suggest that maybe the school board, as I said, would take this thing over, would have the responsibility of the education of children and keep them occupied in their leisure time. In other words in the community centre. I think that the area, the yards could be used for that. You'd even help speed up traffic. You wouldn't have the duplication of school here and community centres here, the people would know. You have to guess now if there's anybody in school or is there anybody in the community centres. You would know that this is an area that you'd have to be careful. You would save valuable property, especially in the city; you will save duplication. You have a club now -- people in the winter they need a place to put on their skates and warm up a bit. I'm sure that architects could give you a terrific plan - not much more costly, not much more money that we're spending on the schools now - and we'd save an awful lot because you wouldn't have to have a duplication of the community clubs. It could be set in a way that the rest of the school could be closed and a certain part could be open or we could have rinks there in the winter. This is what they're doing now anyway.

I would like to hear the Minister, even if he doesn't agree with me, I would like to hear him say a few words on this and I would like to know if he feels that this is worthwhile, if he's going to really look into it, because I think that this is something that he could start well with the leadership and I certainly wish him all the luck in the world in this department. I can't see a single point against this. I think as far as saving money, as far as making it easier to operate, as far as making it more accessible to the people, all the points are for it. This is something, that here we have a chance - and this is not going to cost money we'll save money - I think that we have a chance to show real leadership here in Manitoba, and maybe instead of somebody from Manitoba from different departments going to Montreal and see how certain things are done or going to Toronto or going to Miami or anywhere in the States, maybe they'll think of this place of Winnipeg and maybe this will help tourism for one thing and maybe it'll help put Winnipeg and Manitoba on the map. They might come in and say this is the place where they've got this new progressive way and it seems to be the thing. I think it is the coming thing, and when we're so sure of something we might as well show leadership and show the rest of the country if this is not done on a big scale.

But I would like - I would like the Minister to look into this immediately with his advisers and I'm sure that they will agree to try to study the best way for the administration and bring proper legislation to encourage this - I would say to practically force it - I would go along with saying to the Department of Education and the school boards, this is your responsibility now. They're dealing with the same people anyway, the school board or the parks board in the same community, so this is another good point for it. I think that we have a good field here. We're always talking about I'd like to do this but this is costly. This will not be costly we will save money, and I think that we could achieve an awful lot for the people of Manitoba.

I would like to add that I'm not just thinking about the children because I'm talking about the schools, because more and more we take a more active part in the schools. There's adult classes at night and so on, and I think that a real community club -- and this is why I was suggesting a department of leisure, because recreation is not necessarily kids from five to 18 years old playing hockey or football or anything like that, I think that recreation or occupation of your leisure time is so important. It could be, as I say, a library; it could be active sports; it could be a bridge club; it could be anything, a sewing club it could be a craft; it could be anything. I feel that this time is changing fast and our labour force are demanding and getting less and less hours of work - or I should say more hours of leisure - and if we don't want more delinquents, if we don't want more crime, and if we don't want more people on welfare and you want to keep and help some of the older peoples too to get companionship and so on, I think that we have to remember this and not treat this lightly which I feel too many people do. They seem to think, well this is all right but this is not that important. I think that it is one of the most important things, the occupation of our people in this field during their leisure hours, and as I say they're talking about a 30-hour week and so on and it would be much easier to be on the ground floor, to show the leadership now. Maybe this field hasn't progressed the way it should in the rest of the western world but I don't say that for that we have to wait till they give us all the blueprints and so on. Maybe we'll be pioneering but I think it will be worthwhile.

I realize that this department is also, as I say, interested in tourism, but I certainly don't think that this should be the most important thing. It's a revenue for the - and by saying

(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd.) . . . . . this I'm not minimizing the importance of tourism - but I want to accentuate the importance of recreation and doing something for the leisure time recreation of our citizens. I hope that it's not just in the back that we might have a couple of schools; this is a step in the right direction. I remember a few years ago, it was pathetic when the then Minister of Welfare presented a Bill to be in line to collect money from Ottawa because the Federal Government had pledged \$5 million across Canada for the field of recreation. We certainly had no idea what we were doing, we just wanted to be in line to receive this money.

Well I think that we -- I don't think we've gone far enough since then but it's no use looking back. We have a new department and, as I say, I hope that it will achieve what I had in mind when I suggested - in my first few years in this House anyway - about leadership in this field. As I say, as far as I'm concerned there will be enough members in this House, judging by the speeches that were made yesterday, that'll keep the Minister on his toes as far as tourism is concerned.

I'm interested in that also but I'm more interested in the leadership - not the money spent, not the \$1,000 that was suggested yesterday to all the community clubs - but to study this and to keep the advisers and treat these people in this field and in physical education and the athletic directors and so on, treat them a little more important because I think that these people are just as important as social workers, I would say more important, because we seem to wait - this seems to be society - we wait till somebody is in trouble and then - well what can we do? All the time we're studying delinquents. What can we do for delinquents. We're studying people that are sick, mentally ill, and this is preventative medicine, if I can use this term, and this is something that will develop bodies and sound minds.

I think that this is very important and I would like to see the Minister - I hope he attaches much importance to this, this department, that it will not be just another department, that he is the Attorney-General. I think when the time comes that he can't handle both I think that he should tell the First Minister, but again I urge - and I wish the Minister all the success and the luck possible - but I do urge him, want him to know that I think that this is very important and I hope that he will get busy and show the leadership that could help all the people in Manitoba.

MR. DAWSON: Mr. Chairman, first of all I wanted to mention the fact that when I mentioned an historical site committee I was glad to see that something really got started and so many members agreed that this should be such, and I was very surprised to learn that the Member from Elmwood was one of the members of this Committee, although I'm very disappointed that a type of person of his stature and abilities, as he has told us in this House he has, that they have not done a better job on the historical site committee. What I had in mind was that they catalogue these particular sites and have the catalogue available at our tourist information office such as we have downstairs, so that if people want to take a historical site tour they have everything catalogued and can pick out the ones that they're particularly interested in.

I certainly want to mention that I was disappointed that the Minister had glossed over so rapidly the suggestion of a Manitoba tour. Not only had I mentioned it but I believe a couple of the other members mentioned that they thought this would be an excellent idea too, that a tour should have been organized for Manitoba, catalogued and left at the various offices.

MR. LYON: Mr. Chairman, it is in the booklet that was just passed around to the members yesterday. If my honourable friend will look at it, he'll see a number of tours suggested.

MR. DAWSON: Thank you. I certainly agree with you, Sir, that this year will be our greatest year for tourism that we have ever had in the history of Winnipeg, but I'm a little frightened about next year. We can't have a big surge and then a let-down like can be expected next year. I hope that the department will be considering some type of promotion such as the - maybe not as the Pan-Am Games but along the same nature - so that the drop in tourism for the people that are involved in the commercial business of this will not take a terrific beating in the following year.

It pleased me to hear that the type of festival that I had suggested had proven to be such a big success at Dauphin. The member from Dauphin said that there had been one such as I suggested held at Dauphin and apparently it was a tremendous success, so if one has already been proven out, possibly in another area - it would have to be at the other end of the province probably - that type of festival could be held and we would have our second type of festival and big promotion.



(MR. DAWSON cont'd.)

Now when I mentioned the programs in Manitoba and Alberta as having good recreation programs in the physical fitness department, I didn't mean the number of dollars they were spending or the number of dollars they were taking off the Federal Government; I meant the type of program they had, the pattern of their program, the leadership that has been offered in these particular areas, and this is what I thought Manitoba should be copying, not the spending but the way they have developed their program.

There was another thing that I forgot to ask, or I would like the Minister to tell me, does the Federal Government provide any monies for advertising on a joint basis? When I mentioned that we had had 40 graduated students and only 14 applied for jobs, the Minister mentioned the fact that 14 had applied for jobs and I was right, but he did not tell me what happened to the other 26.

Now in the community clubs I was a little disappointed to hear some of the Winnipeg members speaking so highly about the physical fitness - or I should say the recreation department of the Provincial Government becoming involved. I certainly like to see community clubs in the City of Winnipeg but I do believe that Manitoba is a lot bigger than just the City of Winnipeg. Each member, particularly on my left, that spoke about tourism or recreation only had one point in mind and this was the City of Winnipeg. I think, as I said before, Manitoba is not the City of Winnipeg. As you know, community clubs can't work actually out in the smaller area and I think it would be wrong for the Provincial Government to become involved in community clubs. The legislation is already there on a municipal level, and if the municipality wants to support community clubs they can very easily do so. They can charge up to - I don't know how many mills - on their taxes, but all the machinery is there and I don't believe that the Provincial Government should be interfering where there's already leadership and monies and a program set up - or rules and regulations, whatever you want to call it - to handle this particular type of deal.

There is one more area where I was disappointed. The Minister passed over rapidly, I thought, the suggestion or the asking him to investigate the possibilities of allowing the people who have to produce their own electricity in the lodges and summer camps to have the benefit of using purple gas - tax-free purple gas is what I should say. As we know, it's considerable expense to produce your own electricity and by the time these people purchase this gas here or in another centre and fly it into their camps, it costs them approximately \$1.00 a gallon and they're having it rough enough without having to pay that 17 cents to produce their own electricity on the gasoline.

I want to wind up by saying that I was very pleased to hear that the Minister reports that they'd be very happy to put up their share for the paraplegic group games if the Federal Government would come across with theirs. If I don't miss the plane, I'm heading for Montreal and we'll be seeing a couple of these people and I'll mention that fact that your share is available if their share is.

MR. R. O. LISSAMAN (Brandon): Mr. Chairman, I didn't really intend to get into this discussion but the Honourable Member for Morris made a suggestion that drew a chuckle from this group and it caused me a little further thought on this. I thought it was treated a bit cavalierly and lightly and that was the suggestion that the Red River Exhibition move to Morris. Now the Honourable Member for Morris has had some very bright ideas in the past. I can recall when I first came in here and sat on the opposition, the Honourable Member for Morris dreamed up the idea of crop insurance and we have it in this province, so I would warn members that his present suggestion - he may not be treating it as lightly as it was received.

It comes to me that there is nothing wrong with this suggestion. I have, several years ago in conjunction with members from both sides of the House, with a little unofficial work been able to jointly be of some value to both the Red River Exhibition and the Provincial Exhibition. These certainly are tourist attractions, but I would suggest that where I think there's merit in the honourable member's suggestion is that in Brandon in the early days the pioneers had the foresight to go to the outskirts of the city, get land, then very reasonable - and exhibition grounds, when you take in barns and race tracks and all these various necessities, occupies a very great deal of ground - and I'm thinking of the years that I have been driving in here to attend sessions since 1952 and saw the tremendous growth of Winnipeg and land which was of very little value at one time has become exceedingly valuable, and that I can foresee in the future that any ground picked very close and adjacent to Winnipeg growing to such values that it's no longer economical when looked at in the light of exhibition grounds.

(MR. LISSAMAN cont'd.)

So I think that the honourable member has real merit in his suggestion that the Red River Exhibition would be wise to think of moving to a rural town - and certainly with the stampede of course they've got an excellent start - because primarily an exhibition of this nature is agricultural in nature and I think there would be a great deal of value in taking this agricultural show, which it is tending to grow into, and give it a rural base. We speak of diversification of industry and I can think of no better way than to diversify some of our other things, and I think it bears a little more than the chuckle that it drew from this audience. I think the members of the Board of the Red River Exhibition could very well consider this at least in some of the advantages that could be gained from moving away from Winnipeg, which really doesn't impress anyone from the country as being the site or the ideal place for an agricultural show.

MR. WALLY MCKENZIE (Roblin): Mr. Chairman, I wasn't going to be drawn into the debate at this particular time but the remarks of my good friend here from Morris and the remarks of my good friend the member from Brandon, and the fact that our Speaker can't defend himself in this Legislature on this issue of the moving of the Red River Exhibition, I feel that due to the fact I'm from a neighbouring constituency the least that I could do is stand and defend his exhibition which I consider is as equal to the Morris one or better. I have had the privilege of attending this Swan River exhibition for the last five years and with the facilities which they have extended to the public in that area, I daresay this is one that the province should take a look at also because they have sold out their exhibition for the last 10 years, and this I think is a record in itself for the people of Swan River and the effort that they are putting into tourism and recreation. So if we are looking at a new site for the Ex, I suggest take a good look at Swan River.

I would also while I am on my feet, Mr. Chairman, like to congratulate the government and this new Department of Tourism and Recreation for becoming a reality, because as I mentioned in this House not too long ago, this is going to create a new industry in my constituency - Roblin constituency - because it is my opinion, and I associate it with many that are in the know, that the new playground of western Manitoba is going to be situated in Roblin constituency. We are all aware of the creation of the Assinippi Park which cuts into the Assiniboine River where the Shellmouth dam is now under construction. We are going to have a body of water from the head of this dam running back as far as Kamsack; we also have the Duck Mountain area in my constituency, and I was sorry to hear my honourable colleague the Minister say that there are no mountains in Manitoba. We have one there, the Duck Mountain, that is 2,727 feet above sea level and we must recognize that we have one. I hope that this new department will come into the area which I represent in this Legislature and give us all the guidance that they possibly can, because I am of the opinion that we are going to draw a great number of tourists from Manitoba into the area. The Shellmouth dam is no doubt going to be one of the major attractions for the tourists in our province. The Chambers of Commerce in the area have done as much as we possibly can with our limited resources to attract people into the area and I hope that each and every member of this Legislature will take the time to come up in that constituency in the summer time and just take a look at the beauty that we got there. I don't think there's anywhere in Manitoba can compare with the valleys and the scenery that we can provide in this constituency.

While I am on my feet, Mr. Chairman, I would also like to appeal for the Highway 83 Association of which I have been very active. This road runs from the Gulf of Mexico to Swan River - and I was going to bring that to your attention. We have had a delegation from the Thompson Chamber of Commerce make a presentation to us at the annual meeting in Swan River last year that the numbering be carried on into Thompson so that it would be 83 from the Gulf of Mexico to Swan River and then they'd be jointly marked 83 and 10 from Swan River to Thompson. I would also like to congratulate the Swan River people for they have identified the Kelsey Trail in that area, and I think maybe we can help them a little bit along those lines.

I'm also rather alarmed in the new handbook, which I think is a terrific effort, that the Honourable Minister and his department have overlooked my constituency almost completely. I hope that they'll take a second look at it and include a little leaflet in there about what a circle tour we could give them in our area, and I daresay the next edition will have one and I hope it's coloured because we're going to have something to provide for all the tourists that come into our province.

I would have a couple of other things that I would -- I'm most grateful, the Golden Boys

(MR. McKENZIE cont'd.) . . . . have done a marvelous job in our constituency with their limited resources; the Roblin Chamber of Commerce, the Grandview Chamber of Commerce, the Russell Chamber of Commerce and the Inglis Chamber of Commerce have done what they can, but I would hope that the Honourable Minister would send some of his department into our area to attend these meetings and give us a little more leadership in the lines of tourism and recreation. Listening to the Honourable Member from Gladstone last night while he was speaking, I think that possibly with him and I working together, I could bring quite a few tourists at least through his constituency on the road to mine and I'm sure they'll spend a couple of bucks along the way.

I would also, while I'm on my feet, like to congratulate the members of the Russell Chamber of Commerce who are at the present time promoting Highway 83 in the South, our neighbours to the south. This group has - I'm sorry the Honourable Member for Russell is not in his seat at the present time - but this is one of the better chambers of commerce in our province and they do a great job in promoting our area. The Grandview Chamber of Commerce and the Roblin Chamber of Commerce have just become a reality again after being out of existence for a while, but we've got them going and with the Inglis Chamber of Commerce I'm sure that we're going to do lots for tourism and recreation in our area.

I would like to associate myself with the remarks that were presented here by the Honourable Member for St. Boniface with regards to leadership. I'm from a very small town and my recollection as a boy was that we got our leadership from the church and the school. Now, for some unforeseen reason, since the war the leadership from the school level has disappeared. I don't know why but it has. And I may suggest that if the Department of Tourism and Recreation could get with the Department of Education and urge some of our teachers who are most capable in the field of leadership to dwell with us an hour or two hours after school or after supper and give us some of their time instead of packing up their books and beating it, we could create these centres again which were so important to you and I when we were boys and girls in our youth, because our centre of recreation always centred around the school and it was excellent.

There's one other point, Mr. Chairman, that I'd like to draw to the attention of the Minister and the Legislature before I sit down and that is at the present time I'm trying to urge the Federal Government to give us permission to build a connecting road from Rossburn to Grandview through the Riding Mountain area. This is a very difficult thing to negotiate but I feel that it is a must for Manitobans. The people that live in the Rossburn area and the Grandview area are isolated. They're isolated because they have to go either - Grandview has to go to Dauphin to get around or get south or they have to go to Roblin; Rossburn people if they want to come to the north, they've either got to go to Minnedosa or over to Russell to get around. I don't think it'll be too difficult for the province to negotiate with the Federal Government and give us permission to put a road through there connecting these two fine areas and we'll have more tourism than we can handle I'm sure if we can get that road. So I would urge you, if we possibly can, to get with the Federal Government and help us to get this connecting road. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. TANCHAK: As usual I'm not going to be too long and I don't think I'm going to shower the government with flowers and I'm not going to congratulate them - maybe I'll put a wreath here and there - but I notice that the Orders of the Day has been a bit parochial. Members on both sides have stood up there and they made a pitch for their own little constituency, asked for something to be done in their little constituency of their own. I wasn't going to do it but that tempted me to be a little parochial too at the present, so I'm going to ask a little bit for my constituency. Probably the members across will think - well, we know he's not going to vote for the sales tax so he's not justified in asking to have a little money spent in his constituency. I think I am justified because I said previously in this House that this was promised by candidates running for the party that presently is the government. These things were promised and I again repeat that the government must have sufficient funds to do what was promised during the last campaign.

The Honourable Member from Roblin asked the government for some consideration of his own constituency and I think it is his duty here. He reprimanded the government a little bit here and there but in the main he congratulated them.

Four years ago I presented a resolution to this House which was defeated by the government, and the resolution asked -- the proposition there was asking the Provincial Government to establish an interprovincial-international park on the shores of Lake of the Woods in the

(MR. TANCHAK cont'd.) . . . . eastern part of Manitoba. This was supposed to be done in conjunction with the Mississippi Parkway; the government rejected that idea. I still think that this would have provided a large recreational area not only for the people in the immediate vicinity but it would also have provided another recreational area for the Province of Manitoba, but that has been rejected by the government. I still think that the possibilities are great there and I still think we would have benefitted quite a bit through American tourists coming into that area. I feel that the potential is great there and I'm really convinced that in some distant future, not too far away, we'll have this area developed because it's very suited for that. I know that we haven't got too many new areas in Manitoba which would be better suited for a recreational park and for boating and swimming and fishing and so on in this area on the Lake of the Woods.

But now I come to my little project that I have been working on. I have been in contact with some of the municipal men on this project. I would like a recreational development on the Roseau River. Roseau River enters the Province of Manitoba at a point near Arbakka, flows a distance of about 40 miles in Manitoba, then it drains into the Red River at Letellier. The water here is crystal-clear, the river is very scenic, and I think that a park developed there would benefit many many people in the Province of Manitoba, not only the local ones but people of the City of Winnipeg. Somewhere along that river, I am sure a survey has been made because I requested it, and I am sure that such a park could be developed. My proposition is that probably it would be a tri-municipal, three municipalities would join in that, and probably we could get the Federal Government interested - The Manitoba Rehabilitation Act or maybe the ARDA - and we make it a centennial project, not for this year but for 1970, a Manitoba centennial project. I think it would be an appropriate project for 1970 when Manitoba will be 100 years old, and a project like that we should start thinking about right now because we know that it's only three years away when we have to think about our own Manitoba centennial project.

We have a group on 55 Princess Street which is presently very active and they're doing a tremendous job in our national centennial project. We know that at the end of this year - I don't know what the intention of the government is, but their duties or their work will be practically complete. So I would suggest that probably this group should be retained and we should immediately start thinking and planning for a centennial project for Manitoba, and I really and truly believe that this project that I am asking the government to consider will be a very very appropriate project on the Roseau River.

Just a few miles north of this there is a park, there's a beach and there's also a tenting area on the Rat River. This was almost wholly paid by the Federal Government through the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation. It has proved to be a terrific success. You go there some Sunday and you haven't got a square foot of sand to sit on, and I'm sure that this project if it was developed on the Roseau River would prove as great a success as that. I think it is time that we did start thinking - - when our national centennial programs are finished, we should start thinking about the Manitoba centennial which I believe, although this is dear to us, I believe this is closer to home and I would like the government to start considering this at the present time.

MR. LYON: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest at this time that there are still some items that honourable members have spoken of that require some response. It would be my intention, with the concurrence of the committee, to try to deal with these under the individual items in the estimates if that would suit the feeling of the committee, since I have something to say about the Pan-American Games and I'd like to say that under the Tourism part and under our advertising program.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, I think the three members the Honourable Members from Morris, Brandon and Roblin, when they spoke just a little while ago must have been talking with tongue in cheek, because really I don't feel that there's anything wrong with their towns, but I don't think any one of those towns are large enough to hold the Red River Exhibition in their towns. I'm not going to be speaking for my own constituency but I think it's a known fact that the Red River Exhibition has been working and picked a site in the constituency of Assiniboia adjacent to the Assiniboia Downs, which is probably the right location and the right place because you do need big facilities, large facilities, and you need a large tract of land. On top of that you need a large population, and the population is here in Greater Winnipeg where you have half a million people. So I would say that if the Red River Exhibition does move it will probably move to Assiniboia next to Assiniboia Downs so that they can use the

(MR. PATRICK cont'd.) . . . . facilities at Assiniboia Downs.

Mr. Chairman, the other point that I want to raise at this time is the Birds Hill Park. The Honourable Minister has not told us what stage of development the Birds Hill Park is, when it is going to be completed, and what facilities are going to be ready there this summer. I know also he hasn't mentioned anything about if their expropriation problem has been finalized and settled with all the landowners in that particular area. I'm sure this would be important information to all the members here in this House, and if we can get this information from the Honourable Minister at this time while he's still on the Minister's Salary so that we can debate this quite openly.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Chairman, I have a few comments which I should like to make before we leave the general statement. I regret that the Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs is not in the House at the moment in view of her interest in the matter of the Spruce Woods Park, as evidenced last night, because I was very interested in this park myself, Mr. Chairman, and some two years ago - or three years ago now - I saw to it that one of my colleagues put an Order for Return to the government asking them for the correspondence they had had with the Federal Government in this regard because I realized that the Shilo Military Camp is within the confines of the park and that if we are going to have the Sandhills released to us as a recreational area, as I would very much like to have happen, that we have to deal with Ottawa.

The government had indicated, as I recall it, that they were negotiating with Ottawa, so on the 29th of April, 1965, we submitted an Address for Papers asking for all the correspondence between the Government of Canada and the Government of Manitoba since 1960 with regard to the proposed Spruce Woods Provincial Park, and the Minister of the day, the Honourable Mr. Lyon, stated, and I quote from Hansard: "Madam Speaker, we're prepared to accept the Address for Papers subject to the usual condition of obtaining the authority from the Federal Government to table the correspondence."

Well, the session went by and the Address for Papers was not returned to the House, so on the 21st of March, 1966, we submitted a similar Address for Papers and added a further question, a request as well for the copies of all the requests from the Government of Manitoba to the Government of Canada for the permission to table the above documents. My honourable friend again, the same Minister, the Honourable Mr. Lyon, said in the House that day: Madam Speaker, we would be happy to accept" - the year before he was prepared to accept, by 1966 we had moved ahead and he was "happy to accept" - but it had again to be subject to the usual reservations concerning approval of the other government.

Now I give this as background, Mr. Chairman, because the Minister of Municipal Affairs indicated that the government had tried to do something. So finally we did get our Order for Return, and lo and behold, what did we find, Mr. Chairman? It was a "nil" return to both questions. My honourable friend had had no correspondence with Ottawa relative to the Spruce Woods Provincial Park and he hadn't made a request the year before to Ottawa to ask them to table the correspondence, and I refer my honourable friend, who appears skeptical at this time, to the Return submitted by himself - No. 10 - tabled on the 14th of April. So there were no attempts apparently made by the Government of Manitoba to get the Spruce Woods Provincial Park or to negotiate with Ottawa to get the space in spite of the statements made last night.

MR. LYON: May I say, Mr. Speaker, that I think the desert that is referred to is not within the Spruce Woods Provincial Park.

MR. MOLGAT: Well, I think if my honourable friend would look at the map, he will find that the desert is in fact within the Spruce Woods Provincial Park, and his colleague the Minister of Highways indicates in his publication that there's the arid expanses of a desert park in the central Manitoba Sandhills, so I go according to what my honourable friends tell us. So if he has had negotiations with Ottawa, I would be pleased to hear about them. I didn't in my Order for Papers.

I want to go on, Mr. Chairman, to a couple of smaller points, one regarding the vacation handbook - and I hesitate frankly to bring this up because I don't want to cast any wrong references on the book itself and I hope there's just one instance - but I note that in the listings of the various towns across the province and the days on which they are opened or closed, that there was at least once inaccuracy that I can find where a certain town is listed as being closed on Thursday, and three years ago it switched to Monday. Now it's not an important point of subject, but I would hope that we check carefully on the development here.

I'd like to hear from the Minister as well what the plans are with regard to the Fort Ellis,

(MR. MOLGAT cont'd.) . . . . the old Fort Ellis site down near St. Lazare. My recollection was that the Fouillard family there had been interested in developing this historic site which is of considerable importance to the province, and there was no help available. They decided at that time to go on their own. I hope the Minister would have something to tell us.

But I'm more concerned, Mr. Chairman, in one of the over-all and I think very important policy considerations in this matter of the tourist industry, and that is, what is the policy of the government relative to private enterprise in relationship to the tourist trade. Does the government in fact want private enterprise as a part of the tourist development of the province or does it not want it? Exactly what does the government intend to do to see to it that private enterprise does continue if these are the intentions?

I'd like the Minister to reply to some specific questions in this area which has been brought to my attention. I'm told, for example, that private beach operators are required to have lifeguards. I think the requirement is something like 250 square yards of beach requires one lifeguard. Does the same rule apply to government-operated beaches? What about things like liability insurance? Do we in fact insist that private operators have liability insurance - and I'm not disagreeing with the requirement - but what about the public operations that the government has. Is there public liability coverage there? If there is a claim arising, can they sue the Crown? What about things like water testing? I'm told that in the private beaches the government inspectors come in regularly and test the drinking water, the lake water for bathing. Are these same regulations applied in the government beaches?

Now these are merely examples, Mr. Chairman, of the problems that arise when you have both private and public investments, and I'm not suggesting that the regulations maybe are not right for the private beaches, but I think we must have a policy here whether or not we want these people in the business or not, and if it's decided that they're not going to be in the business, then I would like to know from the government is it their intention to purchase the individuals who have established private facilities or are they going to harass them to the point that they simply get out of the business. Maybe the Minister would be able to tell us how many in fact have gone out of business in the past few years. Now this then expends, Mr. Chairman, as I said at the outset, into the over-all attitude of the government in this regard. Does it really want private enterprise to be co-operating in this area or is it the intention of the government to take this over as a fully government operation.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Mr. Chairman, this subject of Canada's only desert has come up again and I think that I should relate to the House a little incident that took place with myself about two years ago. Well, it was immediately following the announcement in the paper. I drove down to Carberry one beautiful fall Monday - because we do have Monday closing in Neepawa - and as you drive down the road and approach Carberry you go right past the RCMP Barracks, so I drove into the barracks to enquire as to the way to get down to the desert. They told me that I was prohibited; you could not go down there. And they said furthermore that they had turned away hundreds of people from Winnipeg and all other places who had gone out as a result of the ad and they had to tell them, after driving 150 miles, that you couldn't get there. They said, "You know there's a funny thing though. You can buy a hunting licence to hunt in there in hunting season." Is this a fact or isn't it, that is the province will sell you a hunting licence to hunt in the desert in hunting season but you can't go there any other time. Now what kind of nonsense is this? This is what the RCMP told me. So I said, "Well I guess the only thing to do is wait until hunting time and go down then at that time."

Well surely, surely, Mr. Chairman, this matter will be cleared up and the people of this province, and indeed the people of Canada and northern States that are coming in here, will get to know where they stand on this whole issue of can you or can you not go and see Canada's only desert. I've already said that I've been there on two or three occasions and they've told me I was breaking the law. Well let's arrange it so that we won't be breaking the law.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (a)--

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Chairman, is the Minister going to reply to these matters later?

MR. LYON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think that would be expedient.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Chairman, I tried to get in on the debate earlier and I didn't have the chance. I have a few things that I would like the Minister to dwell on if he will do so. This is in connection with the Birds Hill Park. Some years ago we were told in glowing terms of this park; the cost it would entail; and I certainly would like to hear from him just how far have

(MR. FROESE cont'd.) . . . . we progressed on this project and to what extent will it be ready for this year when we have an influx of people coming in for the Pan-Am Games and so on. I think this would be of interest, especially to me, to hear on this project how we are progressing.

Then the other point - and I don't know whether the Minister has dwelled on this - is in connection with the physical fitness program. I know that in other years we've had an allocation from the Federal Government for this purpose. Last year it showed up in the Welfare Department and now I don't think it's there any longer and if I'm correct it comes under this department. If I'm wrong, I want the Minister to tell me so; if not, then I'd like to know the procedure for organizations to get assistance from this fund in setting up some of these for sports purposes and so on - I know we have a project back in my area attached with tennis - and whether clubs are entitled to any of this financial assistance made available from the Federal Government. If I'm right, the Provincial Government is also contributing to this part and if he would mind to elaborate on this I would certainly appreciate it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (1)--passed; (2)--passed; (a)-- passed; (b)--passed; (2)--passed; (b)--passed.

MR. LYON: Mr. Chairman, on the Parks Branch I'll attempt to give some answers. -- (Interjection) -- I thought I had passed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We are on 1 (b).

MR. LYON: I'm sorry.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (2)--passed; (b)--passed; (c) (1)--passed; (2)--passed; (c)--passed. Item 2, (a) (1)--. Pardon me. Resolution 91--passed. Resolution 92, Item 2--

MR. LYON: Mr. Chairman, I'd be delighted to give a report on the Birds Hill Provincial Park because of its special relation to the Pan-American Games this year and because it is one of the largest provincial parks that we will have in terms of intensive use in the Province of Manitoba.

Just to recapitulate a bit, members will recall, Mr. Chairman, that it is approximately an 8, 300 acre multi-purpose park situated about 14 miles from downtown Winnipeg. I think the general site information has been given to honourable members before and I won't detain them with any long description of that. The planning objectives within the park are two-fold, that is to fill the growing need for outdoor recreation in the Metropolitan area; and secondly, to provide the natural qualities of a provincial park within 14 miles of a major population centre for many who do not have the means of visiting the other eight provincial parks located throughout the province.

The park design is based upon a perimeter road system which surrounds the high-density use area. The focal point of this area is the 83 acre artificial lake which is bisected by a double row of man-made islands providing a sound and visual barrier between the day use beach picnic area and the overnight camping area on the opposite side of the lake, and if honourable members have the opportunity this spring they can go out and see that lake which is now pretty well completed and the water is in. I saw it last fall and it's a beautiful body of water. A large area northwest of the lake will become an integrated sports area. The area to the north of the high-density core, due to its natural character, has been designated for activities of nature study, wilderness camping, group use area, hiking and horseback riding. The area to the southeast of the high-density core area is the site for the proposed 36 hole golf course, and to the southwest a proposed arboretum.

Now the work progress to date on the projects to be completed by the opening day which will be, we hope, the 15th day of July, 1967, are as follows: Firstly, having to do with the Pan-American Games. As part of the equestrian events are to be held in the park, about 20 miles of trail have been laid out and developed for these events. A steeplechase course containing several jumps has been constructed and landscaped and a cross-country run, including a great variety of natural jumps from hayracks to stone fences, have been developed. In the estimation of Pan-American equestrian consultants, the course layout and the sandy soil conditions within Birds Hill will guarantee the success of the event and provide one of the most challenging equestrian courses in the world, and this is well under way to completion at the present time.

In addition to the equestrian events, a 40 acre play field area has been levelled and grassed for use by Pan-American contestants as practice fields.

Roads: 10 miles of former municipal roads have been removed. Surface consolidation of the perimeter road system and secondary roads was suspended in November due to adverse

(MR. LYON cont'd.) . . . . weather conditions. This work is going to be resumed early this spring along with the final construction phase of hard-surfacing on the perimeter road area.

**Parking Areas:** The grading and trimming of two large parking lots with total accommodation of 1,600 cars has been completed and hard-surfacing of these items are scheduled for early spring of this year.

**Buildings:** All of the concrete and masonry work for park buildings is very near to completion. This includes the following which we expect to be ready by opening day: change buildings, toilet buildings, campground buildings, entrance gates and stable buildings.

**Campground:** 300 of the proposed 500 camping and trailer bays have been cleared of brush along with right-of-way for hydro and sewer lines. These units are expected to be ready for campers we hope by the 15th of July. Whether the whole 300 will be opened at the same time is open to question. They may open in relays, one or two weeks apart.

**The Artificial Lake Area:** The lake overlook and the interpretive park mosaic, only landscaping work and the placing of sand which will be completed this winter remains to be done on this project. In connection with this, the lake overlook and the interpretive park mosaic will be completed. On the northern site, riding and hiking trails for the general public will be available by opening day. An initial start of the nature centre will be under way some time this year.

**Landscaping:** An over-all landscaping program will continue progress in the spring of this year.

**Services:** Complete telephone and hydro service for park needs, sewer and water facilities for the park and an irrigation system for the high-density use area surrounding the lake will be completed this year.

**Winter Sports:** The park as you know, Mr. Chairman, will provide facilities for power toboggan users, ice skaters and other winter uses such as snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, horseback riding.

That gives a brief thumbnail sketch of the work done to date. I would certainly invite every member of the committee, Mr. Chairman, to take the opportunity, if he can early this spring when the snow has left the ground, to go out to Birds Hill to see this park because it is truly going to be - and is fast emerging into the stage of being - one of the great show places of this province. If the occasion permits, I would be more than delighted to arrange to take members on such a tour. I don't expect we'll be sitting at a time when the weather would be perfect for seeing it, but if by any chance the occasion does present itself and I hear word from members opposite that they would be interested in a members' tour of the park area, we would be delighted to lay it on and to give everyone the opportunity of seeing this park at a stage, not of near completion because we're talking only now about the first stage of a potential three stage development, but at the completion of part of the first stage which will permit us to occupy certain of the core areas this summer and permit the public to use the park for the first time this summer.

The lake had water in it last summer and some of the beaches were sanded, and I'm told by the Director of Parks that even though the gates were all closed and there was no admission to the park and everything else, there were as many as a thousand to two thousand people parking their cars and walking in to the lake even before the park has been opened. So we can get some idea from this type of use before the park is opened as to the kind of high intensity use, particularly this core lake area, is going to have when the park does open.

I move the Committee rise, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee rise. Call in the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has considered certain resolutions, directed me to report the same and asks leave to sit again.

#### IN SESSION

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

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

MR. SPEAKER: It is now 12:30 and I am leaving the Chair to return again at 2:30 this afternoon.