

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: Before we proceed I should like to direct the attention of the honourable members to the gallery where we have 120 students of Grade 9 standing of the John Gunn Junior High School. These students are under the direction of Mr. Lefteruk and Mr. Peters. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Transcona, the Minister of Labour. On behalf of all the Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly I welcome you here today.

Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees; Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports. The Honourable Minister of Mines and Resources.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q. C. (Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management)(Inkster): Mr. Speaker, there is a notice with regard to the Economic Development Committee which was announced to be held on Tuesday the eighth of May. When that time was arranged I had overlooked certain other engagements and I'm asking the House to have that meeting on Thursday, on May 10th. And I'd like that noted accordingly.

MR. SPEAKER: (Agreed) Any other Ministerial Statements or Tabling of Reports? Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills; Oral Questions.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK, Q. C. (Leader of the Opposition)(River Heights): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the First Minister. In view of the fact that the Standing Committee on Economic Development will be dealing with the question of inflation and will be hearing witnesses, I wonder whether he would use his good offices to see whether the Chairman of the Bank of Canada or the head of the Bank of Canada who has made certain statements on inflation can be invited to attend and to present information to the legislative committee?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. EDWARD SCHREYER (Premier)(Rossmere): Mr. Speaker, there were certain meetings of the Standing Committee of the House of Commons of Canada dealing with inflation at which officials of the Federal Government were present. If each province of Canada were to duplicate hearings on inflation most of which is outside the purview and competence of provincial legislatures and governments to solve, then I can see the tremendous waste of time and effort and money in such duplication. However, if there is no particular heavy pattern among all the provinces of intending to follow a similar course of action perhaps it will be possible for such a person to attend. If all ten do it, Sir, then I think it would be extremely difficult. I will check.

MR. SPIVAK: Well I take it then that the First Minister will use his offices to see whether the head of the Bank of Canada -- Well I wonder then if he could indicate whether Planning and Priorities or any other department of government have in fact monitored the problems of inflation in the province and are in a position to deal with the question that the economy may in fact be overheating as suggested by the Chairman of the Bank of Canada?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, there is of course perhaps as many opinions of economists as there are economists as to the extent to which if any that the economy is overheating. I confirm to my honourable friend that I will make some inquiry as to the feasibility of the Governor of the Bank of Canada agreeing to appear before a provincial legislature to treat of the general subject of inflation in a national context. However I will check.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Well to the First Minister or to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. I wonder if there's any indication on the part of the Provincial Government that unemployment will continue to rise in the foreseeable future; do you have any forecast indicating that trend, which has now been admitted to by the Chairman of the Bank of Canada?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

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MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, it may well be that the Minister of Industry and Commerce has seen projections at a later date than I. I have seen some projections drawn of forecasts of unemployment for the next 18-month period and it shows somewhat of a reduction in minor degree only and in effect a plateauing for the duration of this 18-month period. However, if the Minister of Industry has something more specific perhaps he can answer now or take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOUGLAS WATT (Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Last night, Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Agriculture on a TV program questioned on the announcement of the increase in price of I think all major machine companies in Manitoba as a result of The Machinery Marketing Act being brought into power, I'd like to ask the Minister since he indicated that legislation was being considered to bring before the House . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question please.

MR. WATT: My question, Mr. Speaker, is may we expect legislation controlling price control on machinery before the Legislative Assembly at this sitting?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. SAMUEL USKIW (Minister of Agriculture)(Lac du Bonnet): Mr. Speaker, the honourable member knows that that is a matter of policy and will be announced in due course.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. WATT: Well on a point of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Minister was announcing government policy last night over T. V.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. That is not a point of privilege. The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. WATT: Well again I ask the Minister, is it possible that legislation will be before this session which will affect price control as far as farm machinery is concerned?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, when the honourable member uses the term "is it possible" I would want to suggest to him that almost anything is possible.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. WATT: Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Labour I direct my question to the First Minister. I wonder if the First Minister could indicate -- considering the pending possibility of legislation regarding cost of machinery will the government be considering complementary legislation which will affect government control of wages?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: I didn't catch the full import of that question, Mr. Speaker,

MR. WATT: Mr. Speaker, I believe the First Minister was not listening. I'll rephrase the question.

MR. SCHREYER: . . . Mr. Speaker, I was listening. I didn't understand the question.

MR. WATT: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that there is a possibility of legislation coming before this Legislature which will control machinery prices in the Province of Manitoba will there be complementary legislation which will control wages in the Province of Manitoba?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, since the first part of the question is hypothetical the second part is as well.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the First Minister. In view of the statement that the First Minister made at The Pas on Saturday that he would be giving consideration to removing sales tax on building materials for native people, can he give that commitment to the House that it will be done this session?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I gave no commitment other than to commit ourselves to study whether or not the other provinces mentioned do have such an exemption. And if that's the case then of course a policy decision will be necessary. That was the nature of the commitment given.

MR. PATRICK: In view of the very high increase in cost of housing materials would the First Minister give the same consideration to all Manitobans?

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MR. SCHREYER: Again there too we would study to see whether that is the kind of exemption that is provided in other jurisdictions. The effort here is one of attempting to reach some consistency. I do not know whether when the sales tax was first imposed in 1967, if it was done so in a way that was different than in the other provinces or whether the discrepancy has arisen since 1967. I'm not aware of any changes that we have made to the Sales Tax Act that would have had this effect. So I assume that if it exists then it has existed since the inception in 1967.

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

MR. I. H. (Izzy) ASPER (Leader of the Liberal Party) (Wolseley): Mr. Speaker, thank you. My question is directed to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. Could he indicate to the House the approximate cost to his department of the prime time television advertising campaign that is currently being carried on by his department advertising its services and its own descriptions of its achievements?

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

HON. LEONARD S. EVANS (Minister of Industry and Commerce)(Brandon East): Mr. Speaker, it shocks me to hear the Leader of the Liberal Party decry efforts of this government to help private enterprise. Mr. Speaker, that's a question I will take as notice. It's a very modest program, perhaps we can discuss it during the Estimates.

MR. ASPER: Could the Minister of Industry and Commerce tell us when the advertising program began and how long it's expected to last?

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I would expect that the Honourable the Leader of the Liberal Party would want us to have a very extensive program to assist private enterprise in Manitoba. I will take the question as notice or will deal with it during the Estimates.

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

POINT OF ORDER

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I believe this is a proper point of order. I wonder whether the honourable member, the Leader of the Liberal Party will now retract the statement about what he says he saw with his eyes and heard with his own ears, with respect to Manitoba Development Corporation advertising people to get into debt to help their companies?

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

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, I will consult Hansard to see what was said and if the House Leader wishes to deal with it at another point after I've had a chance to look at Hansard I'll consider it. And I would also commend to his own eyes and ears the massive advertising program . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. ASPER: . . . that we are being subjected . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Let us keep in mind that when we are under the question period and on points of order that we debate one point of order at one time, we do not start to roam all over. The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

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MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, while the Minister of Industry and Commerce is taking the question of cost, commencement and conclusion as notice I wonder if he'd also take as notice the question: what is the cost to the department of the advertising that is appearing in I believe virtually every rural weekly newspaper in Manitoba. And would he also answer - I don't really think notice is required, Mr. Speaker, -- what is the purpose of this massive advertising program by the Department to advertise its services and . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I do think it would be better served if the question was asked under the Estimates or else an Order for Return was asked for. The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, on the point of order. There is no assurance, no assurance whatever that we will arrive at the debate on these Estimates.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order please. My ruling is not debatable. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

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MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Industry and Commerce, I wonder if he can indicate whether the government has in its possession or has completed a forecast of unemployment for the period ending this year both for Manitoba and Canada. Is it a forecast that is higher than has been previously announced with some dramatic changes or not?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker I just answered that question about ten minutes ago.

MR. SPIVAK: On a point of order . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. SPIVAK: On a point of order . . .

MR. SPEAKER: There is no point of order. Order please. The answer has been that the question was answered. If the honourable gentleman wishes another question he's entitled to it.

MR. SPIVAK: I am now raising a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Very well.

MR. SPIVAK: The point of order is that the Premier's answer which was given is not an answer to the question that I directed. Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order please. That is not a point of order. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: I now direct a question to the Minister of Industry and Commerce as I did before. I ask him now to indicate whether he and his department or the government have forecasts of unemployment for the remaining part of this year for Manitoba and for Canada and whether those forecasts are in fact higher now than originally predicted by the government?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I answered that question. I indicated there were projections for 18 months forward and that the nature of these projections indicate a level of unemployment slightly lower than that which obtains at the present time and plateauing, and with not as much of a reduction as some were predicting approximately a year ago. Now if my honourable friend wishes to be more precise let his question be more precise .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Well I wonder if the First Minister can indicate how he can reconcile his figures with the statements by the Governor of the Bank of Canada?

MR. SPEAKER: The question is argumentative. The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: It is quite often that I find it difficult to reconcile statements with the Governor of the Bank of Canada and I feel under no obligation to do so, because we often disagree.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. I wonder if he can indicate whether the percentage increase in costs of building materials for construction, for home construction and for development in Manitoba, the percentage increase is higher in Manitoba than in any other province?

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

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Leader of the Opposition is asking a detailed statistical question. I can look the figure up. He's obviously done some research himself, maybe he can tell us that the figures are available from various Ottawa sources, Statistics Canada sources.

MR. SPIVAK: By way of a supplementary to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. I wonder if he can indicate whether his department officials have informed him of the fact that building costs have increased substantially in the province?

MR. EVANS: Well, Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order please. I fail to see the relevancy of that question to the procedures of this House. Whether a Minister has or has not been informed is immaterial to the procedures of this House. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. The relevancy is something to determine, not necessarily by you, Sir, a question asked of the Minister dealing with the cost of living and the cost of goods to be purchased in this province, and surely members on this side are entitled to receive information from the government or to determine whether the

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(MR. SPIVAK cont'd) government has had information furnished to them dealing with costs. Surely we are entitled on this side to information. The government may not want to give us the information but surely we're entitled to ask for it.

A MEMBER: Hear, hear.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce. Mr. Speaker, all price information, consumer price information, wholesale price information, industrial price information is collected and compiled by one source only in this country, and that source is Statistics Canada. That information is available to all citizens of Canada, to all levels of government, to leaders of all political parties. You can read the information as well as I can. As to what my officials advise me or what they don't advise me is my business not your business.

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

MR. ASPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister of Industry and Commerce. Can he tell us whether the department has in the preceding year, two or three prior to the present, ever engaged in widespread television advertisements?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, that is a matter for public record, for everyone to know because information is published on spending, questions may be asked during the Estimates. I'd only say this, Mr. Speaker, that our advertising budget is extremely modest compared to the budgets of the previous government.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, can the Minister indicate why, or for what purpose suddenly, and for the first time, his department is now spending a considerable amount of money advertising its products and . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order please. The question is argumentative. It's out of order. The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. R. (Bud) SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister of Industry and Commerce. Can the Minister advise the House of the current status of the International Airport Customs pre-clearance dispute with Ottawa?

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

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I don't believe I can add anything that isn't already public knowledge.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Are further submissions, current submissions being made to Ottawa by Manitoba on this point or has the exercise in submissions and presentation from Manitoba come to an end?

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I would answer my honourable friend in this way: We're making submissions at the rate of I don't know how many a day, two or three a day about various matters that seem to affect the economic health and development of this province, and I would say air transportation is among the top priority.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Flin Flon.

MR. THOMAS BARROW (Flin Flon): I'd like to direct this question to the First Minister, Mr. Speaker. Does the First Minister have any information regarding the bargaining being carried on between Manitoba Hydro, Hudsons Bay Mining and Smelting to alleviate the power problems in the Flin Flon - Snow Lake area?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, all I can indicate to the Honourable Member for Flin Flon is that negotiations have been carried on, and with considerable intensity in recent weeks, and it is fully expected that some time this month, in the first half of this month, that it will be possible to come to a mutually acceptable arrangement or agreement. I'm not in a position to confirm that that has been reached as yet but all indications are quite positive.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Flin Flon.

MR. BARROW: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. If this bargaining does not come to an end. . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The question is hypothetical framed that way. Would the honourable member rephrase it? The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, I think I should add for the benefit of the Honourable Member for Fort Garry that during his absence his Leader has asked the same question re

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) pre-clearance and I did answer that I forwarded a letter to Mr. Marchand, quite forceful letter, and I haven't had any answer from him since then. I'm ready to table the letter if this would please my honourable friend.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MRS. INEZ TRUEMAN (Fort Rouge): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development. Will uniform standards be required of nursing homes and hostels when they become covered in the insurance scheme?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health.

HON. RENE E. TOUPIN (Minister of Health and Social Development)(Springfield): Mr. Speaker, standards are now required. There will be changes within the standards and regulations and that is a matter of policy.

MRS. TRUEMAN: Will those new standards and regulations be made public before the introduction of the insurance scheme so that there will be some time to comply with them?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, most of the endeavours of the Department of Health are made public, apart from what my honourable member can derive, without me knowing beforehand. Yes, they will definitely be made public. We are discussing now with officials of personal care homes, boards of hostels and so on, negotiating with them and greeting their advice.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. HENRY J. EINARSON (Rock Lake): Mr. Speaker, I direct this question to the Minister of Highways whom I think is responsible for telephones. Could the Minister indicate whether his government intends to increase the regional areas in rural Manitoba for the purpose of eliminating long distance telephone calls?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Highways.

HON. PETER BURTNIAK (Minister of Highways)(Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I would say that the honourable member's question is quite correct. Certainly this government is very interested in alleviating certain expenses on long distance calls throughout the Province of Manitoba. We have had a survey taken sometime ago and we are now in the process of sort of looking over the whole situation in order -- (Interjection)-- the Honourable Member for Lakeside says we'll announce it at election time, and I want to tell the Honourable Member for Lakeside we're not going to announce it at election time because we're not ready for it. And I'll tell you why. There are certain other problems that exist in the telephone system in various areas such as too many, in some areas there are too many people, too many subscribers on the same line, we want to reduce that to about four or five at the most; there are other areas of problems that we have and we want to make sure that all these things are looked after before we go into the extended area service call.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. EINARSON: Mr. Speaker, I direct a second question to the Minister. Having had this information, can he indicate whether this announcement will be made definitely this Session as to the elimination of long distance calls in the regional areas?

MR. BURTNIAK: No. Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY J. ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could have the indulgence of the House just momentarily to make a presentation?

A MEMBER: Non-political.

MR. ENNS: Well, Mr. Chairman, with the aid of a page I have a presentation to make, not to the Honourable the Minister of Labour who is a long awaiting a suckling pig from me, nor to the Minister of Municipal Affairs who is particularly garbed out in a festive carnation today, but to my long-standing friend the Minister of Municipal Affairs, or the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. The presentation comes from a chap that he's well acquainted with, Mr. Gene Charron, an outdoor writer from The Last Frontier Publication.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Highways.

MR. BURTNIAK: Mr. Speaker, before the Honourable Minister of Mines and Resources opens the parcel, I'm just wondering, I'm just wondering . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

MR. BURTNIAK: I really expect it for me, but nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, I must apologize, I was a little late coming into the House this afternoon when we were dealing with

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(MR. BURTNIAK cont'd) Ministerial Statements and Tabling Reports. I'm wondering if I can ask the indulgence of the House to have leave to make a small announcement.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed?

MR. BURTNIAK: Do I have leave? This is dealing with the TV service to the area of Lynn Lake. Residents of Lynn Lake received live television service on a test basis beginning last Sunday with the Stanley Cup Playoff finals. The CBC and the Manitoba Telephone System will continue the test service following the successful test program on Sunday. A temporary coaxial cable linking an MTS microwave Tower to the CBC transmitter in Lynn Lake was installed by the CBC and the MTS engineers on April 27th and 28th to facilitate this advanced service. The service is subject to interruption . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Is the honourable member almost finished?

MR. BURTNIAK: Right, --(Interjections)-- If I may, Mr. Speaker, I'll be just a minute or so.

MR. SPEAKER: Hold it please.

ROYAL ASSENT

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

MR. CLERK: No. 14 - An Act to amend The Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act.

No. 27 - An Act to amend The Flin Flon Charter.

No. 28 - An Act to amend The Brandon Charter (2).

No. 29 - An Act respecting The Town of Steinbach.

MR. SPEAKER: In Her Majesty's name, the Honourable the Administrator of the Government of the Province of Manitoba doth assent to these bills.

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MR. SPEAKER: I believe the Honourable Minister of Highways was on his feet.

MR. BURTNIAK: Well, Mr. Speaker, I would imagine I would have to start from the beginning again. --(Interjection)-- No, I think it's very important that I should start from the beginning. This is in regards to the Lynn Lake Television Service; it's a brief statement.

Residents of Lynn Lake received live television service on a test basis beginning on Sunday last with the Stanley Cup finals. The CBS and the Manitoba Telephone System will continue the test service following the successful test program on Sunday. A temporary coaxial cable linking an MTS microwave Tower to the CBC transmitter at Lynn Lake was installed by the CBC and the MTS engineers on April 27th and 28th to facilitate this advanced service. The service is subject to interruptions while work on the system proceeds but stand-by tapes will be available if needed. Full service is planned during May as soon as the Manitoba Telephone System facilities are fully tested and the CBC transmitter is relocated. In July, when all facilities are in place, the microwave route will also bring CBC television to Leaf Rapids and Nelson House. Plans for this fall include television service to the northern communities of Norway House, South Indian Lake and Cross Lake. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Orders of the Day. The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, I guess in the absence of the First Minister I'll direct my question to the Attorney-General. In view of the statement made by the Premier to the effect that the government proposed to deal with the BC egg seizure through constitutional techniques, would the Attorney-General indicate (a) whether legal action has been commenced; or (b) what constitutional techniques does the government intend to apply to resolve this situation?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

HON. A. H. MACKLING, Q. C. (Attorney-General and Minister of Consumer Corporate and Internal Services)(St. James): Mr. Speaker, I believe I answered questions of like effect yesterday.

MR. ASPER: Perhaps I didn't emphasize the question properly. The emphasis was on constitutional techniques to the Attorney-General. What steps constitutionally does the First Minister or the Attorney-General intend to take to resolve the dispute through constitutional techniques?

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MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, in the event that steps are taken they will be announced in due course.

MR. ASPER: Could the First Minister or the Attorney-General indicate to the House whether they have been in contact with their counterparts in British Columbia, and if so with whom?

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whose department is seized with the question on behalf of interested parties in Manitoba, has this matter in hand and under advisement.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, then to the Minister of Agriculture. What is the reason for the delay on the part of his government in taking court action to stop British Columbia from restraining the sale of Manitoba eggs in B. C.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, the member poses his question and implies in so doing that there is some onus on the government to initiate court action, which is not necessarily the case. Court action can be initiated by the party concerned whose eggs have been seized. Not necessarily by the Crown. However, in the case of a year or two ago the Crown was involved in assisting such a person and we may be prepared to do that again. But at this point in time, as I indicated to the House a couple of days ago, or yesterday, we have the matter in hand. We are in constant communication with the federal authorities and indeed with the Province of British Columbia and until the question of jurisdiction and authority is resolved we are not recommending legal action.

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

MR. ASPER: Then may I assume from the Minister's answer, is it a statement of government policy . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. The honourable may assume whatever he wishes, would he rephrase his question?

MR. ASPER: Is it then the Government of Manitoba's policy to take no action to require the Government of British Columbia to permit the sale of Manitoba production in B. C. egg production.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, the contrary is the case. I've already indicated the actions that are being taken.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Premier. As First Minister of this province I wonder if he can indicate whether in this particular dispute with British Columbia he has been in contact personally with the Premier of British Columbia on this matter?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, not on this matter as yet. However whether or not I do will depend upon further discussions with my colleagues the Minister of Agriculture and the Attorney-General.

MR. SPIVAK: A supplementary question. Would it not be in the interests of the producers of Manitoba for him to be in contact with the First Minister of British Columbia almost immediately on this matter?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, my honourable friend can operate the way he likes and I will conduct myself in the way I consider to be appropriate, and appropriateness in this case I would think is to have clarity of the law and not some friendly phone calls.

MR. SPIVAK: Well, my question to the First Minister. Is he suggesting that there is some confusion about the law, that the law is not certain in this matter? Is that the position of the government, that the law is not clear on the rights in this matter?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well Mr. Speaker, obviously so, because to assume otherwise would be to assume that the Marketing Board of British Columbia is wilfully breaking the law of the land, which I, Sir, would not care to assume. If they are in violation of law one hopes that it is because it is unbeknownst to them or because they have a contrary opinion or interpretation of the law.

MR. SPIVAK: A supplementary. If this is the First Minister's position as expressed in this House, surely then he should be . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question please.

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MR. SPIVAK: Well surely then the government through him should be communicating with the First Minister of British Columbia.

MR. SPEAKER: Question please. The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I've indicated that, but in the meantime there is certain further definition and precision of the law that I require and that can come only after further discussion with colleagues and law officers.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. WARNER H. JORGENSEN (Morris): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. In his investigations into this matter has he uncovered any evidence of dumping of Manitoba eggs into the Province of British Columbia. I mean by dumping, Sir, the selling of eggs into that province less than what they're retailing or selling for in the Province of Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: In discussions with the Minister from British Columbia, he informs me, Mr. Speaker, that Manitoba eggs were being sold at considerably less than what the current price is in British Columbia as set by the Marketing Board in British Columbia.

MR. JORGENSEN: My question was whether or not that constituted dumping. According to the Poultry Producers Market Report the spread between British Columbia and Manitoba is nine cents a dozen, which I would assume that Manitoba was carrying on normal trade in that province. Is there any evidence then that the shipment of those eggs are being subsidized since the price seems to be favourable?

MR. USKIW: No, Mr. Speaker, I'm not aware of any subsidization. I think that the area in question has to do with whether or not there is dumping beyond the quota limitations of the national agreement having been entered into by all provinces. If that is the area of error then of course that becomes a responsibility of the National Marketing Council to correct, and we have appealed to them to determine whether or not they in fact have a role here or whether we must exert efforts through the Attorney-General's department. And soon as that is clear, Mr. Speaker, we will assume our position.

MR. JORGENSEN: Mr. Speaker, my next question to the Minister would be then, in his statement he has revealed that there is indeed restriction of trade between provinces insofar as egg marketing is concerned?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address a question to the First Minister as Minister of Finance. In view of the Co-operative Credit Societies of Manitoba and Saskatchewan considering an application for a bank charter, are any discussions or negotiations carried on with these bodies to assist them or to join in with them?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions, I believe I could summarize it best by saying that representatives of the credit union movement have kept us informed of their efforts and indicated that they would be proceeding to apply for a bank charter under the Federal Bank Act and we wish them well.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I should again like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture and ask him if he would be prepared to table the agreement which limits the quotas of eggs in each of the provinces, signed by the Egg Marketing Council?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I believe that information is public and that it can be gotten either from government offices or from the Egg Marketing Board. Preferably from the Egg Marketing Board. I'm not sure whether we have spare copies available.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: My question is to the Attorney-General, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Attorney-General can indicate whether he or his department have in fact or are in the process of examining the agreement referred to by the Minister of Agriculture, and have in fact made a legal determination as to whether the allegations or the possible allegations of the reasons for the action on the part of the Province of British Columbia are being undertaken. Has his department actually examined the documents and examined the facts of the situation?

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney - General.

MR. MACKLING: I'll take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services. Has the Minister established or named his committee to study the Denticare program for children for this province?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, there is an interdepartmental committee in function now and they will be receiving advice from different associations including the Dental Association of which the government has members on.

MR. PATRICK: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Has this committee met with the Dental Association in respect to this matter?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, I'm not aware of an official meeting between the In-House Committee and the Dental Association itself.

MR. PATRICK: A supplementary. Can the Minister give an indication how long this committee will be studying this matter, will it be months or you know, will it be longer?

MR. TOUPIN: No, Mr. Speaker, there's no way that I could establish at this stage when the committee should be reporting back to government.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. EINARSON: Mr. Speaker, I direct this question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the questions asked of him I want to clarify one thing. Did I understand the Minister to say that the Egg Marketing Board have a copy of the agreement that this province signed with the National Marketing Board?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Yes, I believe that copies are available. As I recall it, I think the agreement was by Order-in-Council although I am speaking from memory here; and if that is the case there would be one on file for my honourable friend to peruse.

MR. EINARSON: Second question, Mr. Speaker, to the same Minister. That being the case, and the Minister mentioned the possibility of over-selling their quota to British Columbia, would the board not be able to advise the Minister whether or not they're in violation of this part of the Act?

MR. USKIW: Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm sure that the Manitoba position can be determined fairly quickly, but in the end that position has to be conveyed to the National Marketing Council who is responsible for the control of national marketing.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address a question to the Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Has the government or has his department given consideration to limiting the amount of assessment that can be assessed against farmland on an acreage basis?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. HOWARD R. PAWLEY (Minister of Municipal Affairs)(Selkirk): No, Mr. Speaker, this would be simply one of the subjects that would be discussed insofar as the committee involving the Union of Manitoba Municipalities and myself is concerned. Beyond that there's been no such discussion.

MR. FROESE: Well I have a subsequent question. Is there any thinking on his part that they would consider this matter favourably?

MR. PAWLEY: No, that would depend upon them to indicate their position, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, thank you. My question is for the First Minister. Is it correct that the third volume of Guidelines for the 1970s was prepared by the staff of Planning and Priorities Committee of Cabinet as is reported in today's newspapers?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, that would not be entirely correct nor would it even be largely correct; it would be somewhat correct.

MR. ASPER: Could the First Minister now indicate then who prepared Volumes 1 and 2 of Guidelines?

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MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the answer is no: it's none of his business, none whatsoever.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Crescentwood.

MR. CY GONICK (Crescentwood): Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party place his supplementary?

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, my question supplementary to the last question is, in view of the fact that Guidelines was paid for with public money, would the First Minister . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question, please.

MR. ASPER: Yes, would the First Minister be kind enough to tell the people of Manitoba who spent that money and who prepared the report?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, my honourable friend shouldn't be silly. Because, Sir, every public document of every government in Canada when it is tabled, any question as to who prepared that document is just not considered as a receivable question, and the same kind of silly maundering attack could be made as my honourable friend is trying to make as to wanting the names of those individuals who prepared the document. It is their collective drafting that is involved, Sir, and one would not even think of asking, who prepared, who drafted the document, for example, tabled with respect to health care and social allowance policy of the Government of Canada; or proposals for discussion tabled by the Government of Canada; or the Annual Report of the CNR, etc., etc. My honourable friend should learn that elementary fact first.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member state his point of order.

MR. ASPER: I'm sorry, on a point of privilege, Sir. The privilege is that I did not attack and the First Minister in his response, his refusal to answer, had no right to anticipate the motive of the question or the purpose for which the question was put, and in his reply he stated that the question was being asked as part of an attack, as a maundering attack was his words. Mr. Speaker, as a matter of privilege that is incorrect and the record should so show.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Before we get any deeper into the question and get too many more points of order, let me indicate that the error was mine. The first framing of the question was wrong because it asked to verify whether something was true in the press or not, and if we would not have that we would not get into these arguments.

Oral questions. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question to the First Minister. Without becoming involved in the names of the people who were responsible for writing the Guidelines, I wonder whether he would permit those people to appear before the Standing Committee on Economic Development to discuss it?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Which people, Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry I did not hear the First Minister's answer because of the . . .

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the members of the Treasury Bench, the members of the Cabinet and myself will answer questions with respect to Guidelines in the public forum. My honourable friend should not play games asking for information which they know full well has never been given under the British Parliamentary system for 103 years and more. Why are they trying to pretend to be silly now.

MR. SPIVAK: On a point of privilege.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable member state his point of privilege.

MR. SPIVAK: The First Minister indicated the Opposition was playing games by asking that those who were responsible for writing Guidelines appear before the Standing Committee. Mr. Speaker, I think precedent would show . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Would the honourable member state his point of privilege.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, I'm stating my point of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I think precedent will show that even so far as the Government of Canada is concerned those that have been responsible for policy documents have in fact appeared before Standing Committees and have in fact given the testimony and information.

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MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable member is debating the point. He stated no matter of privilege. Orders of the Day. The Honourable Member for Crescentwood.

MR. GONICK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Mines and Resources in his capacity as the Minister responsible for the MDC. Has the Minister received a letter of resignation from a board member of the MDC because of the negotiations respecting the sale of the Morris plant of the Flyer Coach to an American corporation?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Mines.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I have received a letter of resignation from one of the board members. In the letter there is reference to the negotiations that my honourable friend is referring to.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rupertsland.

MR. JEAN ALLARD (Rupertsland): I have a question for the Minister of Mines and Resources. I'm wondering whether he could tell this House what there is in that box he has received.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I've thought about the particular document and I run the risk of either being accused of having no sense of humour, which is one risk; or being accused of inspiring tricks, which is another problem. I think that if the honourable member would ask the question tomorrow he may expect an answer.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address a question to the Minister of Public Works. Could he inform the House what assets were transferred to his department when the Manitoba Centennial Corporation was dissolved?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Public Works.

HON. RUSSELL DOERN (Minister of Public Works)(Elmwood): Mr. Chairman, I'll take that question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. EINARSON: Mr. Speaker, I direct this question to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. He looks so contented there right now, I'd like to ask him this question. Can he indicate when the senior citizens home at Cartwright will commence construction?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to announce and the Honourable Member for Rock Lake will be pleased to hear this, that I had discussions this morning and it appears that the official sod-turning ceremonies can take place within the next two or three days.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. Orders for Return. The Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

ORDERS FOR RETURN

MR. EARL McKELLAR (Souris-Killarney): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Arthur that an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing the following information:

1. The names of all agents and companies who have insured buildings or property owned by the Manitoba Government.
 2. The amount of premiums paid by the Manitoba Government to each agent or company.
- MOTION presented.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, there will be a considerable amount of work and some expense involved, nevertheless we will try to get the information in the form that my honourable friend is asking.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Lakeside that an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing the following information:

1. The names of corporation members of Manitoba Public Automobile Insurance Corporations and the salaries of each member.
 2. The names of corporation officers of Manitoba Public Automobile Insurance Corporation and the salaries of each person.
- MOTION presented.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I have no difficulty in accepting this Order. To assist the honourable member in the meantime while the information is being obtained I would point out that the answer to No. 1 insofar as names of corporation members are included in the annual report. Salaries of each member of the board is spelled out by Order -in-Council - \$3,000 each. And so far as No. 2, the names of corporation officers, that's spelled out in the annual report as well. However the salaries of each person I'll have to obtain that for the honourable member.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

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

MOTION presented and passed.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Logan.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 107, The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, last night I was asked some questions. I was a little disturbed by the action of the Honourable Member from Charleswood but I've thought things over since then and I realize that somebody that has to carry the load that he does, who has so much hate, I think he has enough of a load to carry without me chastising him any more. So if my honourable friend wishes to criticize the policy of the Provincial Government on linguistic and cultural matters of course this is certainly his right. But I should say he's criticized me, of course the policies of the different levels of government, he included the city and also of his party as such, and this is his right. But if he wants to do this -- and what disturbed me more was a personal disturbance that I've had, because I guess you can call that, politically speaking, I guess what he did yesterday would only help me and I imagine that maybe it helped him because there is some of the people that have the same kind of mind as my honourable friend. But if he does, and if he wished to make these criticisms that's fine, but I think that he should stick to the facts and make sure that these facts are straight, and this wasn't the case last night, Mr. Chairman.

As far as the grants for the Franco-Manitobaine Cultural Centre the amounts received from the province was not somewhat around two and a half million or so that he mentioned. The total cost to the province was \$650,000 and the contribution of the Federal Government was exactly the same.

I mentioned yesterday that negotiations for the construction of the centre started under the former Conservative Government. I want to make it quite clear, Mr. Chairman, that the decision was indeed made by the present government who accepts full responsibility, but the late Mr. Steinkopf, then Chairman of the Centennial Corporation, had assured me that the Weir government was approving it in principle, or had approved it in principle.

The Centennial Corporation received \$5 million from the Federal Government to go towards the capital construction with the proviso that \$500,000 should be directed for construction of a Franco-Manitobaine Cultural Centre. Mr. Steinkopf accompanied Premier Schreyer and Mr. Cherniack, the then Minister of Finance, to Ottawa to negotiate this agreement. Please note, Mr. Chairman, that from this \$5 million an amount of \$500,000 also went toward the construction of the Brandon Centre and in there the contribution of the province toward that centre was \$810,000, so I wish my friend would mention this. Besides that another \$750,000 was made available by the Citizens' Campaign Committee of Manitoba -- and I'm not talking about what was raised. I think there was another -- well I have it here, I could give him the breakdown of the Brandon Centennial Centre.

First, there was a Federal Government per capita grant of \$160,000 besides this \$500,000 that I'm talking about, so that would make 660. The province had a matching grant of 160 plus \$400,000 an outright gift to the centennial and another \$250,000 as a final payment which come to \$180,000, Mr. Chairman.

And I may at this time also explain the \$5 million that came for the celebration of the Centennial. That's the five million coming from the Federal Government. There was \$3 million that went to the Museum of Man and Nature; there was \$500,000 to MTC; \$500,000 to

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) the Winnipeg Art Gallery; \$500, 000 to the Keystone Centre, besides that 500 to the St. Boniface Centennial Centre. I may add - I don't want to lead anybody astray - I said that it was \$500, 000 from each and then later on this was increased both by the federal and the provincial governments by \$150, 000 each.

Now, Mr. Chairman, this, I think it would be a good time to talk about the linguistic policy of the Provincial Government, and I think it is quite simple. It is pretty well the same as that of the Federal Government and all three major political parties in Canada. This country is considered a bilingual one and it recognizes the two founding languages, English and French, and wherever possible these two official languages are recognized. All Canadians of any racial background are free to opt for either one of the official languages, and this has been recognized by Ottawa with unanimous consent and it has also been recognized by Manitoba when it passed Bill 113, and this also received unanimous consent, even my honourable friend, if he was in the House, my honourable friend from Charleswood.

The Franco-Manitobaine Cultural Centre is not for the people of French origin but rather for all those who wish to use it, with the understanding of course that French culture will be encouraged and promoted. It is also not a St. Boniface centre but rather a Manitoba centre. French theatre and other French cultural groups will take good advantage of this centre. The Anglo-Saxon that Mr. Moug is so worried about is served by the Centennial Concert Hall, the Manitoba Theatre Centre, the Brandon Centre and many many other facilities. So some of the statements that were made yesterday were not correct.

Now we do accept the bilingual fact along with another fact and cannot be divorced because this is taking care of the people of Manitoba, and that is multi-culturalism, not biculturalism but multi-culturalism. We sincerely believe in the retention. . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: That murmur and what not that's going on, just lower it a few decibels please.

MR. DESJARDINS: We sincerely believe in the retention of the cultures of all our citizens and are doing everything possible to encourage the retention of these languages where groups express a desire to do so. With particular emphasis on the cultures of our native people.

Four years ago very little was done in this regard here in Manitoba. It was too difficult a task we were told. But this government, against the advice of many who felt that it would be committing political suicide, asked and sponsored the first of the Cultural Congress in Canada and followed by naming the Multi-cultural Advisory Board and has given all kinds of help to the different cultural groups, recognized them and encouraged them and are now busy formulating a Manitoba policy of multi-culturalism.

There have been grants for construction for festivals, for language groups. We have followed encouraged the work of the Folk Art Council, and it's true that at times we've had some differences with the Chairman of the Folk Art Council but that was only as to procedure and we have no hesitation in recognizing the fine work that he and his executive are doing and we congratulate him, Mr. Chairman, especially for the successful Folklorama Week of last year. I might state that the department made a grant of \$15, 000 to the Festival Week and gave the Folk Art Council another \$10, 000 for administration for the Folk Art Council. It is our intention to continue to support the fine work of not only the Folk Art Council but all organizations involved in multi-culturalism.

Presently we are embarking on a linguistic support program which will provide assistance to groups which conduct language classes in public schools after hours and also on Saturday mornings. The program will make available assistance in an amount yet to be established but reflecting at least one-third of rental cost.

To create an interest in and an awareness of one's language and culture we embarked on a language camping program last summer with the highly successful Ukrainian language camp. Other camps are being planned to include German, Icelandic and Polish in the future. Eventually we hope to establish a permanent international language village. My staff are in constant contact with their federal counterparts who are conducting a nationwide study of other language retention and once the results of this survey are in hand possible federal-provincial cost sharing schemes will be studied.

Support to ethnic groups is made possible not only by direct grants but also through our institution such as the Museum of Man and Nature. The history of the Mennonite peoples of Manitoba is reflected in the first major museum gallery, the grasslands display valued

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) at \$250,000.00. This includes the Hutterites and Ontario British as well as the plains Indians, Salteaux, Sioux and Assiniboines. Our museum also assisted in establishing the Jewish Museum "Journey into our Heritage" in Alloway Hall over and above our direct grant of \$12,000 to the Western Jewish Historical Society. In addition to have a permanent record of this valuable display \$5,000 was granted to produce a film record for use in our schools and other institutions. Other ethnic groups have been assisted by the Museum in providing displays in Alloway Hall and the Planetarium concourse.

Over the last few years we have been strong supporters of efforts to establish a Ukrainian Fine Arts school and Cossack Village in the Dauphin area. A hundred and forty-five acres of land have already been acquired by the Dauphin people on the northern slopes of Riding Mountain and my staff are assisting in the development of plans for this project. I have publicly committed our government to support up to a maximum of \$50,000, Mr. Chairman.

Wheels are in motion through our Lands Acquisition Branch to acquire the Grund Icelandic Church for \$1.00. This church built in 1889 is the oldest standing Icelandic church in North America and possesses some very fine original furnishings and hand-carved artifacts. The church is located four miles north of Baldur. We will undertake recommended restoration and will be responsible for maintenance. We intend to employ a person to act as ground-keeper and guide for this historic site. The church will be open to the public during summer months and other valuable ethnic historic sites are being considered for acquisition.

We are currently studying a proposal to establish an ethnic village in central Winnipeg where some extremely valuable homes of the pioneer era are located. It is my hope that together with the city this proposal would become a reality.

Through our Planetarium and a direct grant of \$5,000 we are able to assist the Polish community in their Copernicus celebration and were the recipient of a very fine solar telescope. Through the very fine efforts of the Ukrainian community the Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre at 184 Alexander is fast becoming a most valuable adjunct to our centennial complex. I am pleased to say that we have assisted with programs and funds for the purchase of the building in the amount of \$11,000 for programs and \$25,000 for the purchase. This is an example of the kind of cultural centres that our citizens have demonstrated a desire to have.

Some of the grants that we have been making over the last year are as follows for the information of my honourable friends: The Mennonite Village, \$50,000; Japanese Gardens, \$50,000; Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre, \$36,000; Jewish Historical Society, \$12,000; Polish Copernicus celebration \$5,000; Winnipeg Native Club, \$4,000; Rusalka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, \$4,000; Dauphin Ukrainian Festival, \$7,500; Ukrainian Fairy Tales, \$4,000; Folk Arts Council of Manitoba, \$25,000; Citizenship Council Language Program, \$6,400; Jewish Chai Folk Ensemble, \$3,000; Indian Brotherhood, \$10,000; Jewish Museum, \$5,000; Mennonite Historical Society, \$3,000; Ivan Franco Ukrainian Museum, \$1,852,000; St. George Historical Society, \$2,000; Gardenton Ukrainian Museum, \$2,000; Seven Oaks House, \$2,000; Fort La Reine Museum, \$2,000; Icelandic Festival, \$2,500; Selkirk Highland Gathering, \$2,500; Altona Sunflower Festival, \$2,500; Highland Games, \$500.00; Ukrainian Language Camp, \$5,750; Highland Dance Association, \$500; Boy Scouts, \$2,500; Girl Guides, \$2,500; Indian Archaeological Survey, \$8,000; Flin Flon Sovack, \$500.00; Polish Sokol Choir, \$700.00; The Pas Friendship Centre, \$500.00; Multi-Cultural Program at the Museum, \$12,400.00. Mr. Chairman, the reason why I give this is that I want to make sure that from now on my friend, who should stand on his own two feet. If he doesn't believe in something he should do it but I resent the fact that we must try to divide the people of this province to conquer. I think this is a cheap trick, Mr. Chairman. I don't agree with that. I think that the climate, the political climate here in Manitoba has improved an awful lot. All the people of Manitoba, all the parties are responsible for that, not necessarily just the one party, and I resent the fact that we're going to be driven one group against the other because of one misguided person or two. If my honourable friend doesn't believe in what his party is saying, doesn't know the history and the reality of Canada fine, but I would hope and insist that from now on he will restrict himself to facts and he will talk about facts.

As far as my honourable friend from Lakehead who spoke yesterday - Lakeside I should say - I was very interested. Knowing my honourable friend as I do I don't understand the

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) language that he was talking. There is no doubt that somewhere along the line he must have poked fun at me, he must have told the House what kind of a dirty bugger I was or something. But, Mr. Chairman, this is all part of the game and I was very happy to listen to him and to give him the time to do what he did because I think that it reflects the change in political climate that we have here. I don't agree with the Member from Pembina that my friend should have been chastised. I think it shows the progress that we've done certainly since the 15 years that I've been in this House for certainly nobody would go along with that.

I can tell my honourable friends that we are very interested with the Mennonites, as I mentioned there was a \$50,000 grant, there was more. On July 9th at 8:00 o'clock there'll be part of Festival Manitoba also sponsored by this government and the CBC Mennonite Salute, a free concert at the Centennial Concert Hall and all are welcome, I'm sure. I can tell my honourable friend that we would be only too glad to discuss with those people to see in which way we could assist in the Centennial celebration of these people, or any other people, because I think that I might be accused of many things but to say that I or this government have not done anything in this field, or not try to work with these different multi-cultural groups, I think that this is stretching things quite a bit.

So, Mr. Chairman, I do not intend to prolong what was started yesterday. As I say, I feel sorry for the honourable member. It reminds me of these people running around with "hate" tattooed on their fingers, on their knuckles, and I don't think we should spend too much time on this kind of thing. There's too much to do here in Manitoba and the people of Manitoba deserve a little better than that. I think that we should keep on with this change that we've done, not go backwards, and try to unite the people of Manitoba. It's a nice place to live, they're good friendly people, let's not divide the people of our area.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I just want to make a few brief remarks on the Estimates of this particular department and I want to say that I think the Minister is making an honest effort to get tourism moving in this province and he should be commended for that. It's big business, the tourist business; it's big competition, the tourist competition; and it's tough competition. And no one suggests that the development of a profitable highly skilled, highly sophisticated tourist industry and tourist business for Manitoba is going to come easily, but it has to come in order that the province be competitive with other states and provinces in North America and the kind of job, the kind of effort that the department under this Minister has brought to development of that industry up to this point should be acknowledged. It should also be stressed at the same time, however, that we have to move very diligently and very intensely in the field of tourism in order to stay abreast of those other states and provinces who do take very imaginative steps in the field, so there is never a moment, never a day when a province like ours can rest on its laurels in the tourist field.

Mr. Chairman, as I've said, the Minister is making an honest effort I think to get tourism moving in this province, but I think he's handicapped, Sir, by some of the facilities that he has to cope with and that our tourist operators have to cope with insofar as avenues of transportation are concerned.

The Minister said when he spoke the other day in the initial presentation that he made on his Estimates that a large sort of focal area of our concentration for tourist traffic is the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, the upper midwest; he made reference to the fact that he is going down to that area shortly I believe to participate in certain ceremonies and activities related to tourist traffic and stimulation of tourist trade between that part of the world and Winnipeg and the rest of Manitoba. He said that Minneapolis and St. Paul are crucial in our tourist calculations because they're only one hour away by jet. And I couldn't help but take note of that particular reference, Mr. Chairman, "only one hour away by jet." It struck me as being highly ironic, although it's figuratively speaking correct. But the Minister knows, as all of us in this Chamber and all of us in this province, that that one hour translates itself into days and sometimes into infinity when we are caught in the kind of difficulty that comes up when you're served by only one airline in an area like this, vis-a-vis traffic, business and tourist interests in other parts of the continent.

Last summer there were extremely serious limitations and inhibitions placed on the Manitoba tourist industry and on Manitoba tourist operators by the Northwest Airlines strike,

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(MR. SHERMAN cont'd) and if ever the lesson was borne home to Manitobans that dependency upon one carrier, one air carrier between our part of the continent and the U. S. upper midwest is a dangerous condition to be in, that lesson was borne home plainly last summer. I don't know how many thousands and tens of thousands of tourist dollars were lost, how many tens of thousands of business dollars were lost in this area as a consequence of the fact that you couldn't get back and forth between Minneapolis and Winnipeg by air conveniently, but I have no hesitation in predicting, Mr. Chairman, that it was a substantial sum of money; substantial tens of thousands of dollars were lost to business, to tourist operators, to government and to society generally in this province last summer because of that strike.

Now I know that the Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs has no opportunity to exercise very much influence on those officials who make the decisions with respect to our airline routes and our airline agreements with other countries, but I would like to make the point on the record at this stage that all the brave, ambitious programs that he is trying to develop for tourism in Manitoba are seriously handicapped by this kind of shortage of facility that affects us at the present time. And it's not only in the air that we're handicapped. I think that the main highway artery to the United States, Highway 75, is an incipient disaster; I think that it has a very serious inhibiting influence on tourist traffic from the United States. It's all right from the corner of Osborne and Corydon to the southern extremity of my constituency of Fort Garry Mr. Chairman, but once you get outside the south end of my constituency, south of St. Norbert and you start moving south through the province on that highway you're in an extremely difficult and dangerous traffic situation. It's a two-lane highway as you know, Sir, it's a 60 mile speed limit and it's highly travelled, it's intensively travelled, and in many instances, on many stretches of that highway it's a death trap. The effect that it has on limiting the kind of influx of tourists into southern Manitoba and into Winnipeg and into Manitoba generally is extremely serious also, Mr. Chairman. It can't be measured precisely but it stands to reason that that kind of thing is discouraging to travellers; and what is necessary is a highway program that enables travellers, business people, tourists and potential tourists who want to come in here to have the kind of facility of access that enables them to come in with some degree of dispatch and comfort and certainly a large degree of safety.

Now once again I know that I'm verging on a department and on an area that is not the Minister's responsibility but I want to make the point that tourism cannot be divorced from transportation and travel by air, land and water; and transportation and travel by air land and water cannot be divorced from tourism, and there's no point in talking about an expanding tourist posture for Manitoba unless we're prepared at the same time to give the department the tools to do the job that it wants to do in luring people to this province. And certainly fundamental in that catalogue of tools, Mr. Chairman, is access by air that is unlimited and unrestricted by the danger of the kind of situation that occurred last summer, and access by road that provides comfort and safety to the highest possible degree. So I wish to point out for the benefit of those Cabinet colleagues of the Minister who are within earshot and in the hope that he will take to his colleagues who are not currently within earshot the message that I'm attempting to put on the record; the fact that he can only and his department can only do so much and its efforts must be buttressed and supported by a collective approach on the part of the government and a collective attitude on the part of the government to the importance of tourism to this province. They cannot expect in the Cabinet room that the Minister of Tourism can do it all. The Minister of Highways, the Minister of Industry and Commerce and the First Minister are equally responsible for the proper promotion and development of tourist traffic here. The whole government, everybody on the Treasury Benches shares in participating in the kind of decision that makes the developments coming out of the Department of Highways and the Department of Industry and Commerce possible to support and back up the efforts that tourism would like to achieve. That's the biggest boost that could be given to the tourist industry in Manitoba in my view, Mr. Chairman. An alternative air service which really falls into the preserve of the First Minister and the Minister of Industry and Commerce and an improved four-lane highway between Winnipeg and the upper United States midwest, and that falls into the Department of the Minister of Highways and certainly the aegis of the First Minister.

And on the subject of highways, there are improvements that can be made in others insofar as assistance to the tourist industry is concerned, Sir. No. 1 west immediately west of Winnipeg certainly is a discouragement in my opinion to incoming travellers.

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So this is the kind of message that I think the government must as a whole take into consideration and be prepared to act upon when we're considering expenditures for tourism, recreation and cultural affairs, Sir. The message is that they're equally responsible for getting things moving, for developing the tourist industry here and they've got to provide those routes of access and acceptability.

On the other areas of the Minister's responsibility and Minister's interest on which he touched in some of his remarks earlier, Mr. Chairman, I would like to just comment briefly that we certainly support the concept of the organized package tour that he and his department have developed as the kind of central piece around which Manitoba's tourism program is expanded. I think we've spoke earlier in the life of this Legislature on this side of the House about the advantage trying to put the package tour concept into practice and we are delighted to see that this kind of program is being introduced and developed.

There is some criticism justifiable in my view of what appears to be an imbalance in appropriation of funds for cultural organizations as opposed to sports bodies, and I appreciate the point the Minister made the other day about the grants that have been made available and still remain available in the recreation field which sports organizations are free to take advantage of if they wish to do so. Nonetheless the active kind of profile that the department seems to have taken where direct support and financial encouragement is concerned seems to be that of supporting cultural organizations almost to the exclusion many times of sports bodies.

I've risen in this Chamber myself to plead for special consideration for cultural organizations and I don't wish my remarks to be construed as an appeal for any kind of a reduction or cutback in that field, Sir. As a matter of fact probably there is an excellent case that could be made for even greater participation by government at the level of financial support for cultural organizations. It's some of the great cultural organizations here in Winnipeg and in Manitoba generally which give us the quality of life and the attractiveness to tourists that make all these programs worthwhile, and that make tourism, recreation and cultural affairs an important part of Manitoba's life and of every individual Manitoban's life.

The cultural organizations that exist of a major nature in Manitoba within Winnipeg and also in other points in the province as a group, as a body have brought great honour and great glory to Manitoba. They have their difficulties in attempting to meet budgets and bring in the kind of art and artistry that is valuable to us and they need the help that has so far been supplied by government, and then some. I reiterate my urgings to the Minister of last session to do whatever he can and use the influence of his office wherever possible to insure that the continued existence of organizations like the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and the Manitoba Theatre Centre, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and the Festival de Voyageur, the Dauphin Ukrainian Festival and other cultural institutions of that type are not jeopardized by lack of funds.

At the same time, the fact has to be faced, Sir, that physical fitness - fitness in that sense is just as important if not more important than exposure to the arts. The sports people are concerned that there is an imbalance in the spending appropriations; it seems to reflect a greater interest on the one hand on the part of the government than on the other and I don't think that it's the Minister's intention to operate that way. I think on the basis of his own background that the Minister must be acknowledged to be a person who's interested in the development of sport and physical fitness. But he's not earning that reputation for himself at the moment among sports people because of what appears, at least on the surface, to be a wide discrepancy in funding as between the cultural organizations and the sports bodies. The need for a general physical fitness program that can be adapted to the entire population is something of which the Minister himself needs no persuasion and no convincing. I would think it's something of which none of us needs much convincing. There is a desperate requirement in our society today for the kind of program that insures physical fitness and, through that, mental and emotional fitness, and it results from the fact that our living conditions, business, professional and otherwise, have put us in the position of sedentary work and work that gives rise to considerable anxieties and leaves us short of time for the kind of healthful activity that is so important.

Therefore any program that the government can develop that can be applied to the population generally to help increase and expand physical fitness generally, deserves the most conscientious attention of the Minister and I would urge him to work with his departmental officials perhaps at the level of the schools and other educational institutions to begin with, to try to

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(MR. SHERMAN cont'd). . . . develop that kind of a program for Manitobans. While doing so, he must acknowledge that many sports bodies, amateur sports bodies already in existence, provide that kind of healthful activity. They also provide an opportunity for involvement at the adult level, at the level of parents, fathers and mothers, who concern themselves with coaching and administration in various fields of sport in which young people take part, and so he's talking about a substantial percentage of the population when he is looking at amateur sport. And the complaint of these people, or a great many of them at the moment, Mr. Chairman, is that they aren't receiving the kind of active input from the government and from this department that they would like to see. So I would urge the Minister to move in that direction as effectively as he has moved in the field of culture and as effectively as he has moved, in my view, in the field of the development of tourism. If he succeeds in buoying up the sports requirements and the physical fitness requirements, he will have a pretty good parlay going for him, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. A. R. (Pete) ADAM (Ste. Rose) Merci à M. le président. Ce n'est pas mon intention de parler en français parce que les membres de Pembina ils seraient sensible si on parle dans une langue qu'ils ne comprennent pas.

Translation: Thank you, Mr. President. It is not my intention to speak French because the Members of Pembina would be hurt if I spoke a language they do not understand.

Mr. Chairman, I listened to the Member from Rhineland and the Member for Lakeside speak, I believe, in what is the Germanic tongue and I thought they both sounded a little different. I don't know . . .

A MEMBER: High and low.

MR. ADAM: I thought I almost understood the Member from Rhineland. So one was high and one, I believe is low. Now I don't know which one was the lower, or the higher, but if I had to make a guess I thought that the dialect that the Member for Lakeside was using was the lower one. I'm not sure, though.

I just want to make a few short remarks, Mr. Chairman, before we get off the Minister's salary. First I would like to congratulate the Minister on his handling of his department. I think he's doing a very very good job of his department. However, there's a few things that concern me and I find that whenever we talk about tourism or debate tourism in the House, we seem to always look at tourism for one reason only, and that is we look at tourism in the context of economics and how many bucks we can make out of tourism. I can go along with that up to a point, up to a certain point, however, there are areas which I believe that we should be very cautious in trying to overdevelop, and I am referring of course to our wildlife population. One of my colleagues mentioned that he didn't think it was a sin to make a buck insofar as tourism was concerned. Well I say there is a time when it is a sin to make a buck on tourism.

I believe the world over, wildlife is being pushed, some species that is, to the brink of extinction and just for the sake of dollars. And I think this is not right. For instance, I read an article yesterday regarding the tiger in India and the government there is providing a fund of \$7 million in a program to save the tiger from total extinction. And I believe that we have to be careful in this area. I think, you know, we always speak of a highly profitable tourist industry and we always say "profitable," profitable. Well that's fine. I go along with that. However, we have to be very very careful not to destroy our natural heritage and the wonderful wildlife that we are endowed with.

I would like to ask the Minister just what co-ordination there is between, for instance, his department and the Department of Mines and Natural Resources. Probably ---well, my colleague says none, and I will wait for the Minister's reply.

I find it kind of ludicrous to encourage people to come in and, say, hunt our waterfowl or fish. We have nice circulars going all over the place showing nice big-size fish that we have in our lakes and this is fine, but on the other hand we find the Department of Mines and Natural Resources plagued with the problem of rehabilitating the population. Some of our lakes are completely almost ruined; there's no fish at all; yet we still advertise, we still encourage people to come in and fish. Now I think that there has to be more attention paid in this particular area. Of course our lakes are just being reorganized and people are just starting to discover the beautiful lakes that we have in Manitoba and they're certainly using them -- and I don't object to that. I can recall a few years back when there were very very few people fishing or anything of that nature, and of course there was a lot of fish in those days, but that is no

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(MR. ADAM cont'd) longer true. Right now you have, you know, sometimes it's difficult to get your line in, there are so many boats in the river or something.

I object to such things as trophy hunting. I think this is wrong, people going out just to look for the best species that you have to bag just for the sake of the horns. I think this is wrong. We leave the poorer species to reproduce. I think this is wrong to do this. I object to systematic hunting days as we have in the Interlake country where you get in 250 people and they hunt systematically with guides and so on. I know there's a lot of flak coming from the Interlake country from the people there who object to outsiders coming in in such large numbers in one particular area and going out through all over the place and shooting prairie chicken. We're doing this for a few bucks, that's what we're doing it for.

I believe that we should promote, put more emphasis on fishing where there are sufficient fish and where the species is not in danger of being depleted. I think we should have more research on where we want people to go and fish. I think we should place more emphasis on swimming, on beaches, on camping, on riding clubs, trail riding. These areas certainly don't hurt our wildlife at all and we can make just as many bucks, just as many dollars and be just as profitable.

I think we should place more emphasis on our historic sites. I'm sure that whenever I go anywhere these are the things I like to see, historic sites, or historic events that have taken place in any particular area. For instance up at Kinosota there, there used to be a Hudson Bay Post and local people are trying to renovate or recreate the old trading post there with the help of a few PEP dollars. They're doing this on their own initiative - they're having some difficulty. Perhaps the Minister might be able to assist them in recreating this old Hudson Bay Trading Post on the shores of Lake Manitoba, and this could be a tourist attraction in that area.

These are some of the concerns that I have. I feel that I'm opposed to short term gain in exchange for long term loss.

Another area that I would like to comment on is that one of the honourable members yesterday, I believe the Member from La Verendrye, I'm not sure. No, pardon me, it was the Member from Rock Lake, I believe, mentioned about another national park. Well I feel that the national park authority has not done a good job with the National Riding Mountain. I don't know, the Member from Minnedosa is signalling, are you? I am opposed to -- I'm not satisfied at all in the manner in which they are managing the Riding Mountain National Park. I've had the opportunity to travel through that park a year ago and I can tell you that as far as I'm concerned the park is dying. Trees are dying. It's all right if you travel just along the highway it looks good, but you get off the road a little bit and go in --(Interjection)-- you go all over in there and you'll find out for yourself. There's many many areas where the trees are just rotting and falling over because there's no management. Under natural conditions the fire would clean up and new growth would start, or under managed conditions you could cut down the over-aged trees and there would be new growth coming from the root, but this is not the case as far as Riding Mountain is concerned. They let the trees die, they fall and no root springs up, no new growth, from the root. So I'm certainly opposed on this type of management, I'm not opposed to a national park, I'm opposed to the way the park is managed. And I would think that we'd take a long look before we give up our authority on how we preserve our forestry and our wildlife, and I certainly, you know -- for instance, here we may be inviting hunters to come out and shoot ducks this fall and at the present time there's a lot of pressure in the United States, and in this country as well, to try and close down the hunting season because of the fact that the duck population is down. And I think that we need much much more co-ordination between the departments in this respect. I would like to hear the -- I'm sure the Member for Thompson, not the Member for Thompson but the Member for Flin Flon, when he said the other day he didn't want anybody coming north of 54, I think it was he said, and I can understand the reason why, because he's concerned about the destruction of the wildlife there the same as they are pretty well destroyed in the southern part. I'm sure it's not because he doesn't want people to come up there and spend some dollars in that area. He's concerned about the environment and the loss of our natural heritage. Thank you very much, and I'd like to hear some comments from the Minister on what I had to say.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland) : Mr. Chairman, last night I had a chance to say a few words but I certainly didn't complete my remarks that I wanted to address to the Minister of Tourism. Let me also congratulate him and his department on the work that they're accomplishing and I certainly have some advice to give him as what could be done to improve the conditions in Manitoba pertaining to his department. The Member for Fort Garry mentioned briefly the highway system leading to the United States, and certainly there is a lot left to be desired on Highway 75 at the present time. We have too many deaths as it is because of the heavy concentration of traffic on this road and the breakup that is occurring. It's a concrete road; it was a very good road at one time, and it's breaking up quite badly in places and I feel something will have to be done. They have put on a new surface, I think, for the first fifteen miles or so from the U.S. border north, and maybe this could be extended further if it works out well. Certainly this is an area that concerns the Minister of Highways but I am sure that consultation between the two departments in this connection would be very valuable.

Then too, in addition to Highway 75 there is Highway 243 or Provincial Road No. 243, which I have mentioned to the Minister of Highways on several occasions, that needs improvement and hard surfacing. We find when we go across the line, they have hard-surfaced roads to a much larger extent than we have, and they have Highway 55 which is running parallel to the U.S. border, which certainly accommodates many people because of the immigration offices or the customs offices closing. We have the one at Winkler which is open until 10:00; the one at Gretna is open till 12:00, and then you go further east to Emerson and that is open, I think, 24 hours of the day. So that when you come through too late for the one at Winkler which - the former Haskett one - you then go on to Gretna and if that one is also closed then you have to go as far as Emerson. On the south side you have this hard-surfaced road running parallel to the border, not too far in, so that this can be done quite readily. But when you come on the Manitoba side of the border you just have this gravel road, No. 243, and certainly the condition of it is one that leaves much to be desired and I think that the two departments should get together and work something out so that this particular road will be hard-surfaced to accommodate the many people that do cross the line and come into Manitoba. This would certainly add to the tourists that come from North Dakota and I hear from the articles appearing in the paper, in Toronto Globe and Mail, which made reference to the tourist department activities here in Manitoba, and while we are trying to not go all over to the United States but we are concentrating now on North Dakota and Minnesota essentially for more tourist people to come to Manitoba because we have a big concentration of people in the Minneapolis area and they are close. They can come in a day or two, spend a couple of days here, without having too much time at their disposal. And I think this is logical, this is proper, this is the right thing to do. But at the same time I feel that we should then also look to it that we have proper access and proper highways. The Minister should know, and I think he does know, that the North Dakota, State of North Dakota, has a new four-lane -- is constructing a new four-lane highway into Manitoba or to the Manitoba border, and I do hope that when they reach Manitoba that we will be ready and also start reconstructing Highway 75 so that we have a four-lane highway coming to Winnipeg. It used to be that the stretch from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie was the death road. Now that we have a four-lane divided highway there we don't hear of these accidents any more, and certainly this -- there must be a large curtailment on accidents because of this. And I think the same thing applies to Highway 75, that something needs to be done, and that we should have co-ordination between his department and the Highway Department that this come about.

I would like to briefly also mention air fares. We find advertised in the papers special conducted tours and at very reasonable cost. When people go to Europe these are advertised in the paper and they're at very reasonable cost, and I'm just wondering whether the same holds true when people from Europe come to Manitoba or to Canada, whether this applies equally, whether we are advertising or whether our companies are advertising the same way in Europe that they can come to Manitoba and to Canada in the same way. Because this way it just takes people out of Manitoba to spend their money in Europe. I think we should see to it that the same holds true in reverse, that when people come from Europe to Manitoba that they will also have cheaper fares and that Winnipeg is in . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please.

MR. FROESE: . . . that Winnipeg is included as one of the areas that they can get to

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(MR. FROESE cont'd). . . . on these more economical fares.

I notice from the Estimates that the tourist promotion is receiving a ten percent increase and we will be spending over a million dollars in this type of work. I certainly don't begrudge this when we are getting a proper return on the money spent and, as the Minister indicated, we will be or have been receiving roughly 32 million in the past year. This is certainly worthy and a worthy amount, and whether all people benefit in Manitoba as a result, certainly we won't benefit equally. Most likely the hotel business and probably liquor business and other businesses will benefit more than the people generally. But indirectly, through the revenues that flow to the general, to the consolidated fund, naturally all the people of this province will benefit as a result.

I would like to bring one other item to his attention and that is we have schools visiting this Chamber from time to time. Almost every day we have people coming in visiting the House while it is in session, and I think we're missing the boat by not providing proper souvenirs for the young people that visit our House. On many occasions, or on several occasions, I should at least say, I have tried to get pins, proper pins, and I've wanted to pay for them at my own expense, and yet for some reason or other they are not made available, and I feel that all the children visiting this House should be presented with some kind of a pin so that when they go back they'll have something to show for it. I think this would certainly give it a boost, and certainly we want to instill and invoke a pride in the young people of our country, to have pride in our own capital here in Winnipeg and in our own Legislative Buildings. I feel also that members therefore should also exhibit a certain amount of dignity in this Chamber so that when they come down here to visit us that they will not be disappointed.

Then, too, I think all members should be cognizant of the fact that members be worthy of the vocation wherein they are called to serve. We are here to serve the people of this province and this is the supreme body that makes the laws of this country, in this province especially, and therefore I think we should at all times behave in such a way that we can be looked up on as an example to the young people that come here and to people who visit the House generally.

I mentioned some items last night in connection with the festivals and so on. Personally, when it comes to multi-culturalism and the various cultures here in this province, I certainly enjoy festivals of other cultures when they present, be it certain types of programs or plays and so on, and Folkoramas, one mentioned by the Member for Winnipeg Centre. We as people in Southern Manitoba also have our type of low German plays and I certainly invite you people to come to the Sunflower Festival this summer again, where they generally do present plays of this type and which depict our particular people and their culture. And I certainly enjoy this from other groups as well and I think this should be encouraged. And as the Minister has pointed out just a little while ago, that this is what the government is doing. They're providing funds for the various groups so that they can retain these types of programs, and certainly I would like to see this program carried on.

The Minister tabled the Manitoba Centennial Corporation Annual Report of March 31, 1972 some time ago, and I notice that the Corporation is now dissolved; however, there are considerable assets and I question the Minister of Public Works as to what part of the assets have been transferred to his department. I would like to know from the Minister just what is the case in connection with the various facilities that have been set up and are they now being put under the City of Winnipeg or will they still be under the jurisdiction of the province or what? Where is the division and what type of division are we making?

Some of the other matters that I wanted to raise in connection with our report have already been touched on by other members so I needn't go into detail on this. I just noticed that in total we have spent a large amount of money for the Centennial purposes over the years '67 or especially in 1970; there's a total figure mentioned here of 34 million. Certainly this has provided facilities for many communities throughout the province which will remain now for their enjoyment and for their use many years after the Centennial celebrations are over. Many of these things will not be reoccurring and therefore the expenditure will not be necessary in future.

There's an item under Provincial Cultural Relations in the Estimates. I certainly would like to know from the Minister some time during his Estimates just what this money is going for, what it is spent on. Dominion-Provincial cultural relations, just what is being done

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(MR. FROESE cont'd). . . . in conjunction with other provinces? Will we join with them or just what programs are carried on under this particular allocation? It's not a very large amount but certainly I would be interested to know what is happening.

There's also the FRED program mentioned and I wondered to what extent this involved the Department of Tourism. Are we making any recommendations to Ottawa on their national parks? I certainly try and go to the Riding Mountain National Parks at least once a year if not more. The family goes with me - certainly they enjoy it too, and one thing I always miss is that they've taking out the roller skating rink and this is one thing that the young people enjoyed in the evening to have some roller skating. Sure I did at one time. --(Interjection)-- No, I've never been down to the Trout Festival. I've often wanted to go there but for some reason or other the time never permitted me to go. I hope that this year nothing will interfere so that I can attend it.

So, Mr. Chairman, these are briefly some of the remarks I wanted to make on the Ministers under the Minister's salary, and I hope that the department will be able to carry on a worthwhile program and that things will flourish in the future.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Gladstone.

MR. JAMES R. FERGUSON (Gladstone): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't want to drag out the Minister's salary too much longer. We've been at it in great length. There are a few points I would like to mention. First and foremost would be that one of the ethnic groups of the province has been overlooked. Unfortunately our people have been here too long. I don't speak Gaelic and consequently I won't try. I would like the members here and the Province of Manitoba to take recognition of the fact that the official Agriculture Museum of Manitoba is located in my constituency; its at Austin, Manitoba. It started out with a very meagre effort and was supported strictly by more or less the local people up until the last several years when the odd government grant started to come through and recognition that it was the official museum of the province. It's now developed into a rodeo and also the amount of machinery, the building that has gone on there, has become quite a major contribution to the centre of the constituency. There's now a full-time staff of, I don't know, it's a kind of fluctuating deal but there's a full-time manager, possibly a staff of part-time eight or ten, and there's quite a payroll. And I would like to point out to the members that July 25th is the celebration and you all are more than welcome to attend, and I can assure you that you'll have a very interesting time.

Another point that has been brought up, a couple of points in my constituency, is the fact of private museums whereby people have buildings or servicing the land, the heat, etc. They are wondering if there is any sort of a grant that would go to supporting these. I don't think they're looking for a great deal of money, I think it's just a matter of more or less a hobby whereby they're renovating antiques and this sort of thing and wondering if there is any sort of a grant that is available.

Another point that I would like to bring up is the Historical Society in the Town of Gladstone have made a request that the old original boundaries of Manitoba, the postage stamp province, be recognized. I think I brought this up a couple of years ago and nothing has been done about it and I think it is a fact that this is something that possibly should be recognized. The boundary is roughly about four or five miles west of Gladstone, Mr. Minister, the original boundary of the Province.

Another thing I would like to ask is how the Minister arrives at the fact - I think he made the statement last night that the spending of the Americans in Manitoba was \$211 million - how this is arrived at, where the information comes from, whether it's through the banking system or check points at the border or how it's arrived at.

Something else I would like to ask him is if and when there will be more sweepstake money available to local projects. I think this is one thing that has been very worthwhile. It has kept a considerable amount of money in the province that otherwise would have gone out to the Province of Quebec possibly, or to the Irish or wherever the case may be. And at the time that the project was first sponsored I was one of the ones that were a little dubious about it, but I think that the Minister has been quite fair in his distribution of the wealth, and as long as it stays on a non-political basis I think it's a good idea. If the time comes when it's going to be used as an election fund, I think that the people in the areas will get their backs up and of course not support it.

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(MR. FERGUSON cont'd)

Now I haven't a great deal more to add to this. I know there are others that want to speak and want to carry on and get through with these Estimates. There's one thing I would also like to compliment the Minister on, and that is the support that he has given to me in my constituency in the promotion of the Festival of Arts at Neepawa. It is one of, more of the educational programs in the province; it's drawing from the whole province and it just has gotten a little too large for the local people to handle. All the work is on a volunteer basis up to this point, or most of it, and we have required funds and the Minister has done his bit to help us out considerably. And I think, Mr. Chairman, that's all the points I want to bring up, so thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. DAVID R. BLAKE (Minnedosa): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too will not be long. There's just one or two comments that I would like to make to the Minister and his Estimates. I don't want to compliment him at any length least he might think that we're all in love with him over on this side of the House, but we are thankful in my constituency for the manner in which he's carried out the responsibilities of his office and we've received some funds in our area and I know the people are grateful for the help in getting their rink established.

One point I want to make, Mr. Chairman, to the Minister and that is the post office facility at Clear Lake. I've mentioned this before and I realize the park is a federal park and it's not within his jurisdiction, but he has had representation from a number of people, the Campers Association and the Wasagaming Chamber of Commerce and others, urging him to speak to the authorities at Ottawa and make every effort that his office may muster to have this facility provided to the tourists in the summer months. It may seem like a small thing, Mr. Speaker, but it would appear the Federal Government is bound and determined to have this office closed permanently and they've gone as far as making the requirements absolutely ridiculous. They've offered \$125.00 a month rent for premises and that is limited to three months of the year, so who in their right mind would buy a building in Wasagaming and rent it for \$375.00 a year to try and make a dollar on it. I think the salary limits have been reduced from \$4,600 to about \$1,750 for the three-month period so the requirements are absolutely ridiculous. There'll be no takers and if there are no takers they're going to say the post office facility will close. Now it's a documented fact that there's some 600,000 pieces of mail go through the post office there in that short tourist season and there are many many times there are line-ups back to the door at the little post office. So there is a need for the service and the Minister is aware of the concern the people have and I can only urge him at this time to use whatever influence his department or his good office might have on the Federal authorities to provide this service again on a continuing basis for the tourists of the area.

Another point I would like to make is the roadside park, Minnedosa. One of the Ministers told the people during the by-election that they would be receiving almost immediately, and I hope it wasn't promised on the assumption that if they elected a member of the right party that the park might be built, but there have been studies done and all I can find out is the Highways Minister tells me that I should see the Minister of Tourism and Recreation, and I see the Minister of Tourism and Recreation and he tells me that I should see the Highways Minister. There have been studies done and all that I can find out is that it's impossible to make a cut-off on a hill or a curve. Now the by-pass that goes through Minnedosa is all a hill and a curve, but on checking further I find that the provisions were made at the time the by-pass was built and the approach or the cut-off, whatever is the correct term, is already there; it appears as almost a lockout now, and it only remains to go one step further and just build a park on the north hill which overlooks the town and would be an ideal spot for a roadside park. So I do hope the Minister will check with the people responsible and urge them to have this park completed as soon as possible. I know the local horticultural society is most anxious to have the park proceeded with because they have great plans for providing some floral decoration and for maintaining the area.

Also, while I'm speaking of that particular area I might add that Highway 250 that leads into the Sandy Lake area is another area that's an excellent recreation area, and attracts many many tourists every year. There is some work being done on the road and possibly we can say some more on that when we get into the highways estimates, but that is an area that has been overlooked I think to a large degree as a tourist area, but Sandy Lake is becoming

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(MR. BLAKE cont'd). . . more popular all the time and the citizens are becoming aware of a facility that they have at their beck and call that hasn't been utilized and I'm sure that they'll be taking some aggressive steps to providing a little better facilities and encouraging the tourist trade in there that will provide dollars in their tills.

Clear Lake, of course, Wasagaming, is a federal park and I realize there's not too much the Minister can do about that other than to urge the federal authorities to maintain the park for the benefit of all citizens such as has been done in the past, and avoid any further closing of the recreational accommodation there such as the roller rink. There was talk of closing the theatre and the dance hall and this is certainly not going to leave the people using that park much to do in the evenings other than to probably get into trouble that they wouldn't get into normally.

I will also mention the park at Rivers at Lake Wanipaw. It borders on my constituency and almost reaches into the constituency of my colleague from Virden. The facility there is a good one; it can be improved. I know the last visit I made over there the change house and some of the public buildings that are there are badly in need of a coat of paint and it's a very small matter that would provide just a little better facility at that point.

I would also urge the Minister to give consideration to the second National Park for Manitoba and I know my friend the Member for Flin Flon is anxious to have it located in or close to his constituency, and that is a vast area up there and it certainly wouldn't be out of line although I wouldn't want to go on record and annihilate all the people in the eastern part of the province who are vying for the park to be located in that area.

Hunting - the Member for Ste. Rose mentioned hunting. I don't know whether that is really the interest of the Department of Tourism and Recreation but I can agree with him on some of the points that he had, but I must reiterate that the hunters bring a large number of dollars into the province, and, while we're not only interested in dollars, I think the hunting seasons that we have have been reasonably well managed and do provide for a great influx of tourists. I too disagree with the trophy hunting as such. I think that that's a season that could be done away with because really all you're doing is bringing money in for the slaughter of an animal for its head or its horns and I don't think really that's what hunting is all about.

Mr. Chairman, I know there are others that want to speak and the hour is fast reaching the 5:30 mark so I think I will leave the Minister's salary part of the Estimates. If other questions come to mind I will advance them at that time under various other items in the Estimates. Thank you.

MR. ADAM: I was just wondering if the honourable member was satisfied with the way the National Parks Board is managing the park, and I'm not talking about the beach area, I'm talking about the park itself - the wood and the forest management.

MR. BLAKE: No, Mr. Chairman, I certainly am not. I think there's a vast wilderness area there that is not being used. I can't really see why they are so concerned about the little developed area; it only takes in a mile or so of the park and there's something like - or a few acres of the park - and there's something like 30,000 acres there that have literally been untouched. I would strongly urge the proper authorities to extend the road from Rossburn through to Grandview. It's only a matter of 9 or 10 miles and would open up a vast new area that could be a wilderness area. I don't know whether you can really manage such a vast area as far as deadfall and things like that go, but I know they could take certain areas each year and do it. I know the park is there for all residents to enjoy the natural beauty and the natural state of the park, and I know last winter I made representation to the Federal M. P. on many occasions because the local residents were unable to get a permit to take a snowmobile through that park. There were one or two permits issued but they were very very difficult to get, and the excuse that they gave was that the elk were in calf and there was danger of the elk slipping their calves and I don't really know. This was about a week after the hunting season finished and I can't really see where the noise of a snowmobile would scare an elk any more than the noise of a 30.06 rifle that was being used on them fairly regularly for the previous month. So I don't know what their reasons are. There are trails there; the scenery is just some of the finest scenery you'll find in Manitoba, but if they won't allow them to use snowmobile trails and they get out to enjoy the scenery, I don't know how anyone is expected to behold it because you certainly can't walk the length and breadth of that park, it's just too vast. I agree that there could be trails cut in there which would lead to maybe better management of the forest

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(MR. BLAKE cont'd). . . . area and some control of the erosion too.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Virden.

MR. MORRIS MCGREGOR (Virden): Mr. Chairman, I would just take a few moments. First I would like to congratulate the Minister. I think about a year ago I approached him on behalf of the Highland Games in Rivers and he saw fit to give us a sizeable grant or a good appreciated grant for those games, and I think the people at Rivers did show their appreciation in a personal way when the Minister attended those games.

And I might follow up my honourable colleague from Minnedosa and ask in a more direct way, what about the beach extension at Rivers? Many of the people that use that are my constituents, the majority are, and they are quite concerned of needing more ground, more space along the waterfront.

And also I draw the attention, Mr. Chairman, to the highway you've heard me mention before - 83. It is the longest one-numbered highway in the world. I'm very proud to be associated with it. We do have the hang-up at the border at Westhope who, especially in the holiday months, people are coming and going. It isn't an extremely heavy trafficked highway but it is a good highway if you're holidaying and it is closed at nights. I know it's part of the United States, part of Ottawa, it's a combined effort, and I have suggested before for a trial period of the holiday months of keeping it open for 24 hours a day. I think the beneficiary would certainly be this province, the treasury of this province.

The other thing and following up the Honourable Member from Rhineland, I certainly do think we owe the citizens of Manitoba some token and especially I'm thinking of champions, be it baseball, be it hockey, be it any type of provincial champions. I remember being asked to go to Hamiota about nine, ten months ago to present some pins to Hamiota, and I was very proud to take them the crest of Manitoba. I paid for them; I charged half of them to my honoured colleague from Minnedosa, but really, and as I said to the Premier that afternoon now I would rather go there, present them on behalf of the Government of Manitoba, there is something extra. He I believe intended to give me them but when I got right to the door I realized that it was the golden buffalo pins but I also had bought enough. And I say these sort of things - it's a little budget for at least the champions of whatever sports field - it would be the smallest thing in the world to do. Because the midget champions went on and they competed in the other provinces, the other provinces were proudly wearing jackets, with Saskatchewan, with Alberta, with B. C., with Ontario, big crests, here Manitoba had their own things and I just thought it wasn't quite fair and I would have said it, had I been on the government side I would have felt the same way.

I've got a card from a lady just a couple of days ago where again I bought several styles of pins to send down on one of these cultural exchanges. --(Interjection)-- No, to the Honourable Member from Portage, this is his constituents that came back from, and I may charge him, and I'll just read it. "I was very pleased to receive the pins and brochure. My experience has proven that these things will be very valuable. Thanks a lot." And it does come from a lady . . . Bernice Coombs. Now these are the type of things that I think we were slipping possibly when we were in government, and if we were and I had been aware of it, I would have certainly brought it to the attention because I don't -- these kids --(Interjection)-- Eleven. That's right. I have distributed a Red River Cart to every state president from here to Mexico. . .

A MEMBER: Who paid for that?

MR. MCGREGOR: The Government of Manitoba paid for that and that was after these boys came in. I had them ordered prior to losing the election, but they went through with it and I was appreciative of it. The Honourable Member of Arthur brought a point there that I just forgot.

The other thing that does seem to be a great neglect with a lot of expenditures in this department and sport generally, is not so big; it's something in the order of 89,000 and now I'm going to pinpoint it right at baseball. The Manitoba Amateur Baseball Association has been doing a real good job and it's sort of been central I believe out of Brandon under the name of Jerry McKay, who has taken the Canadian team to Cuba, to Nicaragua and did a real good job of selling Manitoba and I believe the grant up to date has only been \$500, and surely Mr. Chairman, to the Minister, in the next year surely this grant be increased to - would it be too much to think of \$5,000 to do a real good job, because western Manitoba has an awful

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(MR. MCGREGOR cont'd). . . . lot of good amateur baseball, be it Binscarth, Riverside, Virden, Hamiota, and the amount of money, and compared to the other amounts in other fields it just doesn't seem to be quite fair. So with that I think that's all, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. DESJARDINS: I wonder if I can ask some that are starting to pile up and then I'm sure my honourable friend will have a chance. I'd like to try to answer some of these questions, and again I thank the honourable members for their constructive remarks and we'll see if I can answer some of their questions.

First of all, the Honourable Member from Fort Garry; he spoke of the second carrier for Manitoba and I can tell him, and he knows that, that all the Members of this House are vitally interested in that. This is something that is needed. We have made every effort to inform the Federal Government of our feeling, we've told them that and it is true, that from 1971, especially this year although we had a good year for tourism, we were hit with this strike, and it was something that the people, the tourist industry especially in northern Manitoba, really suffered. There was a decrease of 29,000 people using the plane, coming in by plane, from 1971 to 1972. Now it's true that more cars came in and more passengers used the bus, but this is something that we -- it's not a healthy situation and we will continue to make representation to Ottawa on that.

As far as Highway No. 75 is concerned, both my honourable friend from Fort Garry and my honourable friend from Rhineland mentioned that, I've got a sneaking suspicion that during the Estimates of the Department of Highways, I hope anyway that there will be some announcement by the Minister responsible for Highways. This is something that he is certainly aware of. As you know, he was the Minister of Tourism responsible for tourism about a year and a half ago, and I understand that he also is doing everything he can to see that we improve that Highway 75.

Now there is something, there is somebody in my department who is not helping me too much, and that is somebody that is charged with dealing with the Manitoba Lottery. He made a statement - I wonder why in the hell he did it. He had no business doing it because he is not charged with the spending of these funds. His job, the Manitoba Lottery, is to get the funds and let the department spend it. I've never seen this person in the -- and I hope he's listening or that somebody will tell him, because he gave a statement to the press that was not right and I think that this has led many of the people, many people in the province, thinking that there was an unfair portion or percentage of the money from the lotteries that has gone to culture and this is not quite right. We would like to see all the programs go in the cultural side and on the sport side. Now we are trying, first of all we need money. As I mentioned it earlier, we're trying to get this steady revenue. We're meeting on Friday, I hope, to meet, if you people allow me, if you'll let me off fairly soon, I hope to go to Edmonton and discuss this with these Ministers and try to arrive, to bring in some steady revenues, something we can count on.

Well having said this, let me say that so far there has been revenue the share that we have to distribute to help in our department, there has been \$2,212,000, \$2,212,636. Now out of that there is 2,578,700 that is committed, and yes, you're right, we've committed more than we have so far. Some of this money we must keep in reserve; we must -- if we face an obligation we must be ready to spend it. We know that there'll be more revenue from the lottery. We hope so anyway. I'm not saying that all this money is spent. And the sports side received 2 million or committed for sport there's 2,050,700, or about 2 million, over 2 million dollars. And the cultural side, the cultural side is about \$528,000, so to say that there is nothing going on the sports is not quite right.

Of course, out of that there has been a program -- my honourable friend was talking about physical fitness and giving the people a chance to participate in sports. Well, as I said, there's about a million dollars for this capital grant to help construction of arenas and artificial ice and all these things in the rural points. Another \$75,000 for remote areas and, as I said on Friday, about \$695,000 for the city. So I think that this is important. This is going to help sport. No, you can't spend the money, you can't use the same money two or three times, so this is why I can mention some of them because both the Honourable Member from Minnedosa and Gladstone expressed satisfaction with what they received. For instance let's look at the constituency of Gladstone, the Town of Neepawa received \$20,000, they were very happy with

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd). . . . this. Carberry there is a -- I don't know if this money has been given them but it's certainly committed another \$20, 000. Rural Municipality of Lansdowne for a recreational area in Arden \$7,500. The Rural Municipality of Norfolk, completion of a new area \$10, 500, and Gladstone another 2, 906. And Minnedosa also I think got a fair share. The LGD of Clark \$14, 500. The Rural Municipality of Erickson at Sandy Lake \$3, 139. The parish hall at Rackham because that's the only place that they have - and all of these things have been studied quite carefully - is \$2, 711. 00. Minnedosa \$20, 000 for artificial ice. The Rural Municipality of Harrison 12, 500.

So, you know, I think that this should be corrected once and for all because there's been a good share going for sport. This is something what we've done. We fight like all the departments at estimate time when we go to Cabinet. We try to get as much money as we can and then we look at the, we ask the sports group and the community recreation group, the people that are charged with sports and the cultural affairs, to look at the priority and we judge from there. So I think that this should be done. There is \$100, 000 committed to games development for the games in Manitoba, which is something new. There'll be about \$45, 000 going to the Town of Thompson and so on, to start. We tried a little too fast, we tried to have that earlier. I suppose there wasn't enough time for people, it was something new. There's a lot of preparation to be done so this has been postponed a bit, but this will come up and there is \$100, 000 committed for games development.

The sports agencies received - and this is very important - \$97, 700 and, as I announced Friday, another 33, 000 so that's over \$100, 000 for the sports agencies and the sports bodies.

My good friend that the Honourable Member from Virden was talking about, Mr. McKay, I say the good friend of mine, I played baseball with him quite a few years ago and I know what he's trying to do. I've met with him. I think that he got the wrong information also and . . . he didn't get no \$5, 000 but besides the \$500 that you mentioned, that the last time he received any money, there'll be another \$2, 000, I believe, for baseball. And this is an interim measure. We are studying the best way of making these grants. We are discussing the role of the Sports Federation. We want to plan. In the meantime we have to do -- we recognize that we have to do some housekeeping, so this is one of the things we've done. And then there is that \$50, 000 for special equipment pool that I announced the other day, that this will help in this. Now the honourable member - you see why I wanted to get up and try to get rid of some of this j-- I was going to say "junk" but some of this material that I have. The Honourable Member from Fort Garry talked about physical fitness and this is something that we're doing, we're working very close; you know, we haven't announced too many things yet. I can tell him that we request one of the fellows that is an expert in his field, Dr. Bill Orban, the fellow that wrote 5 BX and a good friend of mine, who came in and we spent a whole day discussing this physical fitness. When I was on my holidays I looked at this Trim Fit Track and some of these things, and we hope that in the not too distant future we'll be able to announce something on that, but in the meantime those facilities that I was talking about, this is something that will I'm sure try to go a long way towards making the people fit and helping them in those programs of keeping fit and so on.

You know, as far as the hunting and fishing, well the member that said that this was something that came under Mines and Natural Resources are right, although I might say that we are doing our bit also. First of all, the rules for fishing and hunting comes from my honourable friend the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, and we start with these rules so we can't -- they are charged with protecting our natural resources and the game and so on, and we, whatever the rules that we have we play by them. And I think that we've improved also because we have directed our advertising now away from fishing and hunting as far as the tourist industry, because we think that it is an industry and when we are looking for dollars and so on we have other things in Manitoba such as all our cultural facilities and our beautiful parks and so on, so we are trying to soft-pedal that a bit, and also I might say that we've changed our, we've improved our act, the Parks Act, and we have I think over 2, 300, 000 acres of park land and practically 90 percent of that is kept in the natural state, in a primitive state. But of course we must have facilities for the people that want to enjoy that. We're going to promote lodges that'll help tourists and so on, but the conservationists in this area should not fear too much because I think we're working in that direction to protect what we have here in Manitoba.

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My honourable friend from Rhineland, of course, he talked about the Highways and he talked about the benefit to the tourist industry. Well of course the service industry will benefit, the hotels; liquor sales should go up. There's no doubt about that but we must remember that creates an awful lot of jobs and all the people that indirectly are paying for that. But the areas also, because I think that they mention the different festivals and this is something that I think it's marvelous. Last summer I tried to attend as many as possible. I missed a couple. I haven't been at Altona yet; I hope to see that one and I think that they're going to benefit by that also, and all the people of the province in general, through taxes and so on, will benefit.

My honourable friend and also the Member from Virden talked about souvenirs. Well this is something that I and my department were not too pleased with the policy, or lack of policy, in this domain. We would like to recognize the World Championship to start with. We want to be able to make some little presentation. We do some of that but we are reviewing that now, and then our Canadian Champions, North Americans Champions, and then our Manitoba Champions also. Now I must caution the members, I think that my honourable friend did receive the information but I'm told that there's no trouble if you want to purchase some of these. I think that you said you were ready to buy some and I'm sure that Mr. Bedson could give you the information, but we intend to use some of the money in our budget to do certain things. We won't satisfy all the members; we won't be able to give you all these pins. It looks like a minor item, but it adds up when the requests nearly -- and I can't keep up with the requests. All of a sudden somebody wants 500 pins or 600 pins or a thousand pins or 50 pins, and that's just impossible. We will work, I don't know how far we'll get, we'll start with recognizing the Champions and so on, and then we'll go down the line and try to at least improve the situation here.

My honourable friend wanted to know, also from Rhineland, wanted to know about the-- he asked a question about the Secretariat. The Secretariat was started a few years ago. It wasn't connected with this department and the Secretariat pretty well deals in any inter government exchange between different governments of the -- not any financial matters, of course, but cultural or any other agreements like this with the different provinces and the federal government and other countries, if we can, to promote these linguistic and cultural policies which we have and to make certain studies and sometimes to make certain grants and to see that we get the most out of certain agreements such as the Trans-Canada Agreement and we are working mostly in the field of culture, of multi-culturalism at this time.

My honourable friend from Gladstone was talking about Austin. I have the information that the people of Austin I think will be recognized. The festival that they've had there was indeed worthwhile and I certainly have no hesitation to recommend to all of you and all your friends to at least take that in once in a while --beg your pardon --(Interjection)--

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order.

MR. DESJARDINS: . . . I think you mentioned Austin also. And I can tell you that Austin is receiving quite a bit. It has received 15,000 capital and 3,000 operating costs for the last two years from the -- you know, it's not only the Festival of Manitoba, Le Festival du Voyageur that gets that. They've been getting that and for this year -- it's all money -- they'll receive \$77,000, I understand, from the Federal Government. So . . .

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MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. I wonder if I could just apologize to the Minister for interrupting.

I would draw the attention of the honourable members to the gallery where we have 39 students from the Souris Collegiate under the direction of Mr. Fred Colvin and Mrs. Eleanor Finlay. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney. On behalf of all the members of the Legislative Assembly, I bid you welcome.

The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd). My honourable friend also mentioned a museum. This is an area where we need planning. There are grants coming to practically all the museums that qualified anyway and I can't recall this special one at this time but this is something that can be studied. But we would like to have policies on museums. And I have to be careful and I hope that you take this the right way what I'm going to say, but I would hope that we might establish different museums, certain areas, in certain areas, key centres in the province, we should have maybe a Class 1 museum. I hope that we're not going to -- everyone that has a spittoon and so on, an old spittoon and say we're starting a museum, I hope that we have to be careful on that. There is the question of a museum that could help certain areas, and then that doesn't mean that there shouldn't be a grant to help the local museum and so on, but we don't want all Manitoba filled with the same kind of thing and so therefore we are working on this in trying to establish a policy on that and to give proper help because this is something that will attract tourists and this is something that the people of the area take very seriously, and I think it is a good thing.

The Historical Society of Gladstone, I didn't exactly get the question but this is something that -- I don't know if my honourable friend said that the Historical Society out there was working on a project but this is something I'll get from him later and we'll see, I'll inquire into this. I don't know exactly what he's talking about.

As far as the Lottery Fund is concerned, I've covered that. Now I'm glad that he recognized that this was not in any partisan politics at all. I might say that all the programs were studied on its merits to see if they would -- all the requests, I should say, the applications -- and all those that met the criteria, we approved. One time I think that we had announced that there'd be about \$275,000 for the rural points but there was close to a million dollars, as I say, so they were all approved as long as they satisfied the criteria. So there wasn't any danger of any partisan politics out there to determine the priorities. I might say that we're very satisfied with the way this worked. We accepted applications but then only accepted these applications once they passed the municipality or Local Government District or Indian Band, and these people had to guarantee that the work would be finished, that we wouldn't be stuck with a white elephant, that it was viable because they were told that we were not going to give grants for the operating of these things. And it's working quite well.

Some of the people woke up a little too late. There's a lot of applications now and we're committed till the end of 1974. I don't think there's any chance of this program coming in this year but we would hope that we'll have another look at that, but again, some of the people were saying that we should do more for sports and so on, so it will be a question of priority. But it's been very successful and it's answered a need and we will look at it again. Exactly when we will announce that the program will resume I can't tell you at this time.

The Honourable Member from Minnedosa covered also the lottery. He's talked about his roadside park. Well I know that I inquired and I just received a note that we're still looking at this and we are hopeful of completing this wayside park soon, but there are certain things that this department can't do. We are told that any sites so far have not been able to give us the visibility that is needed by the Motor Transport Board regulations so we're still working on that; we hope that something will come of that but I can't give them any more information at this time and I'm not trying to pass the buck at all. Once that side is . . . we'll proceed. As far as --(Interjection)-- Well there's no use waiting for the election. You were already promised this park so . . .

The Rivers Park will be improved and that will be part of our maintenance program this year. This will interest both members that mentioned that.

The Post Office - it is something that has to be decided by the Federal Government. We did receive some requests from the people in the area. I must admit that we hesitated in the past because we are informed, we know, we have some idea of the policy of the Federal Government in these parts. I don't agree that they're doing such a poor job. It would be easy for me to say they're doing a poor job but you can't satisfy everybody in these parts. They are looking at a long-range plan and we hesitated in the past to interfere but the member is so persistent, but my Deputy Minister was listening to me upstairs. I hope that we will try to find out from the Federal Government what they intend to do in trying to get the reason and I promise that we'll try to get this information anyway.

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd). . . .

The Member from Virden of course, he spoke last so some of the things were covered. We've talked about the souvenirs, we've talked about the money for baseball and so on, and the River Park. I think these were some of the main things and I do want to congratulate him. I know that he is promoting Manitoba and I think we should give him credit for that. I've heard that especially when I go around his district.

I think that covers most of them. Oh, there was something the Honourable Member from Rhineland wanted to know about the FRED Program. Well, this is the only project that's being developed under this program is the work that's been done at Hecla Island - Hecla Provincial Park. The expenditure under this program will continue to be the spending pretty well at this level until the termination of this agreement in 1977. I think that's about it.

MR. BLAKE: I wonder if I might ask the Honourable Minister a question quickly. I know funds have been provided in the past for coaches' clinics and such. Are there any funds being provided to the authorities that sponsor hockey schools?

MR. DESJARDINS: This is something that we could look at. Whatever grant -- this is something that we're studying to see what grants we'll give to the sports group themselves, but we also have a leadership camp at Gimli and if the member has anything special in mind we certainly could look at it. We're giving leadership training there, we're helping on that, and I know that in the past we've helped with coaches and I think this is something we could fit in.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 107 (a) -- The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. WATT: Mr. Chairman, the hour being almost 5:30 and considering the vast numbers of people in the province who will be moving out to a particular meeting tonight, I wonder if it might be convenient for the Committee to call it 5:30.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Hour being 5:30, I am leaving the Chair to return at 8 p. m. this evening.