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**SPEAKER: THE HONOURABLE JAMES M. RUSSELL**

The House met at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

(Opening of session missing due to breakdown of master tapes.)

MR. W.N. ROWE: ...Cove to the Seal Cove branch, six miles to be upgraded and resurfaced with crushed stone, also all by-roads within the Community of Wild Cove.

Secondly, to extend and build a by-road also covering it with crushed stone which links five families with the main road in the Community of Wild Cove and to extend and build also, covering it with crushed stone, fifteen hundred feet of road to the wharf linking it with the main road in the Community of Wild Cove.

The second petition, Sir, says: "We the undersigned of Wild Cove do petition (to myself) for a new water supply system including a new dam to be built on a higher level and a new, larger main waterline to be installed.

Now, Sir, the people of Wild Cove have been after improvements in these services for some time. When we formed the administration we made some money available to have a water system installed. One of the problems being of course, that there is no community council in Wild Cove and therefore, lacking that kind of organization there is a limit to which any government wants to go in giving out money for services, especially if things have to be maintained, like water systems or sewer systems and that sort of thing. However, Sir, we did give out a certain amount of money to assist with the installation of a water system. Not a very good one I must admit, it freezes up and sometimes it does not work too well.

I would like to support the petition of the residents that the Department of Municipal Affairs under its unincorporated communities water vote provide further assistance to this community for a water system.

The road, Sir, has always been a bone of contention. It is sort of a path or winding road that leads off the main road to

Seal Cove and many officials in the Department of Highways who have always given the excuse that there are very few families involved and the amount of money necessary to upgrade that road to a half decent standard is not warranted by the number involved. That is the type of excuse and I suppose economically, purely economically that makes some sense.

On the other hand, Sir, what one has to realize also, from the economic standpoint, is that as we go over the list of people on this petition we suddenly realize that in the case of Wild Cove we are talking about one of the most industrious communities in Newfoundland. Everybody there, Sir, with the exception of one or two, everybody there is working and that included bad times and good times. If we look over the list we will see that a person is a foreman or a miner, heavy equipment operator, full-fledged mechanic, some fishermen, carpenters. Everybody has a trade, a good paying trade and of course, everybody pays a great deal of taxes to the provincial government and then to the federal government.

They feel and I think rightly, that more in the way of public services should be provided to their community. People have to go back and forth over the road, children go back and forth over the road to Baie Verte to go to school and just about all the men in the community go back and forth to work in Advocate or Rambler Mines and the road, of course, has a very adverse effect on their cars and everything else. People also go back and forth over that road to go to hospital

For these reasons, Sir, I would ask the Minister of Finance to hopefully allow sufficient funds for the treasury board to allow sufficient funds within the Department of Highways and the Department of Municipal Affairs to bring these basic and elementary services, that is an upgraded road and a water system, bring these basic services up to an acceptable standard.

I support these two petitions wholeheartedly, Sir, and I ask that they be received by this honourable House and referred to the department to which they relate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS:

MR. E. ROBERTS (LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION): Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice of a motion and, if it is agreed and I think it may be when the motion is read, to ask if the House will adopt it unanimously at this time. Although I did not have the opportunity to consult the Premier in advance - an oversight for which I apologize - I hope he will be able to second the motion.

The motion is as follows, Sir:

"WHEREAS On March 31, 1949 immediately before the stroke of midnight Newfoundland and Labrador became the tenth province of Canada; and WHEREAS The intervening twenty-five years have proven without any doubt whatsoever the wisdom of our decision to become a province of Canada and our people have prospered to an extent undreamed of; and WHEREAS Newfoundland's decision to enter Confederation was prompted by the inspired leadership of Joseph Robert Smallwood and brought to fruition by many years of active and untiring publicity and campaigning by him before, during and after the national convention; and WHEREAS This House feels that it would be the wish of the entire province that an expression of our indebtedness to the said Joseph Robert Smallwood should appear in the journals of this House;  
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That this House take advantage of this happy anniversary to salute Joseph Robert Smallwood and to place on the records of this House the gratitude and appreciation of all the people of Newfoundland and Labrador for the outstanding service rendered by him to Newfoundland and Labrador during these momentous years."



Mr. Speaker, that is almost word for word, with the change of twenty to twenty-five, the same motion moved by the Hon. Mr. Curtis in 1969, seconded by the then Leader of the Opposition, who is presently the Minister of Education. I move it, Sir, I would hope that the Premier will second it and as I say I did not have the opportunity to see him outside the House to ask him if he would but I hope he will. If not, one of my colleagues would be happy to second it, Sir.

HON. F. MOORES (PREMIER): Mr. Speaker, as the Leader of the Opposition said, this notice of motion was just given to me a moment ago. Certainly Mr. Smallwood's contribution twenty-five years ago deserves to be on record and I will gladly second the motion.

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, does this motion require unanimous consent?

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, if it be agreed, I would assume by unanimous consent, then it could be entered in the journals of the House. If not, then I would assume that it is like any other motion, it would be debated at the proper time, in due course.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: I would like to debate it.

MR. ROBERTS: You would like to debate it? Fine.

MR. SPEAKER: It is the feeling of the Chair that the motion would require unanimous consent of the House.

MR. ROBERTS: Have we the consent?

MR. SPEAKER: Do we have the unanimous consent of the House?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: No.

MR. SPEAKER: There is not unanimity, so I cannot accept the motion.

MR. ROBERTS: Cannot put the motion, no but I mean it could be entered as a notice. Fine. Thank you, Sir.

HON. T. DOYLE ( MINISTER OF TOURISM): I give notice that I will on tomorrow beg leave to -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. DOYLE: I give notice that I will on tomorrow beg leave to introduce a bill, "An Act Respecting The Colonial Building".

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the "Money-bags", the Minister of Finance. Would the minister inform the House if he has yet -

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

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please!

The honourable member from Bonavista South rose on a point of order.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, just for a point of observation and information.

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The honourable Member for Bell Island was thrown out of the House of Assembly, I should say thrown out I guess, for a four day period. Are the four days up, Mr. Speaker?

HON. MEMBERS: No, no.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

For the clarification of honourable members the four days have expired. The honourable member left on Monday evening before the sitting had expired, and Monday has been counted as one sitting day; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, which are the four days, and he is free to take his seat today.

MR. S. A. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister of Finance has yet secured the information that I asked for concerning the Group Insurance Plan covering the employees of the Linerboard Mill? The minister undertook to get me the information before he had me flung out of the House there four or five days ago?

MR. CROSBIE: In connection with that so-called question, the honourable minister who is speaking now did not have the honourable gentleman flung out of the House. The House of Assembly had the honourable gentleman flung out. That is who did the flinging.

Now in connection with the question that he asked a few days ago, about Group Insurance I think it was, the proposals were requested in August 1972 by Kates, Peat, Marwick, from eight companies in connection with the group insurance or employee fringe benefits or whatever it is. The best proposal and the one accepted was from Canada Life. That is who got the business. This Labrador Linerboard now I am talking about.

MR. NEARY: Stephenville. - part of Goose Bay?

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, I am not familiar with every detail of the company's operations. All I know is that there is a group insurance plan at Stephenville, and this is who has got it, and eight firms were asked for proposals in August, 1972.

On motion that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Interim Supply, Mr. Speaker left the Chair:

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY:

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order!

HEAD VII, Department of Justice \$1,400,000:

HON. W. W. MARSHALL (MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO): Mr. Chairman, I would like to give a few details with respect to this. The total vote is for \$1,400,000 comprising of salaries of \$565,000 for April and \$565,000 for May. A total of \$1,030,000. Equipment and supplies a total of \$200,000 for both months; miscellaneous expenditures of \$70,000. In other words it is just general housekeeping as it were. Expenditures to keep the department going for a period of two months.

On motion, Head VII - Department of Justice, carried..

HEAD VIII, Social Services, \$8 million:

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Minister of Social Services who as honourable members know has been ill for some time: A breakdown of the expenditures asked for in Interim Supply, the total is \$8 million. The breakdown as provided to me in the following categories: \$720,000 salaries for personnel of the department. The Child Welfare Programme of the department, \$388,000; other allowances - which is for disabled persons and for blind, \$47,000. Then other subheads, the total of \$160,000. That will include, for example, field services of the department,

staff training programme, the general administration of the department. Those are the main areas and, of course, the huge bulk of the remainder and that is - I have not added the total but I think it would come to \$6.7 million in round figures and that, of course, is the social assistance programme itself.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, there are just a couple of questions I would like to ask. I do not know if the minister can get them. He can probably get me the answers, the officials may be outside there. Could the minister tell me, under Child Welfare if there has been provision for an increase in the foster home rates? Has there been an increase in the last few months or is there an increase included in this amount for foster homes? How many children are in foster homes at the present time? Would the minister also inform the House if there has been an increase in the blind allowance or if the amount of the blind allowance is still the same as it has always been? Would the minister also find out from the officials if there has been an investigation into complaints made by some of the senior citizens in the Senior Citizens' Home in Gander, complaints about the washroom facilities out there? I think Lakeside Homes it is called.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Actually, I do not have that specific information. If the honourable gentleman will agree, I will certainly provide it this afternoon and with leave of the committee before we get into another heading. I will undertake to provide it this afternoon. Just to go over them, to make sure I have them right. In Child Welfare the number of people in foster homes and whether an increase in foster home payments is envisioned. The same with respect to the blind and with respect to the Senior Citizens' Home in Gander - if there is any action taken or contemplated with respect to complaints from some residents?

MR. CHAIRMAN: On motion Head VIII, Social Services, carried.

HEAD IX - REHABILITATION AND RECREATION:

HON. T. DOYLE (Acting Minister of Rehabilitation and Recreation): Yes,

Mr. Chairman, the amount of \$3,000,000 is broken down as follows: general administration, \$40,000; homes for special care, \$430,000; homes for the aged, \$800,000; children's homes, \$360,000; training schools, \$160,000.

MR. F. B. ROWE: Mr. Chairman, would the minister mind slowing down just a little please?

MR. DOYLE: Fair enough. I will go back.

General administration, \$40,000; homes for special care, \$430,000; homes for the aged, \$800,000; subhead 905, children's homes, \$360,000; 906, training schools, \$160,000; 907, rehabilitation, \$36,000; 908, recreation and sports services, \$450,000; 909, youth services, \$74,000; 910, Labrador Services, \$570,000 and 911, grants to private agencies, \$80,000, for a total of \$3,000,000.

The amount for salaries is included in each subhead. The amount for the institutions and training schools are to cover normal expenditure on maintenance and clothing. The amount for recreation and sport services and youth services are to cover travelling for field officers, the 4-H Programme, the Young Voyageur Programme and to carry out our programmes of support for sport and recreation throughout the province. The amount for Labrador Services is to cover normal operations of that division. On grants to private agencies, subhead 911, provision has been made for requests from agencies for their semi-annual grants.

MR. NEARY: Gentleman, I realize now that I put the question about the home in Gander to the wrong minister so perhaps I could save the Minister of Education the trouble of looking for that information because my question really should have been to the minister responsible for rehabilitation. I had forgotten all about restructuring, Mr. Chairman, and being a stranger in the House in the last few days I suppose you do not blame me but I would like to put the same question to the Minister of Tourism who is responsible for the rehabilitation in the homes for special care - if he could tell me if there has been an investigation into the complaints made by some of the residents of that home, Lakeside Home in Gander? I would like to know what the result of the investigations were?

MR. DOYLE: All I can tell you right now is there has been an investigation on it. I can send down and get a copy of the investigation. It has been an ongoing investigation but I will check it out for him.

MR. F. ROWE: Three million for two months, when looked at in terms of the total budget for the Department of Rehabilitation and Recreation for the full year, could translate itself into something like \$18 million as compared with \$8 million last year, which is an increase of \$10 million. Now the first question I would like to put to the minister: In this amount of \$3 million any indication of what - Is this \$3 million, Mr. Chairman, any indication of what is likely to be contained in the main estimates for the minister's department?

MR. DOYLE: As it specifically refers to sports and recreation which I think is what he is referring to, in specifics, right? Is the honourable member referring to the overall budget or -

MR. F. ROWE: The overall budget.

MR. DOYLE: Well the reason for the large amount now and the reason why it will not necessarily translate into six times that, is that a lot of the grants that are paid in a year for both recreation purposes and for private agencies such as CNIB and so on, they are paid you know like April 1, or the people want them as soon as the estimates go through, April - May, so that that part of the amount



will be heavier in the first couple of months of the year than later on because it will all have been paid out during the first couple of months you see. That is why that part is higher in the first two months than it is for the rest of the year.

MR. F. ROWE: Mr. Chairman, at this great dinner, the great Sports Hall of Fame dinner we had some months ago at the Holiday Inn, the honourable the Premier suggested at that time that there will be things done in the name of sports and recreation in this province the like of which we have never witnessed in the province over the past twenty-five years. I was wondering if the minister could give some indication of what amounts of money or what programmes would be made available for the purpose of these great steps forward in the field of sports and recreation?

MR. DOYLE: I cannot be too specific at this time, Mr. Chairman, for the simple reason that the overall estimates will have to be approved because, depending on the total that is in there for sports and recreation and what is approved, what new services we can do will depend on the total budget rather than just part of it. But I can say, as the Premier has said publicly, that there will be a fairly large increase in recreation support, I do not mean to make any puns, recreation support in general during the coming year but as to specifics at this -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. DOYLE: I am sorry about that. As to specifics at this point in time I cannot because we have to get the full estimates through first because the new programmes we have we hope to introduce this year are based on the total amount, not just on the amount for the first couple of months.

MR. F. ROWE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the minister

what the situation is with respect to 4-H Clubs throughout the province. I had received a letter and presumably this is a form letter that has gone to most of the or probably all the members of this House. Sir, I would like to just read that letter and ask the minister what the problem seems to be with respect to 4-H Clubs in this province.

"We are writing this letter to ask for your support of the 4-H Programme on an islandwide basis." This is from the St. Mary's Bay 4-H district council. "Here in St. Mary's Bay we have nine clubs with the possibilities of at least nine more" We are deeply concerned with the lack of attention the 4-H Programme has received in our district and on the island.

"We blame this lack of concern on you, the politician, who it seems have not helped the programme extend the way it should be. The 4-H Programme is concerned with the development of our youth. Surely this is a worthwhile purpose alone to expand and explore this excellent programme. We do not blame the 4-H staff, the few that there are, for lack of attention in our area, we blame it on the government. For this programme to be extended it obviously needs more money and more staff to help us with the youth.

"We sincerely hope that you will enquire into this matter and give us your total support."

Now, Sir, this is from the St. Mary's Bay 4-H district council. It seems that the representative of that council feels that the politicians in the government are not doing enough to help the 4-H Programmes. I was wondering if the minister would indicate what the problem is here and what the - I did not quite get the budget for the 4-H Programme in interim supply. What seems to be the problem?

MR. DOYLE: Yes, I would be delighted to, Mr. Chairman. The 4-H Movement is one that is very close to my heart. It was covered in that amount I gave for recreation and sports services and youth services which totals \$450,000 plus \$74,000.

The problem has been simply lack of staff and I am personally convinced purely because of the fact that the 4-H Movement in my

district, in Ferryland, happens to be a very successful one simply because they have had staff in which to get it going. The same thing applies in other parts of the province where the department has been able to lay on staff. There is no reason why 4-H will not work anywhere if the staff can be provided.

The problem has been all along a shortage of staff. We have added in the past year - we have just about doubled the staff and we have plans, once the main estimates are through, to further add to what we have done in the past year. It is a growing movement. It is a very important movement. It does wonders for the members in it, which I have seen at first hand. It is something that I feel has been down-played unfortunately and we have now come to the point where we have got to make it into a major programme.

There are many, many areas in the province such as St. Mary's and such as parts of my own district that want in on it and such places on the West Coast and, well, all over the province who are crying out for assistance. The only way that they can get it is new staff. We have just advertised for a 4-H officer for St. Anthony, I believe it was in the paper this week. So, we are gradually getting out. The staff has been about doubled and we hope to add to it this year.

MR. F. ROWE: Mr. Chairman, is there any of this money at all in interim supply going towards the 1977 Summer Games?

MR. DOYLE: No.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Chairman, I believe most of us are aware of the rather acute shortage of beds or rooms which exist in the homes for the aged. I am particularly concerned insofar as that relates to bedridden cases. I am sure in our respective constituencies we have all run into a number of cases that present real dilemmas. The only solution for those cases is for them to be admitted to a home.

We are told that in the case of Hoyles Home the waiting list is about 200 long, 400 - I misheard the official on the phone I guess. Anyway 400, that is worse still. I am sure, relatively speaking, the same

could be said of the other homes across the province. As I say, we all know of particular cases.

The one that I just want to mention to you to dramatize the situation before putting a question to the minister is this one. It is in St. Alban's. It came to my attention the last week or so. I was aware of it to some degree but I did not realize just how serious it was. There is a family in St. Alban's who have had eight

children, all physically handicapped. Three of them died between one, two and three weeks old, another a couple of months old and another seven years old. The family still consists, in addition to the father and mother, of five handicapped persons one eleven and one sixteen years of age here in St. John's in a home, a girl twenty-one at home, a boy twenty-two, both able to walk to some degree but just around the house, and a boy twenty-four, a fellow twenty-four who was in the rehabilitation center until Wednesday of this week. Everybody in rehabilitation and I think in the minister's department agrees, they do to me anyway, that he is a case for the home. This fellow, twenty-four, he is in a wheel chair and he is unable to tend to himself really.

I just mentioned this one because it is a case where just sheer humanity requires that we have a look at our programmes and see if there is anything that can be done that is not being done right now.

Obviously my specific question to the minister is what plans do government have to alleviate the acute shortage which exists in homes for the aged, acute shortage of rooms and beds which exists in homes for the aged across the province?

MR. DOYLE: Mr. Chairman, the honourable member's comments and question are well taken. We are only too well aware of the problem. As he is probably himself aware, there is a movement under way in Springdale for the establishment of such a home. There are at the latest count, I believe, similar movements in approximately six areas of the province, Bonavista, Springdale, Baie Verte and so on.

Speaking personally, I feel that everybody would be better off if we could have a network of smaller type homes throughout the province rather than two or three massive units in one or two larger centers such as we have in the case of Hoyles Homes which is filling the need. We all know that. We have been talking lately with these various people, mostly inter-faith committees from these various places and we are going to have to get involved in the coming year with certainly two or three of them. There is no way in any one given year the government

could get involved financially with six or eight or ten but I think the basic philosophy should be that - you know, it is obvious that a person would like to stay within the area of where they were brought up. It makes things very much easier on their relatives as far as visiting is concerned. It makes them feel like they are still in their own atmosphere as it were.

So, I can assure the honourable member that it is a matter that we are giving serious thought to. We have met with five or six delegations representing various places, including Springdale. Just last week as a matter of fact was the most recent meeting with the Springdale crowd. It is an area that we have to get involved in but, as I said, it has to be looked at, I feel, in a new light. That is to have a network of smaller homes throughout the province, rather than two or three large places.

I simply say that if the honourable member should care to give me the name afterwards or now of the particular family he referred to in St. Alban's, I shall certainly have that checked out to see what I can do for the twenty-four year old wheelchair case. All I can say now is that we know it is a massive problem. We are working on it and I would sincerely hope that during the coming year we will find it possible to get involved in three or four areas of the province.

MR. SIMMONS: A further word; I could not endorse more what the minister has said about the philosophy of trying to locate some homes in the various areas around the province. I think this is important. As I have travelled around the country, particularly the nation rather than the province, I always get a bit disgusted that those old people's homes tend to wind up on the busiest intersection in town.



and the philosophy that he has expressed is one that I can certainly endorse.

MR. NEARY: Started by the former administration, by the way. In fact the programme was already implemented when the minister took it over.

MR. SIMMONS: I would just like to mention, I will not mention the name obviously. It probably would not be discreet to do so but I would mention for your information, the official I was talking to, Mr. Reg Moore, he was most helpful but he will have the name, he is quite familiar with the case already. I would certainly appreciate whatever the minister could do in this respect. Thank you.

MR. ROWE, W.N. Mr. Chairman, as the minister knows - I imagine he knows, probably in conjunction with the Minister of Health, there has been a proposal put to the government by Dr. Black, the Supervisor, Administrator or whatever his title is at the Boylen Hospital in Baie Verte, to get an old age home, for the want of a better word, sort of adjacent to or connected with the hospital in Baie Verte. What is the present status of that?

I have been writing letters back and forth and receiving letters from the Minister of Health. I do not believe any final decision had been taken at the time I received my last letter. What is the present status? Is there any likelihood at all of that going ahead this year?

MR. DOYLE: It falls in the same category as the one I just mentioned to the honourable the Member for Hermitage. I said we have been dealing with five or six groups; Baie Verte is another one of them. There are Springdale, Baie Verte, Bonavista, and two or three others but Baie Verte is one of the ones that we are considering, is getting active consideration at this time.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, just for the sake of setting the record straight and for the minister's own information, the programme that the minister outlined there a few minutes ago was started three years ago in this province. It has taken the minister and his government two years to discover that the programme for establishing smaller type senior citizens homes in various communities and regions across this



province was started three years ago, unveiled, the programme was unveiled over at the Arts and Culture Centre at that great conference that we had over there in - the Development Conference in 1970, I think it was.

AN HON. MEMBER: A great development.

MR. NEARY: The master plan was there in the department, I left it behind me, Mr. Chairman, when I left the department.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: We had already started, Sir, we had established a home in Gander, Grand Falls, Corner Brook, approved one for St. Anthony, approved one in principle for Grand Bank, Lewisporte -

AN HON. MEMBER: Wabana.

MR. NEARY: No, not Wabana but that was in the cards. I can tell the minister about that. We had a number of applications from Inter-faith groups in other parts of Newfoundland that were under active consideration.

Let me point out to the minister that it does not cost his government one penny, not a cent to build these homes. The Inter-faith groups borrowed the money from CMHC. All they need is a guarantee of occupancy from the minister's department. The minister stands here and says, "We cannot afford to build all of these homes this year."

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Now the minister did say it. Well the minister certainly inferred it. "Cannot afford to build all of these homes this year." The Inter-faith group all they ask for is a guarantee of occupancy from the minister's department. They, themselves, put some equity into it, either by the way of land or actual cash. They borrowed the money from CMHC and I have never known CMHC to turn down an application. That is how those homes were built in Gander, Grand Falls and Corner Brook. There were a number of others on the drawing cards.

As a matter of fact, the one for Lewisporte, I think had already been approved. One for Grand Bank had been approved in

principle and St. Anthony had been approved. Remember the controversy we had about that one, about a year or so ago? That had already been approved.

So the master plan was there. The only thing, Mr. Chairman, is that the government is dragging its heels and that is why we do not have more beds for bedridden people in this province at the present time, because the plan was, Mr. Chairman to make Hoyles Home over here exclusively for bedridden patients, the home in Gander exclusively for bedridden patients. I am talking about a five year plan. The one in Grand Falls, bedridden patients, the one in Corner Brook, bedridden patients. All the other homes, the small type homes, would all

have ambulatory patients and not only that, Mr. Speaker, but we went far beyond that too, and the minister made no reference of this. We had a programme for looking after senior citizens who wanted to remain in their own homes. What about them? We had meals on wheels programmes. We had assistance to help senior citizens who wanted to remain in their own homes, assistance to repair their homes, visitations and all sorts of other things. So there is nothing new in this, Mr. Chairman. The programme has been on the go now for four years.

We were also taking a good hard look at the newer part of the General Hospital when it is phased out, when the Health Science Complex is open here at the university. We were taking a good hard look at the nurses' residence and at the newer part of the hospital to see if it could be converted into a home for nursing care. There is where the need is in this province, Mr. Chairman, nursing care. As far as I can see from the minister's answer, not one move has been made in that direction, at least the minister did not indicate it. I can only assume that nothing has been done about it.

The Minister of Health can tell his colleague all about it because we have people occupying hospital beds that really should be in nursing homes. They really should, Mr. Chairman, free up the beds for people that can go in and be cured. So no wonder, Sir, they have 400 of a waiting list at the Hoyles Home, no wonder. I cut it down as much as I could when I was there. As far as I can see, this government has not done a single thing about it.

Another thing, Mr. Chairman, we had a plan for day-care centres. A lot of people in this province are interested in day-care centres. What has become of that plan? Will the minister tell us what the government's philosophy is on this, what they intend to do about it? They have a number of proposals. Have any of them been approved? What financial assistance will the people get? This is cost-shareable with the Government of Canada: The Government of Canada will match it dollar for dollar. What is being done about that? When the minister

stands up to answer some of these questions would he also tell us how much residents of senior citizens homes are paying now? What are the rates at Hoyles Home and all these other homes? How much of the Old Age Pension cheque is the individual allowed to keep now? Is it still the same as it used to be - \$15? That I was always opposed to. Or has it been changed? What about Harbour Lodge? Sir, that defunct hotel that I took over when I was Minister of Social Services? Harbour Lodge now it is called, I changed the name to remove the stigma from it, Harbour Lodge.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: I do not know what it was called, the Saddle Hill Motel or something. There are members on the government benches that can tell you the name of it. What about Harbour Lodge, Sir? There were big plans to extend Harbour Lodge, to put an extension on it. It was supposed to go up to about 250 beds. When I left the department the Harbour Lodge was about fifty per cent I would say occupied. What is the occupancy rate now? What about the extension? We were told, as a result of a feasibility study that we did on that motel when we took it over, that it would not be feasible to operate it unless the extension were put on. Our decision was based primarily on the fact, Sir, that there was room for expansion and that the Government of Canada had approved an extension to that building. What has happened to that? Because, Mr. Chairman, my honourable colleague, the member for Hermitage, put his finger right on it when he talked about this little twenty-four year old boy in the wheel chair, Sir, Harbour Lodge was taken over, Mr. Chairman, for mentally and

physically handicapped adults. There is where the need is in this province, Sir, the Minister of Health will be the first to admit that he is running an institution down there on Topsail Road that is a disgrace, a disgrace to any province in Canada, down in the old Sanatorium. I presume it is still operating. Closed down? What happened to the people, the residents that were in it? I am not talking about the T.B. patients, I am talking about the mentally and physically handicapped and the people who were prematurely senile.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: We are talking about what?

AN HON. MEMBER: Hillview Lodge.

MR. NEARY: Hillview Lodge? No I am talking about the old Sanatorium.

DR. A. T. ROWE: The Waterford Hospital -

MR. NEARY: The structure is still there, I do not care who is responsible for it.

DR. A. T. ROWE: My department -

MR. NEARY: Well who is responsible for it? Is the Minister of -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: The building is still there. The people are still in that fire trap.

DR. A. T. ROWE: The Waterford Hospital is under a board.

MR. NEARY: Pardon?

DR. A. T. ROWE: The Waterford Hospital is under a board.

MR. NEARY: I do not care what it is under, it is an utter disgrace.

DR. A. T. ROWE: Nobody said so. We started to expand the place, spending money that they did not spend for years on the Mental Hospital.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I said the Minister of Health would be the first to admit and agree with me that it is a disgrace.

DR. A. T. ROWE: We are doing something about it.

MR. NEARY: Well what are they doing about it. The minister has not told us what they are doing about it.

DR. A. T. ROWE: We are spending \$4 million or \$5 million out there.

MR. NEARY: Doing what?

DR. A. T. ROWE: Renovating the old buildings.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Health knows full well -

DR. A. T. ROWE: I should not be involved, I am sorry!

MR. NEARY: The Minister of Health knows full well, Sir, that putting these people in a mental institution is not the place to put them. They are incurable. They should be put in a separate institution, Sir, and that was the beginning of it. Harbour Lodge was the beginning of it. The only thing is this honourable crowd did not follow through with the plans, Mr. Chairman, when they took over. The people are still forced, these helpless, these poor helpless people, unable to fend for themselves, Sir, are forced to live under primitive conditions, in a fire trap down on the Topsail Road. That is a fact, Sir, the Hon. the Minister of Health cannot deny that or the Minister responsible for Rehabilitation.

Three years ago I started to do something about it, Sir. Any man with an ounce of humanity in his blood at all, who is a true Newfoundlander, whoever had the privilege of visiting that fire trap down on the Topsail Road could not help but coming into this House and demanding that something be done about it. It is a disgrace to Newfoundland.

Then in this Twenty-Fifth Year of Confederation, they are going lighting touches and having bicycle races, tinsel, guffaws and a-half a million for George McLean and a-half million for that one.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The honourable member is not being relevant to the motion.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I am merely drawing a comparison. I am trying to point out the priorities. Sir, while I had the opportunity to sit in the public gallery for four days, I had a good chance to see the priorities of this government. The first day I sat in the Speaker's gallery and heard the same minister who is piloting this Interim Supply Bill through the House, talk about films and that sort

of thing, Sir, tinsel, parties and refreshments. These poor people down there forced to live under these conditions, unable to look after themselves, no place to put them but down in that trap down on the Topsail Road.

We started to do something about it, Sir, and unfortunately this government have not followed through. Harbour Lodge was just a humble beginning. I had the plans on the drawing board for another institution for 250 of these people. Because this is the real problem in Newfoundland, Sir, the real problem, apart from the homes for nursing care, the mentally retarded



and physically handicapped adults are in homes in Newfoundland today and are not really being cared for in the way that they should be cared for. Do you know what happens to a person, Mr. Chairman, when he becomes prematurely senile? He is whacked down in that hovel and that is all you can call it, that hovel down on the Topsail Road, the old sanatorium. The Minister of Health was glad to get the tuberculosis patients out of that old sanatorium. They should have made a more strenuous effort to get the other people out of it, Sir, and building another mental hospital is not the answer or putting an extension on the Mental Hospital. The minister knows that. That is not the answer! Why have they not done something about it? I would like for the Minister of Rehabilitation to take the press down there sometime and take them through that hovel. I would doubt that the minister has had the opportunity to visit that so-called institution. If he had, it would be number one on his priorities and not films by George McLean nor bridge tournaments nor silver coins. He would do something about it.

Mr. Chairman, this government have no sense of priorities when it comes to the needs of the ordinary people of this province. I would like to know what the minister has in mind to do with this place. Is he going to leave these people in the hands of the Minister of Health and condemn them to a mental institution for the rest of their lives? I hope not, Sir. I think I asked the minister what the rate is at these homes.

What about meals on wheels? We started a programme over at Hoyles Home, with the co-operation of the Victorian Order of Nurses. What has happened to that programme? We intended to implement a similar programme right across Newfoundland and Labrador, not only for people who live in homes, in government operated homes but people who live in their own homes. I would like to hear something about that.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to hear the minister tell us whether or not his government intend to build a senior citizens' home

for the native population in Northern Labrador or if they intend to build a home at all anywhere in Labrador or is Labrador being forgotten again? We had plans and we were negotiating with the Grenfell people in Northwest River to build a small home, not a large one, a small type senior citizens' home in Northwest River for the native population. What about that plan? Mr. Chairman, I did not take the files with me when I left. All these plans were left behind. I am sorry, Sir, that it is taking me so long to make my point but this is a matter that I do know something about and I had a tremendous interest in it when I was minister of that department, Sir. I was doing something about it. I have not seen any evidence of late, Mr. Chairman, that anything is being done about it.

Mr. Chairman, what about the boys' and girls' training homes? Are we still operating the Boys' Home at Pleasantville and the Boys' Home at Whitbourne and the Girls' Home down on Waterford Bridge Road? Have they been switched around? Have they been closed up? What has happened there? Perhaps the minister could tell us if that unfortunate incident that arose a few weeks ago has been cleared up.

Mr. Chairman, these are just a few of the questions that I would like to put to the honourable minister, Mr. Chairman, before I take my seat, I want to remind him again that his philosophy is not new. The minister comes in and has the nerve to tell us that we are just now starting to look at smaller type homes, just beginning to look at them. He should have asked the director down in his department about it or his deputy minister. They know all about it. The minister did say that or he certainly left that impression with me. I just want to set the record straight in this honourable House, Sir.

MR. DOYLE: Mr. Chairman, I did not say that we were just beginning to look at it, this

business of having smaller homes throughout the Province. I said we were looking at it. I did not say we just started. Before I answer some of these questions, it would seem to me, to only talk about drawing inferences from things which the honourable member seems to be doing, if I can draw an inference from his remarks today and in recent days, it would seem to me that if the honourable member's party were in power today there would be no celebration at all for Confederation. I find that kind of hard to swallow but -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. DOYLE: I have said it now. It was relevant when the honourable member said it.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. DOYLE: The day-care centres come under the Department of Social Services. That policy is presently under review. The Harbour Lodge is operating at pretty well the full capacity and an extension is being seriously considered. The Waterford Hospital, as the honourable member well knows, comes under the Department of Health. Hillview Lodge, which he referred to, on Topsail Road, comes under my department and it is being renovated. The Homes for Special Care are still going on. There has been a switch in the location for the boys, for the girls. The last question he asked: There has been several incidents recently, I am not quite sure which one he is referring to when he asked of a recent matter.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. DOYLE: They all have a fair amount -

MR. NEARY: Can the minister tell us about the several incidents because there are several we have not heard about. The minister could - go ahead, tell us about them all.

MR. DOYLE: They have all been settled.

MR. NEARY: Yes, but what are they?

MR. DOYLE: Which one is the honourable member referring to in particular?

MR. NEARY: The minister has aroused my curiosity. Now, Mr. Chairman, I would like for him to tell us what are the incidents?

MR. DOYLE: Well, you mentioned this specific incident. Are you talking

Exon House or the Boys Home or exactly what is the honourable gentleman talking about?

MR. NEARY: Yes. The answer is yes.

MR. DOYLE: The answer is yes?

MR. NEARY: Yes.

MR. DOYLE: Well the Exon House case, as everybody well knows, was settled by a board. I understand that some of the people have taken the matter to the courts and therefore I will not discuss it any further. If the honourable member is referring to the unfortunate case at the Boys Home a month or so ago, the necessary and proper action has been taken in that matter. Those are the only incidents I can think of offhand.

The rates for homes, as the honourable member well knows, are in various categories. They have recently been changed and rather than toss out figures here now, I would like to get the new changes and let him know later on today. They have only been changed in the last month or so. They have been increased, obviously.

The honourable member is quite correct in his comments that the Senior Citizens Homes are funded by CMHC with very little difficulty. The Government's involvement is to guarantee ninety-eight per cent occupancy. Those are the only notes I have, Mr. Chairman. If I have missed something, I will write them down again. If I have missed something I will write it down. That is all the notes I took.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the minister would undertake to find out if Exon House is fully staffed now because I have been hearing some very disturbing reports that all the staff positions at Exon House, especially the nursing staff, nursing assistants, Sir, have been vacant for two years. Would the minister undertake to find out why this is? Is it because they cannot get staff? Is it because of the controversy they had over there they cannot get staff to work at Exon House? What about the training programme over there, the educational programme that we set up? Is that functioning now at full capacity? What about the social counsellors? How many do we have over there now? I think we started off with five.

Two if I remember, quit a year ago under rather strange circumstances. What about this? Are these kids now just placed in Exon House, left there without any attempt of rehabilitation? Is there any attempt to educate and train these children? Because that was the whole purpose of Exon House, Mr. Chairman. Does the minister have any plans to expand the services for mentally and physically handicapped children?

What is happening in the home up on Water Street West? Is that still in operation? How many children are up there? What about the staffing problems? What about the problems with the officials? Have all these been ironed out? The reason I am so concerned about these matters, Mr. Chairman, is because you cannot have dissatisfaction or low morale in an institution of that sort. You cannot have it, Sir. If you do the whole institution deteriorates. I would like for the minister to tell us or assure the committee that all these matters have been cleared up.

As far as celebrating Confederation is concerned, Sir, if that honourable crowd had their way I am sure we would not be celebrating the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Confederation this year.

MR. Doyle: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know who is doing the celebrating? However, let us not get on that one. To answer these questions, Exon House first: As the honourable member well knows, it has been, is and I presume will be for a long time difficult to get the correct number of appropriately and properly trained staff for Exon House. Exon House now is pretty well up to full staff. There are a few vacancies which we are trying to fill. The turnover is much higher than I would like to see it and I am sure higher than the honourable member would like to see.

As to the educational programmes and the social counselling that is still going on. There is no change in that. Water Street West is still in existence. I did not come prepared at this time, perhaps I should have, with all the details as to how many are in each home. I would have thought and I would be prepared to answer all these detailed questions when we get into the overall estimates.



I do not have those figures in front of me now as to how many are in this home or that home but I will be prepared for the estimates to answer all these detailed questions.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I realize the minister does not have all these statistics at his finger tips but when he starts reciting government philosophy in this honourable House, then, Sir, he gets me a little bit riled up and he better be prepared to start answering questions. When we get on the main estimates, Sir, I will have a few choice questions for the honourable minister.

I have only one more question concerning Exon House for the minister. Was that elevator ever put in at Exon House? I remember we were debating it before I got flung out of the department, not flung out of the House, Sir. We were debating - as a matter of fact, I think we had called tenders to install an elevator at Exon House. Has that elevator ever been put in? It has not been put in yet? Two years have gone by and the elevator has not been put there yet? The experts, the officials, the independent expertise, Dr. Stanley, we had over from New Brunswick all said; "Put in an elevator."

AN HON. MEMBER: They have been on strike for two years.

MR. NEARY: Who has been on strike for two years? The elevator companies?

AN HON. MEMBER: No, the Tory Government.

MR. NEARY: I think the Tory Government have been on strike for two years, Sir, not the elevator companies.

MR. W.N. ROWE: A sit-down strike.

MR. NEARY: They have been on a sit-down strike as my colleague says. What is going to be done about that elevator? Is it ever going to be put in? Or will we have to wait for a change of government before we get it in?

AN HON. MEMBER: We will wait some long then.

MR. NEARY: We will not have to wait much longer, I guarantee that.

MR. W.N. ROWE: Another six months or so.

AN HON. MEMBER: It will not be long now.

MR. NEARY: Call the election and we will find out how long we will have to wait. I am dead serious, Mr. Chairman. I want to find out about that elevator because we were told by all and sundry, including Dr. Nora Elphinstone-Renouf-Browne. How is that? Now the spouse of one of my former colleagues in this honourable House, who is -

MR. W.N. ROWE: Cousin of the Queen Mother too.

MR. NEARY: Cousin of the Queen Mother, Sir, who is to my knowledge the only medical practitioner, is that the right terminology? The only one in Newfoundland who has taken an interest in these children. The only one.



Dr. Pottle, Dr. Pottle I must say from the minister's department was a tower of strength when I was a minister down there. He was a tower of strength. But Dr. Renouf-Brown was really the only medical person who really took this work to heart and who made a study of it, practically devoted a large part of her life. She certainly had an intense interest, Sir, more than any other medical man that I know or woman in this province. I think, Sir, it was her recommendation that that elevator be installed. That home, Exon House, cannot function properly, Sir, and besides we were told by the Fire Commissioner, the Fire Commissioner told us it had to be put there because the fire escapes were unsatisfactory. So I would like for the minister to tell us what the plans are in this regard, Sir?

It is no laughing matter. These little kids over there have to be brought up and down in people's arms. If members think it is a laughing matter, just sitting over there with the smirks and sneers on their faces, why do they not go down and visit these homes? Has the minister gone down to visit the homes on Water Street West and Exon House? I guarantee you if any member sitting on the government benches went down there, he would not come in here with a grin on his face when you talk about -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: I am not referring to the Minister of Mines. He is not the only one over there. It is a very serious matter, Sir, when little children had to be lifted up and downstairs, not little children, some of them are big children, almost as big as the Premier. So, Sir, it is a very serious matter and it is something that we intended to rectify and I would like to find out what the minister intends to do about it.

MR. DOYLE: Mr. Chairman, I could not agree with the honourable member more that it is a most serious matter and also I completely agree with his statement that members of this honourable House, on both sides, if they have not been in any one or more of these homes, they do not really grasp the seriousness and the unfortunate situation

which these children and their families find themselves in.

I would certainly like to endorse his remarks about Dr. Renouf-Brown. She is still performing admirably. As far as the elevator is concerned, I am hopeful that it will be installed in the coming fiscal year.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Chairman, just to get back on to the subject I was on earlier, the matter of the homes, I wanted to ask the minister also who takes the initiative in these matters, I gather. I have had some contact in relation to the Springdale effort which has been going on for some time and which the minister referred and of course there are other efforts around the province he has referred to. It seems to me that in all cases the initiative appears to come from the local community. Now there is certainly nothing at all wrong with that, nothing wrong with it, it is rather admirable that people in the local areas are recognizing the need and wanting to do something about it.

But it does mean, de facto it does mean that if there be an area where there is not a community leadership to do something about the need, there may well be large areas of the province, large areas in terms of population concentration, which would be completely neglected on this point. I am wondering if government has some overall plan whereby these regional homes he has mentioned would be on a schedule or priority basis for various parts of the province. Could he indicate whether government has that kind of plan? Who takes the initiative in getting a discussion going on homes in various areas? A further question: If government has that kind of plan, could he indicate to us either now or during the estimates what the priorities are for various parts of the province?

MR. DOYLE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. In the first case the initiative has come from the local communities and in most cases it is coming from

an inter-faith committee which is the way we would like to see it. At the present time we are plotting on a map the existence, the locations rather of the existing homes , you know, in one color pin. We are locating in a different color pin the requests we have had from various parts of the province and then the obvious omissions or loopholes, geographically I am speaking of, will show up. If the initiative need to come from our department or from government for a certain area to make sure it gets covered, it will come that way.

I will be quite prepared and glad during the estimates to present the priorities to the honourable member at that time.

MR. GILLETTE: Mr. Chairman, very briefly because I do not think this is the time nor the place to discuss these things in detail but just as a matter of notation and of notice too to the minister and the government as well, we certainly and most sincerely hope in Twillingate that the hospital which is presently used will certainly be converted into a senior citizens home, particularly senior citizens who are bedridden or who need nursing care, sort of a nursing home and a senior citizens home as well.

There was a time, I believe, when - we have been dealing with this as a board of directors for two or three years or more - there was a time, I believe, when it was considered by the former administration that perhaps it would be cheaper to tear down the old building and construct a new one. I do not think that would apply today with the cost of building materials, with the cost of labour. I doubt very much whether that would be feasible today. We do have the structure there. Surely it is not suitable for a hospital again. The physical plant, that is , the heating plant, is just being held together now by men who know the plant so well that they are able to keep it working and keep it together.

With new windows in the building and electric heat, there is no reason at all why the old hospital could not be turned into a senior citizens home. Of course, this is one of the great hopes of the people of our area. They are definitely going to cry aloud against condemning

the old building altogether and beating it down.

So, I just mentioned this, Mr. Chairman, to the minister and to the government, that immediately the new hospital is completed and occupied, please be assured that as a board of directors of the hospital and as the citizenry of Twillingate, we will be going all out to try and turn the old building into a senior citizens home.

MR. DOYLE: Mr. Chairman, I thank the honourable member for those remarks and I have taken due notice of them.

On motion, Head 9, Rehabilitation and Recreation, carried.

Head 10, Health, \$22,400,000.

HON. DR. A.T. ROWE (MINISTER OF HEALTH): The details for the months of April and May, the amount of \$22,400,000 is made up as follows: The current expenditure, salaries, account for \$2,400,000. It is comprised of salaries in the amount of \$1,200,000 for each of the months of April and May for employees in hospitals operated by government, doctors employed in district medical services, employees in public health facilities and employees at the headquarters. \$15 million allocated for hospitals not operated by government in the amount of \$10 million provided for April and \$5 million for the month of May. This includes all operating costs

salaries, supplies, equipment, heating, electricity, maintenance with respect to all of the hospitals in the province not operated directly by government. The government hospitals in the amount of \$700,000, requested the amount of \$200,000 for April and \$500,000 for the month of May. It includes the operating costs of government hospitals for expenses other than salaries. It covers items such as supplies, equipment, travelling, office expense etc. The lower amount requested for April is due to the fact that the greater proportion of payments relates to the payment of bills for services incurred in 1973-1974 which were charged to that year.

The greater proportion of bills relating to April does not receive their pay until the month of May and hence the higher expenditure request for that month.

The University School of Medicine, \$550,000. The amount of \$275,000 is provided for each of the months of April and May, which represents the monthly grants which are paid in arrears to the School of Medicine to cover operating costs.

Under the heading of Other, \$1,850,000: The item comprises four main components, the cost of drugs, supplies, appliances to persons in need as certified by the Department of Social Services. Dental fees with respect to Children's Dental Programme, laundry contracts with Laundry Services Limited, the payments to Newfoundland Medicare Commission for operating costs.

The balance of the amount, shown under other, represents miscellaneous expenditures, travelling, office expenses for public health and general health divisions of the department.

In capital, hospital construction grants, \$1,900,000. This amount represents construction costs for the following projects; Western Memorial Hospital, \$700,000; Carbonear, \$400,000; Notre Dame Bay Memorial, \$300,000; Waterford, \$300,000. The rental purchases of hospitals not operated by government, \$200,000. So that is it. It accounts for the \$22 million, Mr. Chairman.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, I take the minister's figures, I did not add them up but I assume they come out to what he said they did. I have really only a very few questions because I think I shall reserve my

comments on the health thing until the main estimates, when I will have adequate opportunity. As the House knows, we hope to clean up the Interim Supply by this afternoon by six o'clock, so there are some other things.

There are two or three things. I wonder, first of all, whether there has been any decision made by the Premier, it is his prerogative but affecting this department, the appointment of a new deputy minister. Mr. Sellars I believe is Acting Deputy, he is the Associated Deputy. I have no doubt, I have no personal knowledge of this of late of course, I have no doubt the strain is becoming very great on all of the senior officials, not just Mr. Sellars but I would assume all of the, you might almost call them the management committee of that department, the three or four, six or eight men and women who are the top management people in what is a very large operating department.

I wonder whether there is anything new? Whether the minister is in a position to indicate when there might be a deputy minister appointed?

DR. A. T. ROWE: Mr. Chairman, there will be confirmation of the appointment of a new deputy minister within the very near future. It is now being processed for cabinet. I do not think there is any reason why I cannot mention the fact that with confirmation of it, why it has not been coming.

MR. ROBERTS: Well, certainly I would be delighted if Mr. Sellars were made deputy minister. I would say that he is a man I worked with myself and indeed recommended his appointment to his present position, as Associated Deputy Minister. I think the minister will have a good deputy and the government will have a good man.

I assume another medical person will be brought in that will then leave Dr. Colohan, present Assistant Deputy Minister, the only full-time medical person in the top group. Now I am not sure what cousin Jimmy, Dr. Jim Roberts, he is a special adviser to the minister. I am not sure what his status is but the point is he is not in the chain of command. He may have command but he is not in the chain of command.



DR. A. T. ROWE: ... parts of the paper which will be announced in the very near future.

MR. ROBERTS: Well okay that is fine. We will wait. The point is we need ...

The questions I have, Mr. Chairman, deal in the main, well let me raise one district question first. One that is not unfamiliar to the minister, the Englee, Bide Arm, Roddicton, Conche, Main Brook ambulances situation. Could he tell us whether there is anything new on that? Now the last I heard



The government, under the programme brought into effect in 1970 or 1971, have a programme under which they give ambulances to community groups. I suppose there have been thirty or forty ambulances given out. It is a very good programme. It is much like the volunteer fire brigade about which we hear so much. We have, in effect, volunteer ambulance brigades in Newfoundland. It is not as good as a programme in which we could hire ambulance drivers but until we reach that happy day, which hopefully will not be too much further away, we are in the position of having to make do with this programme. There was some talk that a grant would be given to the International Grenfell Association to compensate them and they would provide a driver for the ambulance.

The Roddickton Area, Mr. Chairman, has a doctor in it. I know him quite well for he is my brother. He has been there since July and there was a doctor there before him. The doctor before him, Dr. Patterson, was the first doctor ever to be stationed in that area. There was a health centre built at Roddickton and one is also at Port Saunders. I assume there will be others. There is one in Labrador South and one in Flower's Cove, that is certainly two. The people are still 150 miles by road from the base hospital and the regional hospital at St. Anthony. I do not know of any part of this province, with the exception of the Northern Coast of Labrador, where people are as far from hospital services as they are in the Roddickton, Conche, Englee' Area and in the comparable area over on the Straits, where I think you have the same situation in Port Saunders, Port au Choix and Hawkes Bay which again are about, in round figures, 150 miles from St. Anthony.

Now, Mr. Chairman, there have been suggestions in the past of building a hospital but these have been rejected by everybody who looked at it. I think the present minister would agree that there is no need to build a hospital in the sense of a great, modern new facility anywhere between St. Anthony and Bonne Bay. There

might be a need to replace the Bonne Bay Hospital or the Norris Point Hospital but the population is just not there. What we do need is an improvement in the transportation and the health centres which do provide doctors and x-ray and lab facilities on a basic level. Even now, if a person, if my friend, the Member for St. Barbe North, breaks his leg, he has to be taken seventy, eighty or ninety miles to St. Anthony to get an x-ray, even a simple fracture; whereas, in Port Saunders and Roddickton, you can at least have the x-ray done there and if something has to be handled by the medical officer there, it is handled and if it should need further treatment, of course, the patient has to be moved. Now that is the point.

Mr. Chairman, I think we have a unique situation. I do not know of anywhere in Newfoundland where people are that far from their hospital. The Labrador situation would be different but you have the Northern Coast of Labrador where there is no population concentration. I suppose Nain is the largest community on the Coast of Labrador, which has about 1,000 people at present I am told. The other communities, Hopedale, Makkovik, Postville and David's Inlet are smaller, and Rigolet.

Mr. Chairman, there is an air ambulance and when the weather permits, which is pretty good, when the weather permits and people are seriously enough injured they can be moved by air. Surely air ambulances are not the answer to the medical needs, the non-emergency medical needs of the area. We come right back to the ambulances. Through the minister's good grace, an ambulance was provided to the Town Council of Englee. That council, Mr. Chairman, is finding it an insupportable burden financially. The present Minister of Fisheries I think is familiar with the financial situation, in a general way, of Englee. They just do not have the cash to go hiring ambulance drivers. It has not proven possible at this stage to get all the councils in the area to come together on it. Whether they should or should not is another matter and I think they are in the same position as

most councils throughout Newfoundland. They have little enough to do what they must do in the municipal sense.

I ask the minister whether any progress has been made because if nothing is done, the information which I have, which comes from - not from my brother, he is reluctant to talk to me about medical problems in the area - the councils involved who I believe had a delegation in recently to see the minister, Pastor Reid from Bide Arm, representing the councils in the area. I know the Minister of Industrial Development will be glad to hear that.

MR. DOODY: I met the gentleman.

MR. ROBERTS: I met the gentleman on vacation too. He is a most amenable gentleman, a very fine gentleman, a great fighter, a great developer and entrepreneur of considerable scale and ability.

MR. DOODY: Durability.

MR. ROBERTS: I might add durability.

He certainly is a most amazing man to me, But my understanding from that brief and correspondence from the mayors brief is that unless something be done about that then the service is going to collapse and then we are right back to the start.

The voluntary list will not work over one hundred and fifty miles of bad, dirt road, I ask the minister now whether anything is going to be done and hopefully, I urge him to state something can and will be done.

DR. ROWE: Mr. Chairman, as I remember there are two main problems associated with the operation. One is that the community council there are not getting the support of other councils in the area. There are four or five that combine, requested the ambulance, but now they are not making any contribution towards this operation. The second point is that the community council there have hired a driver who apparently does little else for an amount of money, I do not think I have to give the amount of money but it is more than the subsidy which Government pays.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: \$400 a month.

DR. ROWE: Well, they are paying \$5000 a year for doing this. Well, the subsidy that we give them, of course as you know is \$100 over a year, in areas where most of the ambulances are operated by volunteer drivers. In this particular case it is not a volunteer driver. It is a person who has made this; as I understand this is pretty well his full time occupation. He may well have other interests, I do not know. I think the number of trips he has made since the ambulance came was something like ten which worked out to be a very expensive cost for that time.

However, they were in and we discussed the situation. They have gone back to do one or two things. One is to talk to the other council about any question of any support they can give. The second thing which I told them was that we are at the moment, and this is not a secret, revising the whole ambulance programme of the Province. We are all very aware and I am sure that you were that there is quite a financial hardship to individuals for the cost of transportation and so I have indicated to them that hopefully our new programme will come into operation later when we will be able to do something worthwhile for them.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, I agree with the minister that the present programme which I offer to the minister is certainly not the ultimate. It is better than what went before but certainly anything that can be done to improve it should certainly be done.

I think we have a unique situation in this area. The driver, of course, George Compton, made his living in the last few years driving people, on a commercial basis, back and forth to St. Anthony, running a very good service and providing a very good service and providing a commercial service, most of which was paid for by the Department of Welfare, on travelling but, ironically enough, when the doctor come into Roddington one of the effects of this, of course, was to cut the amount of travelling needed and thereby saving the Welfare Department a substantial sum of money and at the same time having the effect of putting George Compton largely out of business. He had an investment in a Sunday school bus, twelve or fourteen passenger bus, a van, and anything providing excellent service. The minister, I know has sheets of testimony as do I, everybody in the area with any public position is saying that George Thomson is doing a terrific job.

Well we are now in the position where unless something can be done and the obvious way I suggest is to make a grant to the IGA. The same sort of thing is done in Corner Brook, Mr. Chairman. Here in St. John's we have had it for fifty years, I do not know the situation in Carbonear or the northshore of Conception Bay, I know it is done in Gander. I know it is done at Grand Falls. I know it is done in Happy Valley. I know it is done at St. Anthony. In all of these places, the Government, it is not PC or Liberal, I mean all these places to my knowledge were getting the support during my ten years as minister and I assume during the ten years of my predecessors. All is needed is, in effect, to put one extra unit in the budget of the IGA, \$5000 or \$6000, what ever the going rate is and they would then hire Mr. Compton. We would have the service. The Welfare Department would charge, anybody would be charged for anybody who had to go up to St. Anthony, in the appropriate way.

It is fairly simple and I think it is justified. I know that there are

other communities who are providing a volunteer ambulance service but I would think there is nowhere else in Newfoundland where we are looking to volunteers to provide service one hundred and fifty miles of dirt road each way and I do not think that is realistic, even in Port aux Basques, which is one hundred and twenty miles from the regional facility of Corner Brook and where the Lions Club have performed magnificently in the last five or six years, even in Port aux Basques, Mr. Chairman, they have a hospital, thirty-seven or forty bed hospital. It does a certain level of work. In Roddington there is no hospital. There is a public health centre that has some beds in it but these are used to hold for urgent victims or for some types of maternity work or where persons come in with a bad cold and the doctor says "I would like you to stay overnight for observation". They are not hospital beds in any medical sense of the word and nobody pretends that they are.

So, we have a unique situation and I think it is one that



justifies a unique response and you know I have spoken to the minister outside. We have had conversations on this but I do want to renew it because something is going to happen and what is going to happen is that the thing is going to collapse. There will be a machine there that nobody is using. There will be no way to get people back and forth.

I think the figure is far more than tentative. I from memory understood it was sixty but whether it is one or - I mean all we need is one debt. There is now no way, and the minister would agree with that, there is no way to move a person from Roddickton or Englee or Bide Arm or Conche or Main Brook, four or five thousand people in that area, to St. Anthony either in an air ambulance or in the back seat of a car, no way except the ambulance and that is why we have the ambulance.

So I renew my plea and I know the minister is working on a new policy but that is a bigger thing. I mean one might be able to make a justifiable exception and to give the I.G.A. or for that matter give the council, I could not care less if it be the I.G.A. or the council but to make it possible to have a man taken on full time so that the service can be provided to the people.

DR. ROWE: That is an important point that I should have remembered and I apologize for not mentioning. Of course, the whole health service in the area are under the aegis of the I.G.A. and I was surprised that they had not discussed this problem with any I.G.A. officials before they came in, and one of the things that -

MR. ROBERTS: Inaudible.

DR. ROWE: Well they have not been too anxious, Dr. Thomas apparently -

MR. ROBERTS: Well I do not know about that.

DR. ROWE: Because there is some arrangement now with Flowers Cove and the I.G.A. operation and I have asked them to let me have the indications as to what Dr. Thomas feels about this. Anyway the man that you mentioned, Pastor Booth Reid, is coming back, either



writing me or when he gets in touch with the other councils and with Dr. Thomas to let me know if they can do anything or not. We will then see what we can do. I quite appreciate that there is a need that there is transportation required and that it cannot stop once it has been started.

AN HON. MEMBER: Like the school bus system.

MR. ROBERTS: Well I think the minister has made his point and I have made mine and I hope it will work out and I believe the minister is quite genuine and will try. There are four capital projects, five that I would like to enquire about. Two of them are underway. I would like to know what the current cost estimates are on the Carbonear Hospital, the regional hospital which started while I was minister over there, and the Health Sciences Centre, which again was started during my period as minister, over here in the Prince Philip. I do not need them in detail. The original estimates of the Health Science Centre I think were \$45.6 million of which \$30 million came from Ottawa and \$15 million came from us, with us bearing any increase, unless Ottawa agreed to give more.

But Carbonear started at \$6 million and then a year ago it was \$11 million or \$12 million, speaking from memory, Mr. Chairman, I think my memory is correct, I would like to know what it is now? Could the minister indicate when we shall see a start on construction on the new regional hospital in Clarendville? I would like to know the size of that as well and what type of work is to be done there and also - I am glad the gentleman from Bonavista South has once again honoured us by his presence. It is nice to see him once in a while.

The new hospital at Bonavista, I would like to know how large that is to be and when it is to start? Finally if he could tell the committee, Mr. Chairman, what is the situation at Port aux Basques? I attended a public meeting out there, at the request of the Lion's Club, a meeting called by them, and we had

a long talk about the need for a new hospital and all of that sort of thing. It was a few days after a delegation from the council had seen the Minister of Health. I should add, Mr. Walters, the Chairman of the Hospitals Boards, was there. Everybody who had anything to do with the hospital was at the meeting, a big crowd. I think four or five of the councillors who met with the minister spoke briefly to the meeting and the point of their remarks was what exactly the minister had said. Now this is a classic case of three witnesses to one, Your Honour is in private life a lawyer and Your Honour has had witnesses, two witnesses see the one accident and one swears that the black car hit the man in the brown suit and the other swears that the green car hit the man in the yellow suit and both believe genuinely what they are saying. We have a classic case because I think if there were four or five people who spoke of their meeting with the minister, there were four or five different impressions of exactly what had been said. Some people felt that the minister had said Port aux Basques would get a new hospital, a forty or fifty bed type institution, and that it would start soon, possibly this year that the planning work would start and possibly construction. Others felt that the minister had been nowhere near as definite. He had been very sympathetic, very much inclined to try to help but point

out that there were many difficulties or there were priorities. Persons quoted the minister as saying there was a list of priorities. Some said that Port aux Basques was high on the list of priorities. Others had it considerably further down. So, all I ask now is if the minister could make a brief statement to the committee to indicate just where the Port aux Basques hospital stands and then the other four that I mentioned.

DR. ROWE: Mr. Chairman, as far as Port aux Basques is concerned, the councillors that came in came in between two reports, one the Health Facilities Design that looked at the physical plant in Port aux Basques, whose report had recently been received and sent to the board, and before the Federal Provincial Task Force had given their report in Port aux Basques. What I have said to the councillors in effect was that until we have the report of the federal-provincial we will not make any final decision on this but it is quite possible from what I know, that we will in our priorities have to eventually provide a new hospital for Port aux Basques. I gave no indication as to when this might be. Indeed I do not know when it might be.

I could tell you the two spots now. We have something organized for Bonavista. We have Placentia and Port aux Basques which are probably the next two cottage hospitals that have to get either complete face lifting or something new in the way of facilities. The councillors, I am sure the majority must have remembered that we have minutes recording the meeting which I could produce if necessary which was to the effect that yes, we know that there are considerable problems. We are waiting for the federal, provincial people to tell us what their expert opinion is. It is my own feeling that we will have to, within the foreseeable future, provide some either ungraded or new facilities for Port aux Basques. I think that was a fair, true statement of what I said.

As far as Bonavista is concerned, our plans have not changed to provide the twenty-five bed hospital for Bonavista. I believe that there was some concern among the people down there and the committee

meeting with the Premier recently. As I understand it, the statement was that they themselves wished to have a hospital of sixty beds. That I understand, because they originally wanted one hundred and twenty beds. They are now talking about sixty beds, but to my knowledge no promise has been made that we will go beyond the twenty-five which have been recommended by the experts.

MR. NEARY: Is this a new hospital or an extension on the old one.

DR. ROWE: No, it is eventually to be a new one to replace the old one.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: When will it start?

DR. ROWE: Well, we called the first phase, the new outpatients last year. We got no tenders. We are calling that again now. When they have finished that, it will be a continuous phasing in.

MR. ROBERTS: How long will this take then, Mr. Chairman?

DR. ROWE: Well, I do not know. If I give a figure, it will be said eventually that I was misleading the House. I do not want to mislead the House but surely one can say that if we can get the first phase started this year, we look forward to completion in two to three years. That would be a reasonable assessment.

MR. NEARY: Is the first stage to build on to the old hospital?

DR. ROWE: No, the first stage is to build a building in front of the old hospital. Then the old hospital becomes removed and the new one gets in between.

MR. ROBERTS: Well, Sir, could the minister then outline the various phases?

DR. ROWE: Right. The first phase that we have the money for and that we have tendered for is the new diagnostic and outpatient department. The great need, as I saw it when I was in Bonavista, which is being confirmed by other people that have visited there, is that their present outpatient and diagnostic facilities are completely inadequate, completely antiquated and this new outpatients, new diagnostic outpatients department is the most urgent need. This is the first phase that is to be done.

MR. NEARY: When will it be completed?

DR. ROWE: Well, they have not even, you know -

MR. ROBERTS: Have tenders been called?

DR. ROWE: The tenders are on their way out now as my friend and colleague has been able to confirm

MR. NEARY: Any target date on it?

DR. ROWE: Pardon me?

MR. NEARY: No target date?

DR. ROWE: I do not have a target date, Public Works I think might be able to. Now, as far as Clarendville is concerned, the regional hospital -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Hold it, hold it now! Let us go on!

MR. ROBERTS: The minister was going to tell us about the different phases. The first one was this diagnostic thing. I suspect our questioning has thrown him off the track.

DR. ROWE: Sorry! Well, that is the first phase, the new diagnostic outpatients center. The next phase is the provision of the in-patients facility of twenty-five beds which will follow the construction of the first phase.

MR. ROBERTS: Two-phase.

DR. ROWE: Yes. The in-patient and the out-patient facilities.

MR. ROBERTS: Well, when phase one is finished, phase two will begin?

DR. ROWE: We go into phase two. That is the plan.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Right away?

DR. ROWE: That is my programme.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Do we have a firm commitment?

MR. NEARY: The Premier has already told the people down there. Do we have a firm commitment from the minister?

DR. ROWE: You have a commitment now that we are going to make it a continuous operation.

MR. NEARY: I know but what year?

DR. ROWE: Pardon?

MR. NEARY: What year?

DR. ROWE: Well, we are starting in 1974, hopefully.

MR. NEARY: Going to build an out-patients facility.

DR. ROWE: A whole new out-patients.

MR. NEARY: Now, the moment that is finished, will the second phase begin?

DR. ROWE: Hopefully.

MR. NEARY: Hopefully. I mean, why be so indecisive? Why not -

DR. ROWE: What are the construction problems going to be in a years time? I do not know. I could only indicate that our programme is to make it a continuous programme.

MR. NEARY: We are hoping to be over on that side by then so hopefully is not -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Let us hope the hospital is finished before that.

DR. ROWE: Right or they might have to wait ten years like some other places had to wait.

For Clarendville the -

MR. CHAIRMAN: If the honourable minister would permit me?

AN HON. MEMBER: Sure.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Honourable members, according to the rules, they should only speak when they have the floor. If this rule is abused, of course, honourable members will get shafe back and accordingly we shall have a very disorderly gathering. So I will ask honourable members to keep that in mind.

DR. A. T. ROWE: On the Clarendville Hospital, Mr. chairman, the situation is that the site has now been finally obtained. The programme is for 138 beds. The functional planning has been done and again my colleague is able to mention something about the possible architects.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

DR. A. T. ROWE: It depends on when they get their design, sketches drawn. I would hope but I would have to leave that question for somebody else. We have told them what they want. We have asked them to build it.

On the question of the costs involved in Carbonear, I am not familiar with the latest costs but I am sure my colleague, the Minister of Public Works, is able to give us some figure.

On the Health Sciences I can tell you that a recent communication that I saw indicates that in spite of everybody's amazement they are still on budget, (inaudible).

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

DR. A. T. ROWE: They are still on budget. That is what they maintain at the moment. I do not think there are any other questions that I missed.

MR. NEARY: Well are all the contracts called yet? Have they called the -

MR. ROBERTS: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: If the Minister of Public Works will not answer the question - have all the contracts been called?

MR. ROUSSEAU: No, there are still some major contracts to be called and there are still (what is it that they call it?) design considerations but the last report we had, which was on the 28th. of February, from the



people, they said that the thing is still on cost, I am sorry, on budget, and still the time frame of early 1976 may be beaten. It is still feasible for late 1975; that is the report we have. It is still \$45 million but they will be in a better position within two months, a month or two after give out these larger contracts and the design considerations to let them know.

So right now the last reports says \$45, 600,000.

MR. ROBERTS: Well we will wait and see. It shows how good was Harvey Self and the organization brought in. Could the minister tell us anything for the reasons indicated by the Minister of Health about the Clarenville situation or what is going to be done there this year?

MR. ROUSSEAU: We are looking at the design, of course. There are a couple that we would like to look at. We would like to try and include them in a group rather than do one individually. We have a couple involved and I will answer that more clearly, if I may, when I do my own estimates in Public Works. But we will be looking for architects in the fairly near future, to provide the design for the Clarenville Hospital.

MR. ROBERTS: Just so I will understand that, Mr. Chairman, no architects have yet been appointed in respect of Clarenville. Is that a correct statement?

MR. ROUSSEAU: We had one small problem there. We had the land for the hospital and before we said anything about it we wanted to ensure that that land was available, that it was crown land. So we have just now in the past week or two been, you know, certainly we had to get surveys on it, it was certain that the land was available. Now that the land is available we are ready to go ahead on that.

MR. ROBERTS: I find that an ingenious answer at best. I do not doubt the truth of what the minister says but the government of this province have the power to take land where it is necessary. Indeed as we saw earlier in the week, the legislature can authorized the government to take BRINCO, if need be. I mean that is quite within

our competence.

I suggest the answer is at best ingenious and that people may well feel there has been some, shall we say, delaying on the matter. Be that as it may! Architects will be appointed shortly for this Clarendville Hospital?

MR. ROUSSEAU: I will let the honourable member know when I do my estimates.

MR. ROBERTS: Well, you know, it is the Minister of Health who has to ask for the money.

MR. ROUSSEAU: Within the fairly near future architects will be authorized to proceed with plans for the Clarendville Hospital.

MR. ROBERTS: Well that is fine. I thank the minister. Could he indicate, now again he cannot make a commitment, I realize, but could he indicate to the committee, Mr. Chairman, what sort of time span architects need to design a facility such as the Clarendville Hospital? Indeed, what are going to be the instructions to the architects? That may be more for the Minister of Health, who is in effect the client; the Minister of Public Works is in a service function. But how many beds are there to be there and what kind of beds are they to be?

DR. A. T. ROWE: I do not have the breakdown with me but we have the functional planning study which can be made available. The number of maternity beds, the number of surgical beds, the number of medical beds

all have been worked out.

MR. ROBERTS: I thank the gentleman. I mean I would love to see the functional planning studies on Clarendville and for that matter on Bonavista. Now that the government have decided their position there is surely no reason why they cannot be made available. So in round figures, 140 beds in Clarendville.

Do I understand the minister will send me the functional -

DR. A. T. ROWE: Inaudible.

MR. ROBERTS: Well I asked for the functional plan but I mean that is up to the minister what he gives me.

Okay, let us come back to the architects: What sort of time span do the architects need to design 140 beds? That is a large hospital, that is \$50,000 a bed, which is minimal I suggest. He is talking \$7 millions.

MR. ROUSSEAU: Architects and with the need, of course, to have the department looking at it as well, I would say probably two, three, maybe four months. I will undertake to find out more definitely from the department before my estimates come up this afternoon. I would guess two, three or four months.

MR. ROBERTS: Well, the minister will find a little more. But are we then to indicate that say within - once the plans are drawn the government will be ready to proceed to tender? How is the Clarendville Hospital? The minister confirmed that the position is that tenders will be proceeded with as soon as the architects are ready to call the tenders. Fine. Who is to run the Clarendville Hospital? That is the Health Minister now.

DR. A. T. ROWE: It is our hope that it will be run by the board of management in the same way we are operating certain other hospitals but there has been no specific decision made on this. I hope it will not be run as cottage hospitals by government but run as a regional hospital or an area hospital by a board developed by persons with expertise in the area. That will be my hope.

MR. ROBERTS: Well certainly that is the policy and was the policy of six Ministers of Health, it transcends partisanship entirely, the policy of getting the department out of a business of day-to-day operations. Indeed, I assume that shortly all the other cottage hospitals will be

out, as Springdale, - but that is another story.

May I suggest to the minister, and I do so quite seriously and I think it is a very good suggest, that there might be a great deal of merit in constituting a board now, at least a partial board, both there in Bonavista and in - well in Port aux Basques there is one. In the General Hospital there is one. Have a board so that right from the functional planning stage on they can be involved. The men and women who will operate it as the board, in due course would have a great deal to offer.

But also I would suggest there would be a great deal to be said for involving people in the area now, so if there is any feeling that this hospital has been imposed on the catchment area, the people to be served by it, then that feeling could be obviated and lessened. I put it forward; I think it is a very good suggestion. We would have saved, the people of Newfoundland would have saved a lot of public grief if there had been similar boards set up say fifteen years ago or twenty years ago in - there was one in Carbonear - in places such as Gander and Grand Falls. I put it forward both for Clarenville and for Bonavista.

Finally, what about the Grand Falls Hospital? When can we expect some action on that?

DR. A. T. ROWE: Again, Mr. Chairman, I do not want to be interrupted - the statements of my colleague (inaudible). All the studies have been done. The architects are about to be appointed for the plans for the expansion which have been accepted and I do not see that there was any further problem with regards to the Central Newfoundland Hospital. The plans have been approved for the extension.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I just want to, this is for the sake of clarification, I am sure the Minister of Mines and Energy will want this clarified too and the Member for Burin is not in his seat.

With this 140 bed hospital for Clarenville, that rules out any hope whatsoever of a new hospital on the Burin Peninsula? Is this my understanding from the minister that this new hospital in Clarenville will serve the needs of the people on the Burin Peninsula

or will there be a new hospital on the Burin Peninsula?

DR. A. T. ROWE: In answer to the honourable member's question, it does not in any way change any ideas or programmes that we have for the development of hospital services on the Burin Peninsula. All of this will be made known in due course.

MR. NEARY: Well would the minister tell us what the plans are to develop a new hospital out on the Burin Peninsula?

DR. A. T. ROWE: I do not have the authority yet to release the details on what is planned for there. This will be made known in the very near future.

MR. NEARY: Well I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if the minister could indicate when he will be in a position to make an announcement on the hospital for the Burin Peninsula? Will it be a month? Six months? A year? Could we pin it down?

DR. A. T. ROWE: In the fullness of time, I guess when the House passed some estimates in the near future.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, when the minister comes in with his regular estimates into the House, will he be able to give us an indication then when we can expect some action on the Burin Peninsula Hospital?

DR. A. T. ROWE: Hopefully, Mr. Chairman.

MR. NEARY: Hopefully is the minister's pet word.

MR. ROWE, W.N. I have a question, Mr. Chairman, it is not on the same scale at all as compared to those

already asked or partially answered. Now this one is, however, important too, I think, to the people concerned.

I have had two or three calls from Clarendville, not on a partisan basis at all. I do not know what politics the people who have called me up had if they have any. They are all concerned about this young fellow (Mercer is it) going out of the ambulance business there. I believe it is Ike Mercer's son if I am not mistaken although I do not know him. I was not talking to him. He apparently is going out of the business because, although he has a fully equipped ambulance and is providing a very enthusiastic service there, apparently a very conscientious service, he is going out of the business because of a difficulty in getting any government subsidy or pay for welfare trips or whatever it is.

Two or three people there, maybe more but two or three persons called me up in order to say they are very concerned about the situation. Now, I do not know any of the facts involved. One of the persons who called me up said that we are going to be left with a person who is driving a station wagon for an ambulance. I do not know if that is true or not. Could the minister give some facts on this?

DR. ROWE: The honourable Leader of the Opposition asked this question a few days ago about the operation of the Clarendville ambulance and I tried to explain it at that time.

Mr. Mercer has been running an ambulance service and an undertakers service. He has had considerable deficit over the past year. He is a private ambulance operator and there is nothing in the present policy of government which allows us to subsidize private ambulance operators. Our programme is we assist those who are doing it as community enterprises or as nonprofit organizations but we do not have anything in our present programme to assist private operators.

However, I realize that there will be some rather downgrading of service when his ambulance comes off the road, but there is another ambulance operator in Clarendville. There is the provision of the community ambulance at Sunnyside and the service will not be dishanded completely. It may not be perhaps the same superior type that they



may feel they are getting now but they will not be bereft of ambulance services.

As I mentioned earlier, in our new programme perhaps this sort of problem no longer exists.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, do I understand it from the minister that there are no subsidies at the moment for private ambulance services? It is just fee for service? Is this the understanding?

Although in the City of St. John's the ambulance service is provided by the General Hospital, I presume - is this free or do the people have to pay for it or is it only free for people on Social Assistance? I am sure the member for Harbour Grace must have some very strong feelings on this matter. Why does he not get up and express his views because you know, if the minister does not implement some kind of a programme of subsidization or a programme operated directly by the department, the whole system is just going to collapse all over the province. The member for Harbour Grace, I hear his ambulance going by my house once in a while and I am sure he has some pretty strong views on this. Perhaps he could tell us what the solution to the problem is.

DR. ROWE: As I mentioned, it has not been the policy of any previous administration and indeed not yet the policy of this government that we subsidize private operations. The community programme is well known and as far as anybody who is on social service or receiving indigent allowance, the ambulance is paid for on a fee-for-service basis.

On motion Head 10, Health, carried.

MR. SPEAKER: It now being one of the clock, I do now leave the Chair until three of the clock this afternoon.



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**SPEAKER: THE HONOURABLE JAMES M. RUSSELL**

The committee resumed at 3:00 P.M.:

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please! The Minister of Education wishes to answer some questions that were put to him this morning.

MR. OTTENHEIMER, Minister of Education: Mr. Chairman, with respect to two questions asked by the honourable member for Bell Island, one with respect to foster children. There are 1,088 children altogether in 490 homes and with respect to the blind there are 290 people receiving allowance for the blind. In both of these areas, in the allowances for both of these areas, government is aware of rising cost of living and active consideration is being given to the allowances in terms of the next year.

AN HON. MEMBER: There will be no increase in last year?

MR. OTTENHEIMER: No.

HEAD XI - MINES AND ENERGY - \$4 million.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy.

MR. L. BARRY, Minister of Mines and Energy: Mr. Chairman, the amount of Interim Supply allocated for the Department of Mines and Energy is \$4 million and this is broken down into salaries - \$120,000; current account - \$3,600,000 and capital account - \$280,000. Salaries - I think it is self-evident what this is for. Current account, the normal functioning of the department and to get a start on the projects that are to be commenced this year, geological mapping in different areas of the province. It is necessary to expend funds on salaries, meals, accommodations, transportation costs, etc. and also for the mineral development programme which is the programme cost-shared with the federal government. There will be an amount needed to cover the salaries of existing staff, to hire students in May, to purchase equipment such as vehicles, boats, tents, canoes and so on, not for the minister's fishing trips but to assist field parties.

MR. THOMS: Any going down the Gander River?

MR. BARRY: I do not think there will be any going to the Gander River nor to the federal fishing lodge in Labrador.

MR. BARRY: Mr. Chairman, I will be happy to answer any questions that arise. Included in this amount is the sum of \$1,102,000 for the rural electricity authority. \$1,609,000 for the Newfoundland and Labrador Power Commission, under the Industrial Incentives Act, \$500,000 to the Power Commission for generating capacity and the figure for capital account - \$280,000 is \$60,000 to get a start on construction of the mineral laboratory in the Crown Land and Surveys combined building, which is cost-shared by the federal government.

That is about it, I am sorry, \$220,000.00 for capital account in the Rural Electrical Authority.

MR. S. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I must say that since the new Department of Mines and Energy was formed, Sir, that we were expecting great things from this department and from the minister but it has turned out to be a very great disappointment, Sir.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: A flash in the pan.

MR. NEARY: A flash in the pan, that is all it is. The minister himself, on a number of occasions, Sir, has shown beyond any doubt that he is completely incapable of making decisions.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: It is indecisive. I was sitting in the public gallery, Sir, for four days, as Your Honour well knows, and I heard the minister reply to or take exception to an article in the "Evening Telegram" and I tried to listen to the minister's explanation as much as I could, Sir. I paid very strict attention to what he was saying and I must say, Mr. Chairman, it was the biggest lesson in double talk that I ever heard in my life. Instead of clearing up this matter of granting the insurance for the power Commission to another company, the minister merely created more suspicion, Mr. Chairman. It was obvious to me, Sir, as I listened to his answer in the public gallery that he, himself, the minister himself, either overruled the Power Commission or the minister was overruled by his cabinet colleagues; one or the other, Sir, it had to be.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: I beg your pardon.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Cabinet makes the final decisions, Sir, but that is what I am leading up to. What I want to ask the honourable minister is what he recommended, Did he recommend that this new company cover the insurance down at the Power Commission or did the minister himself overrule the Power Commission, Sir? All we have heard, Sir, from the minister of this department is wishy-washy statements, indecisive statements, Sir, no factual, straightforward answers, just straight double-talk, Sir, is all

we have heard from this department in the past two years, no clear-cut policy, Mr. Chairman, no clear-cut policy from the minister.

Then they go off to Ottawa, Sir, and they are still nodding their heads across Canada. That is the position that this Province took.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): With the co-operation of the honourable member for Bell Island, I would like to welcome to the public galleries students from two schools, St. Augustines Elementary and Joseph R. Smallwood Collegiate in Wabush, grade VI students, twenty in number, with their teachers, Miss Patricia Walsh and Miss Patricia Murphy. I trust that your visit here will be interesting and informative and I welcome you here on behalf of the honourable members.

MR. NEARY: Then, Sir, we saw the position that the Province took at the very important energy conference that was held in Ottawa when the Government of Canada were trying so desperately to keep Confederation intact and little old Newfoundland sticking out like a sore thumb, everybody else out of step except Newfoundland said, "No, we are not going to go along with your one-price policy across Canada."

The minister nods his head, Sir, that is the position that Newfoundland took at that conference and now we see the Minister of Justice going up, the Premier could not attend because he was ill, He did not think it worth his while to send up the honourable Minister of Mines and Energy, the expert, sent up the Minister of Justice to the conference and did a complete turnabout, turned himself inside out, summersault and then



we hear an announcement from the Minister of Mines and Energy that there would be an increase in gasoline, an increase in the price of gasoline and furnace oil in Newfoundland, when Mr. MacDonald and the Prime Minister of Canada had said that the increase of five or six cents a gallon would be west of the Ottawa Valley. I heard it this morning. That is what I am coming to, the double talk, Mr. Chairman. It would apply to everyone west of the Ottawa Valley. Then the Minister of Mines and Energy, the same day, when his colleague, the Minister of Justice, was up in Ottawa, agreed with what the Government of Canada was doing, agreed with the position that had been outlined at the previous Energy Conference and the Government of Canada just doing now, taking action now, on what they said they were going to do at that time. This province said, "No." The Premier somehow or other and the Minister of Mines and Energy somehow or other thought it was a question of who owned the offshore mineral rights. They did not even know why they were in Ottawa, what they were discussing.

AN HON. MEMBER: They knew the difference, a red herring.

MR. NEARY: A red herring? I think it was a red whale, not a red herring. They are still shaking their heads up in Ottawa. It is still the biggest 'Newfie' joke this year across Canada. What I am getting at, Mr. Chairman, is this: The same day before the Minister of Justice got aboard the plane at Ottawa to come back to Newfoundland, the Minister of Mines and Energy says, "Oh yes. The increase is going to apply to Newfoundland." I think he said that there is going to be an increase of five or six cents.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: Which minister said it then?

Well, Mr. Chairman, the statement was so wishy-washy that we did not know what he said. It was another classic example, Sir, of double talking. The people of this province were none the wiser for the minister having made the statement, Sir. The Premier, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Mines and Energy have been telling us all along that we use foreign oil in Eastern Canada.

Increasing the oil from Western Canada, whether it was at the wellhead or where it was, did not make any difference to us, we were told, because we use foreign oil in Eastern Canada. Yet the minister tells us, "Oh yes, we are going to have an increase!" Maybe I got the wrong impression from what the minister said, Sir, because I found it very difficult to follow him. He said that it was going to be the same increase as the people were going to have to put up with west of the Ottawa Valley. Maybe the minister did not say what the increase was, maybe he did not, Sir. Mr. Chairman, that even makes it worse. The people of Newfoundland are still in the dark as to what the increase is going to be.

Mr. Chairman, my understanding (the minister can correct me on this) is that Ottawa has agreed with the Eastern Provinces to subsidize the price of gasoline and oil - subsidize it! Here is the hitch, here is the rub, Mr. Chairman. The provinces have to take the initiative and so far this province has not taken the initiative and has not indicated to the Government of Canada.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: Let me explain myself now. Do not come back looking so sanctimonious after going up and reversing another decision, backing away. This government are becoming noted now for backing away from situations. The Government of Canada, Sir, have set up the machinery whereby they are prepared to subsidize gasoline and oil in Eastern Canada.

AN HON. MEMBER: They have been doing it since January.

MR. NEARY: They have been doing it since January?

Sir, my understanding is that the Government of Canada are right at the moment on the horns of a dilemma. They do not know whether they should pay the subsidy to the province, to the oil companies or to the consumers.

MR. BARRY: We do not care as long as -

MR. NEARY: Ah! they do not care. This is exactly the point, Sir.

MR. BARRY: We do not care as long as it does not cost us, the people, any more.

MR. NEARY: Here is the point, Mr. Chairman. Here it is. The Government of Canada are saying to the provinces, "Reduce your gasoline tax and reduce your oil tax, reduce it by five or

ten cents." I think there is only about a twenty-eight or thirty cents tax on gasoline, Sir. I am not talking about the sales tax.

AN HON. MEMBER: He does not know what he is talking about.

MR. NEARY: I do know what I am talking about, Sir. The Government of Canada, Sir,

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please! While the honourable member may invite certain comments across the floor, I do think that honourable members to my left are certainly commenting to such an extent that the honourable member is finding it difficult to maintain the floor.

MR. NEARY: That is what I am not Your Honour, I find no difficulty at all, I can handle anything on that side of the House, Sir.

What I am saying is this, Mr. Chairman, that the Government of Canada have laid out a policy whereby they are saying to the provinces in Eastern Canada, "Take five cents off a gallon of gasoline, off your tax, and we will pay it back to you, we will subsidize it." This is what they are saying in effect, Sir.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Yes, yes, yes, they are! Well then perhaps -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Well, they have said it to the whole of Canada, Sir. Well perhaps when the minister gets up to speak he can tell me what it is they are saying, because we have no statement of policy from the provincial government, Sir. If the Government of Canada are not saying this, tell us what they are saying. If they are not going to subsidize it, then will the minister tell us what that honourable crowd over there are going to do about it?

The price of gasoline and oil in this province has gone completely beyond the reach of the ordinary person. Is the province going to subsidize it? You soon will not be able to live in this province, Sir.

MR. BARRY: We just purchased an oil well, the Upper Churchill.

MR. NEARY: They just purchased an oil well?

MR. BARRY: Fifty-four million barrels a year.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I will tell the honourable minister what they just did.

MR. BARRY: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Yes, I will tell them.

AN HON. MEMBER: Tell us.

MR. NEARY: Yes, I will tell them.

They put the people of Newfoundland into a position where Newfoundland will take all the risks, put up all the capital and somebody else will get the cream, that is what they just did.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Does the honourable member want me to go into details or shall I wait for my colleague the -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: I will wait until my colleague the Leader of the Opposition -

HON. MEMBERS: Inaudible.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please! While the honourable member may invite and tolerate and enjoy having the honourable members to my left interjecting, it is certainly out of order and I will call all honourable members to observe the rule that the member speaking has the right to be heard in silence.

MR. NEARY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As far as the policy of the Upper and Lower Churchill are concerned, Sir, we will have our hands full in the future, as an opposition in this House, to keep our eye on political patronage in that deal, the Upper and Lower Churchill. But, Sir, this matter of an energy policy is a very serious matter. I only wish, Sir, and I hope, I sincerely hope that the minister would give up double talking and just state what the provincial government policy is on energy. Sir, what is their policy? Do they have one? If they do, Sir, I do not know what it is. I think I follow this House fairly closely. I have not heard the minister yet come in to this honourable House and tell us what the policy of his government is, Sir, on energy. They seem to be flying by the seat of their pants.

AN HON. MEMBER: I could write a whole book on it, Your Honour.

MR. NEARY: A whole book, hum! Give us a lot of bunk on it! They are

flying by the seat of their pants, Sir, why does not the minister get up and be man enough to admit that they do not have any policy? No policy! They make it up as they go! They are carrying their energy policy around in their vest pocket!

I am getting sick and tired, sick and tired, as well as the rest of the people in this province, of hearing the Minister of Mines and Energy get up in front of Rotary, get up in the House of Assembly, get up in front of the Lions Club



making wishy-washy statements, indecisive statements, something, Mr. Chairman, like lawyers down in court would make when they are trying to be indecisive. Instead of the minister getting up and making a clear-cut factual, straightforward statements, Sir, he appears to me to be afraid to do this. I do not know why. When I was sitting in the gallery for the last four days, I noticed this about a lot of the ministers on the other side. If they do not have the officials to prop them up, Sir, if they do not have their officials standing by their side, telling them what to do, they seem to be afraid to make straightforward statements, afraid that they would make fools of themselves. I hope now as a result of my few remarks that the minister will be able to stand in his place in this honourable House and lay it out, tell us what it is, What is the energy policy of this government? Do they have one? Let us hear it.

Let us today, before we leave this House, assure the people of Newfoundland and Labrador that there is going to be no increase in furnace oil. God only knows they cannot afford it, Mr. Chairman. They cannot afford it. They cannot afford an increase in gasoline. Maybe the Hon. Minister of Finance can, the old moneybag can afford it. I am talking about the ordinary people Sir. It is about time we started thinking about the ordinary people in this honourable House. Let the minister tell us if there is going to be an increase. How much is it going to be? Why does there have to be an increase? We do not live west of the Ottawa Valley. Why? Are the Government of Canada prepared to offer financial assistance to offset any increase, through subsidies? Are they? My understanding is that they are, Sir. The minister says no. I can find out. I have connections in Ottawa too; I can find out. Old moneybag is back.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stagg): Order please!

The honourable member does have a certain way with words. Abusive and insulting language is unparliamentary. I am not at this point asking him to withdraw the remark because remarks of that type have been tolerated perhaps for too long. I ask him if calling on adjectives to describe, whom I presume is the Minister of Finance, in the future to use language more appropriate to this House.

MR. NEARY: I must say that I am sorry Your Honour but I always heard Ministers of Finance referred to as moneybags. It was not meant as a personal slight to the minister. You can understand that.

Sir, I am dead serious. If the Hon. Minister of Mines and Energy is not prepared to state what the government policy is on energy, maybe the Premier will do it. The Premier was up on television, up in Ottawa, professing to be the expert on Mines and Energy. Perhaps the Hon. Premier will do it. I wish somebody would do it because right now we do not know where we stand. The people of this province are still in the dark, Sir. I wish somebody would straighten us out.

MR. BARRY: Mr. Chairman, I will try again to straighten out the "Hon. Snow-White Member."

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible).

MR. BARRY: No. No. This is the appellation used by the honourable member himself.

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible).

MR. BARRY: I am sorry.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stagg): I did not hear it; I am sorry.

MR. BARRY: He is no longer the "Snow-White Member."

Mr. Chairman, the first matter raised by the member opposite; the Power Commission Insurance: "Was I overruled by cabinet? I believe, in my recommendation in connection with the insurance?" Mr. Speaker, I can say only that on many occasions I seek the advice of my colleagues, intelligent, able and competent colleagues

in cabinet and never yet have I found their advice to be wanting. On this occasion I can say that I obtained good advice from my cabinet colleagues.

With respect to Newfoundland's Energy Policy, Mr. Chairman, I think that the events of two days ago have been a complete vindication of our province's energy position. I think that it has made the opposition eat their words

eat their criticism that they made with respect to our position at the first national energy conference back in February, I guess it was, because Mr. Chairman, we have seen now the Federal Government accept every recommendation made by Newfoundland except one, Mr. Chairman, because we asked the Federal Government to roll back petroleum prices if it were at all possible. They have found that it was not possible, Mr. Chairman, to roll back petroleum prices to what they were as of September 1, 1973 which was Newfoundland's position.

Mr. Chairman, for the honourable member opposite to say that he was not aware of Newfoundland's position on energy, Newfoundland's energy policy, is an example either of the fact that he is not able to read or else he is not able to understand because, Mr. Chairman, I made it a point of seeing that every honourable member opposite received a copy of the papers which Newfoundland presented at the National Energy Conference, the first one. I can say, Mr. Chairman, that I am proud of the work that our officials put in and we had a committee formed, an inter-departmental committee from the Department of Finance, the Department of Mines and Energy Planning and Priorities Secretariat, and we got a team together and put together and prepared a position, Mr. Chairman, for the National Energy Conference. We have been told since and I believe and I think any honourable members here would have to agree that we were, Newfoundland was better prepared for that National Energy Conference than it had been for any previous Federal-Provincial Conference since Confederation.

Mr. Chairman, I think that has been proven by the fact that our advisers concentrated on every issue that was eventually raised at the National Energy Conference. We were made aware of every issue that was likely to be raised and we had a position prepared on every important issue. Now, what were these issues? Well, the first one was whether there should be differences in price in Eastern Canada and Western Canada. Mr. Chairman, our position was, at the National Energy Conference and still is today, that there should be a uniform pricing policy. That does not mean, Mr. Chairman, that prices should be the same in every part of Canada. They should be the same except for the transportation differential.

In other words, it does not make economic sense to fail to recognize that there is a difference in transportation cost in different parts of the country. If we thought that the Federal Government would step in and subsidize transportation costs, then we would be willing to go along with total uniformity but we are realistic, we have a bit of common sense here. What we did was we said to the Federal Government, "Let us not have Newfoundland and Eastern Canada paying more for petroleum than people in the rest of Canada. Let us not have regional disparity made worse because our industries are in a less advantageous position because they have to pay more for the petroleum. Let us see a federal subsidy to keep prices down to what they are in Western Canada."

Mr. Chairman, this has been done. This principle of a uniform pricing policy which was advocated by Newfoundland and which is, the honourable member does not have to take my word for it, set out in the background papers which have been distributed, this principle has been accepted not just by the Federal Government but by other provinces, by the producing provinces, which is a matter of some significance.

Mr. Chairman, another very important issue which we made the Federal Government back down on and which initially they were not

prepared to consider but judging from what I understand has taken place at the last conference, we now see at least some of the revenues that go to the producing provinces being put into the equalization formula.

Mr. Chairman, we have to get one thing clear. It is not enough for Eastern Canada to be subsidized. It is not enough for Eastern Canada to receive a subsidy from the Federal Government. It is not from the Federal Government, it is from the people of Canada, the peoples' money administered by the Federal Government, it is not enough just to have a subsidy to make our prices the same as they are out west. That will not keep us level with Alberta and Saskatchewan and British Columbia who are making money from the sale of petroleum products. If it were only the subsidy, Mr. Chairman, we would see the producing provinces moving steadily ahead of the other provinces of Canada because they would be making additional revenue from the sale of petroleum products.

So, what we have said, Mr. Chairman, is that these royalties that Alberta and Saskatchewan and British Columbia received should be taken account of in the equalization formula and the other provinces of Canada should receive equalization payments.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: He said the opposite to that at the conference, the National Energy Conference.

MR. BARRY: Who said the opposite?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: His boss, the honourable the Premier.

MR. BARRY: I am afraid that the honourable member is mistaken there because I was at the conference. The background papers have been distributed, the position papers, the Premier's statement and one point that we insisted on and that the Federal Government was adamant against. They were prepared to pay money to the oil companies. They were prepared to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to the multi-national oil corporations and this was set out in a position submitted by Mr. Donald MacDonald, but they were not prepared to give the provinces one red cent in equalization. Unbelievable, but now, Mr. Chairman, they finally have come to their senses. When they saw that the provinces were adamant, when our deputy Premier or acting Premier, the Minister of Justice, after receiving a very thorough briefing, went up



there and put our position firmly and without equivocation and persuaded his colleagues, the premiers of the other provinces, to support Newfoundland's position, we see the Federal Government backing down, we see the Federal Government finally accepting the principle that these oil revenues should go into equalization.

MR. NEARY: Wealthy Ontario then will get equalization payments.

MR. BARRY: I will get on to that point.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please! Order, please!

MR. BARRY: Now that was our position, Mr. Chairman, that all revenue should go into equalization. The Federal Government, with a little fancy footwork, by imposing export taxes and so on, they diverted revenue from Alberta and Saskatchewan. They hacked off the claim of these provinces' resources. They went in there and they said to the provinces, "You may own these resources but that does not mean that you can get the benefits of what you own." An unbelievable concept of ownership! I think the only other expression of this that I have every heard of is that given by the Leader of the Opposition a couple of weeks ago. The Leader of the Opposition is prepared to accept the principle that a province may own its resources and yet derive no revenue from them.

MR ROBERTS: That is a misrepresentation.

MR. BARRY: Well, maybe the Leader of the Opposition can correct me on that and explain how he can consistently support the principle that the provinces should own their resources and also support the principle that the Federal Government is entitled to come in and derive whatever revenue the Federal Government wishes to derive from them.

Now to me they are two inconsistent concepts but the Leader of the Opposition may be able to clarify his position on it and I just wish he would, as I am sure, Mr. Chairman, we would all like the Leader of the Opposition to clarify his position with respect to our purchase of CFLCo. and the Labrador water rights. We have been waiting for two, three weeks, Mr. Chairman, breathlessly, in breathless anticipation and until the honourable member for Bell Island spoke today, we had had no indication as to what the honourable mob on the other side was going to.-

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please! The two expressions, certainly the term "the honourable crowd," is one that is not looked upon favourably by the Chair but "the honourable mob" I think certainly should never become tolerated beyond the honourable member having gotten it into the record at this point. I ask him if he might rephrase that remark?

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I think withdraw it and apologize to the members on this side of the House, Sir.

MR. BARRY: Mr. Chairman, you have slapped my wrists and I accept that that is almost an unparliamentary statement, but I got carried away in the heat of debate there.

But, Mr. Chairman, this is a serious matter. We have one of the greatest resource development decisions that any government has made in Newfoundland for the people and we have not heard a peep out of the opposition, not a peep, Mr. Chairman. Now the only thing I can conclude is that as usual the members opposite are waiting to see which way public opinion is going to go, waiting to see what is the safe position to take before making up their minds and coming out with a statement. That is the usual leadership, Mr. Chairman, that we see from the other side of the House.

Mr. Chairman, there are indications that the Leader of the Opposition is going to make a statement on some of the media tonight. Mr. Chairman, I say that is a gross discourtesy to this honourable House, for the Leader of the Opposition to refuse to make any statement in the House. It is bad enough to see him wait for weeks and weeks before expressing

any opinion and now when he finally is forced to say something, when he has finally gotten an indication of what public opinion is, the statement is going to be made outside the House. Mr. Chairman, I think that that is shocking.

The honourable members opposite are more interested, all I can conclude is that they are more interested in attacking the integrity of the Minister of Finance than they are in addressing themselves to the important policy issues raised by our government's decision to take back control of the energy resources, the hydro energy resources of this province. But enough of that at this time, Mr. Chairman. The people have noticed this terrible lack of leadership and I am sure they will remember.

Now, Mr. Chairman, the honourable member for Bell Island has inquired about the situation with respect to the future price of petroleum products in Eastern Canada. Well all I can say to the honourable member for Bell Island is that I am still not clear on certain aspects of how this new pricing policy will be implemented. As I understand it- and again I have to say that I have not had an opportunity to speak with the Minister of Justice since he returned except very briefly in the corridors just before the House opened. He was held up by a storm in Halifax.

As I understand it at the present time, if petroleum prices rise to \$6.50 in Western Canada, this will mean that the federal government will only subsidize to the extent of keeping these prices at the same level in Eastern Canada. In other words, we will not be any better off than the people in Western Canada are.

Now it is going to depend as to where that \$6.50 price applies. Is that \$6.50 before anything is put on for transportation costs? Or is that \$6.50 with an average transportation differential added? This is one matter that I hope to this afternoon clear up with the Minister of Justice or we may have to go back and -

MR. W. N. ROWE: How much of that \$6.50 is federal tax?

MR. BARRY: Six dollars and fifty federal tax?

MR. W. N. ROWE: How much of that is suppose to end up in Ottawa's hands, that \$6.50?

MR. BARRY: None of that ends up in Ottawa's hands. What has happened up to now is that the federal government have been subsidizing consumers in the east, while in the west, Alberta and Saskatchewan have been subsidizing, because Alberta and Saskatchewan have kept the price of their petroleum at \$4.00 until now, \$4.00 a barrel when they could have gotten more. They could get up to \$10.50 selling internationally, exporting it. There was an agreement that they would freeze the price at \$4.00 and lose "X" number of dollars of that, subsidize to western consumer to that extent. The federal government would - (this was at the first energy conference) the federal government agreed to subsidize Eastern Canada, not to bring it down to the level where Western Canada was then, not to bring us down to a price of \$4.00 a barrel but to freeze us where we were at the time of the National Energy Conference, which was a price around \$6.50 a barrel.

MR. W. N. ROWE: On exports to the United States, how much do the federal government get at that point now, under the new deal?

MR. BARRY: The federal government gets the difference between the price -

MR. ROWE, W.N. At the wellhead?

MR. BARRY: At the wellhead, which is \$6.50.

MR. ROWE, W.N. Six dollars and fifty cents, right!

MR. BARRY: And the -

MR. ROWE, W.N. The price?

MR. BARRY: The going price in the international market, which probably would be the Chicago party, which will be say \$10.50.

MR. ROWE, W.N. So they are doing exactly what they were doing before?

MR. BARRY: No.

MR. ROWE, W.N. What is the difference?

MR. BARRY: They will get approximately say \$4.00. They will keep all of that now, under this new arrangement. Before, they were saying; 'We will give back fifty per cent of this to Alberta and Saskatchewan.' They are ending up in a better tax position now.

MR. ROWE, W.N. Right!

MR. BARRY: This is probably why they have agreed to go along with some equalization payments.

MR. ROWE, W.N. And the minister agreed with it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

MR. BARRY: Well that did not really affect Newfoundland's position

MR. ROWE, W.N. I will make the point later.

MR. BARRY: That did not really affect Newfoundland's position other than that we have always recognized that there may be problems in the federal government suddenly having to pay very large amounts of money in equalization because of the very large royalties that Alberta and Saskatchewan would have made.

It is totally correct, as the Member for Bell Island has pointed out and we have pointed out to him originally, that under the equalization formula, as it existed, if Alberta and Saskatchewan exported oil and gas and received the full revenue themselves and the revenue went to the equalization, Ontario could end up receiving equalization payments. To that I say; so what? If that is,-

MR. ROWE, W.N. That is okay.

MR. BARRY: If that is how rich Alberta and Saskatchewan would become, richer even than Ontario, well then is it only fair that Ontario should

share in the equalization formula. But there are problems under the existing structure and obviously overnight the federal government cannot begin to start paying these large amounts of money. So we recommended and they accepted our suggestion that this be phased in gradually and that initially there will be a compromise where only part of the revenue would go into equalization, and this is what we see is happening.

AN HON. MEMBER: Carried.

MR. ROWE, W.N. It is not carried yet, Mr. Chairman.

AN HON. MEMBER: No, not quite.

MR. ROWE, W.N. We are no wiser now, Sir, and I would not say it is because it is a lack of grey matter that



we are no wiser now than when we started this whole energy debate.

AN HON. MEMBER: About what?

MR. W. N. ROWE: About anything affecting energy, Mr. Chairman.

The position assumed by this province, Mr. Chairman, at the first energy conference, the one articulated by the Premier, was a discredit to this province, not only because of what was said about the main issue; namely, the natural resources and the taxation by the federal government and all that sort of thing, not only about that, Sir, but because this province, either because they did not understand what the conference was all about, which I doubt, or because they wanted to drag what has been characterized as a red whale across the issue (By my friend from Bell Island, back after a four day sojourn outside the House.) because they wanted to drag a red herring across, Sir, they dragged everything imaginable into that first energy conference. The ownership of offshore resources was dragged in. When the thing was mentioned everybody was wondering what they were talking about, what the Premier of Newfoundland was talking about.

Mr. Chairman, everybody knows what Newfoundland's position is on the ownership of offshore resources. Surely they should know; it has been said long enough. It has always been the position of the Government of Newfoundland, (This government, not this administration, government, Her Majesty's Government in Newfoundland, which has existed since say 1949 after Confederation.) this administration's position has not changed that, that we own the offshore resources. We have always said that we have a stronger position than any other province, British Columbia or Nova Scotia or any other province. We have also said, Mr. Chairman, that this question of ownership must be resolved politically, preferably, or by the Supreme Court of Canada. The best way to resolve it is politically. Obviously, there is going to be some kind of a compromise. Everybody, hopefully, will be happy thereafter, not as

happy as they might have been but reasonably happy. Whereas in a Supreme Court of Canada decision, you are likely to get a person jubilant and the other person suicidal in feeling.

Mr. Chairman, the thing should be looked at politically and at the highest level it should be resolved. What has this government been doing about trying to resolve that question? Every opportunity, (they even manufacture opportunities) every natural opportunity that comes their way, they fling an insult at the federal government. They blame the federal government for something. "Attack Ottawa" is the policy of this government. At the same time, they try to pretend, Mr. Chairman, that we are going to resolve this question politically to everyone's advantage. I hope that the men in Ottawa are big enough not to take any petty vindictive attitude towards this government because of the petty vindictive attitude which is assumed by this government in blaming everything on Ottawa, attacking Ottawa.

Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Finance never wants to shoulder the responsibility of governing the province himself, as the provincial government. Lash out at Ottawa! Blame them for everything. No matter if you get a \$24 million windfall which you were not expecting, blame them for everything, Mr. Chairman.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. W. N. ROWE: No such windfall.

Mr. Chairman, assuming that the matter cannot be settled politically because this government have taken a small and petty attitude towards the federal government based on nothing but political partisanship, assuming that it cannot be settled politically and it has to go to the Supreme Court, assume that, in that situation, Mr. Chairman, we see the same kind of attitude. I saw the Hon. Premier on television one day take a backhanded swipe at the Supreme Court of Canada. The words were to the effect, "We do not trust the Supreme Court of Canada." That is the type of attitude, Mr. Chairman,

expressed by the Premier. Now I only hope that the men in the Supreme Court of Canada are big-minded and big-hearted as well because that kind of an attitude, that kind of pettiness cannot do us any good; it can only do us harm.

In any event, Sir, this question was raised, this red herring dragged across the first energy conference, ownership of our offshore resources dragged across the conference. The whole question, Sir, was as relevant to the conference as Chairman Mao's claim to Taiwan, no more relevant. They were not even talking about ownership. They were basically talking about what to do about the squeeze put on by the Middle East oil and the windfall situation that resulted to Western Canada as a result. All the ramifications of that, what remedies could be taken to make sure that parts of the nation would not outstrip the other completely in wealth

while others went down the drain, those kinds of basic issues and here we see -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. W.M. ROWE: Alberta may have mentioned ownership of a resource that they were then particularly talking about, Mr. Chairman, and there was no doubt about their ownership. They talked about, "We own it, therefore the Federal Government should not tax it." That is all. It is the only reason. There was no dispute about ownership, no dispute about ownership. The Federal Government said, "Sure, you own your resources. All we are saying is that we can tax the resources that you own." Just as when I own my car, the Provincial Government can wack a big sales tax on it. Do I complain about it? Yes, I complain but I cannot do anything about it.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. W.M. ROWE: Completely irrelevant, But on the real issue, Mr. Chairman, the real issue, the position taken by this Government was a disgrace to this Province and a disgrace to Eastern Canada and a disgrace to Canada probably, if anyone paid any attention to it. This Government goes up to Ottawa and cozies up to Alberta, probably at this moment the richest and potentially, certainly in the short run the potentially the richest province in Canada, cozies up to Alberta. Why? Yes and Alberta may live to regret some of the decisions or policy statements they have been making too when they run out of their oil resources some years from now, unless the Athabaska Sands are developed, when they find themselves wanting to be on the receiving end of money for a change. But that is neither here nor there.

Newfoundland takes the position of Alberta, Mr. Chairman. You can only ask the question "Why?" Why does this Province espouse the position of Alberta, the richest province in Canada? In the matter of oil, why does this Province, the poorest Province in Canada, we will not even talk about P.E.I. but any substantial province, this is the poorest Province in Canada, why do we cozy up to and take the position of Alberta? "Because," says this Government, with blinkered-vision, tunneled-vision, short-sighted

vision as well, both tunnelled and short-sighted vision, Mr. Chairman.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Myopic.

MR. ROWE: Myopic. Well, that is a big word, fifty cent word. Not everybody on the other side would understand it. so, short-sighted.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROWE: Only for the gallant and learned gentleman: Mr. Chairman, why do we sidle up to and cozy up to Alberta? It would remind you of a Pekingese with amatory designs on a St. Bernard. That is what it looks like, Mr. Chairman. A mouse falls in love with an elephant and decides to try to do something about it. This is the strange and peculiar vision in everybody's mind across Canada. Newfoundland, cozing up to Alberta, "Because," says this Government, "natural resources - under the Constitution all civil rights, property and natural resources belong to the Province." That is the reason for doing it, Mr. Chairman. So what? What has that got to do with anything? Again a totally irrelevant assertion made by this Province, got nothing to do with it. I own things; it does not stop the Government of Canada or the Government of the Province from taxing me. The Province may own things; it does not stop the Government of Canada from taxing them, Mr. Chairman.

Ottawa, under the constitution, as just about everybody if not everybody has said, has a clear right to tax this type of property. Looking at the other side of the coin, forgetting about taxing oil going over the border from Canada to the United States, look at the other side of the coin where the Government of Canada enters into tariff arrangements with say the United States, which could have an effect on property owned by a province or by an individual. The Auto Pact would be a good example of that. Canada enters into a deal with the United States, in the Auto Pact, which happened to be a good deal for it, for Canada, but it certainly affected the cost of automobiles being exported from Canada to the United States. It could have been a bad deal. The same thing applies but from the other side of the coin with regard to natural resources. Why not, Mr. Chairman? Why does the Government of Canada not have the right to tax resources being shipped out of here, out of Canada into the United States? Also, Sir, there

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is a clear right in the national interest for the Government of Canada to be able to set the policy for exports, especially with diminishing natural resources like oil. Would the minister disagree with that?



you have a diminishing natural resource like oil, is it wrong for the Government of Canada to have the right to tax those things to go over the border, to set national policy? Say for example the Government of Canada took the decision that in the national interest we should not allow our natural resources such as oil to be flooded into the United States without any value added, the crude oil down through the United States, we should stop that as a matter of national policy and keep our own oil reserves and the only way we can do that is to tax those resources to such an extent that it no longer becomes economical for the United States to buy it; anything wrong with that?

We know that is a clear right of the national government. Yet we see this government, up in Ottawa, denying the right of Ottawa to tax resources, because they are our property - property and civil rights comes under the provincial government.

MR. BARRY: You are preventing the provinces from getting the revenue that the provinces want to get, so it is within the province. There is a difference.

MR. WM. ROWE: Well that is a very - they know we are talking about the export of oil to the United States at the moment, Mr. Chairman. What about if Alberta decided to sell oil, say the going price in Chicago was \$12 a barrel or something like that, say it was, I do not know what the price is, and Alberta decided to sell it to the United States for \$4.50 a barrel - just say they did and Canada had no right to tax or anything like that, or this was the position as upheld by this government, what kind of a catastrophic effect would that have on the economies of both nations? The whole thing is absolutely ridiculous, to try to assert that Canada as a government, the Government of Canada, do not have the right to be in there lashing on taxes or taking off taxes as a matter of national policy or that the Government of Canada do not have the right to tax the oil for export purposes or any other purposes in order to put money in its own coffers. The whole idea is ludicrous, Mr. Chairman, in my submission.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. WM. ROWE: Well I do not know why. A lot of people say it is wrong for the Government of Canada to have an eleven per cent sales tax on building materials. One knows it may be wrong but does anyone like it? I do not like paying it if I am building a house, but so what? I mean we could throw out that government and put in a government that says it is not going to do that. It is purely a political question surely, Mr. Chairman.

AN HON. MEMBER: I will explain it to him.

MR. WM. ROWE: Oh we are going to hear another explanation now, Sir. We have had, as the member for Bell Island said, we had an explanation before Rotary, the Lion's Club, the Tiddledywinks Group from Ming's Bite probably, I do not know but nobody seems to be able to focus clearly in on what this government's policy is. What is the government's policy?

AN HON. MEMBER: One second and I will find out.

MR. WM. ROWE: Well now we are getting closer to it. Now, Mr. Chairman, assuming that, the minister is not even listening. How can he listen and listen to the mellifluous tones of the Minister of Justice?

AN. HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. WM. ROWE: It is great. I take part in it all the time. Now policy is straightened out. I am sorry to delay the committee, Mr. Chairman, but the minister you know should be vitally concerned with this.

Anyway, Sir, why does Newfoundland side with rich Alberta in a matter of energy? Because, Sir, this government think that sometime in some place we may get ownership of our natural resources offshore. We may get the ownership of our natural resources offshore, who knows? Some people would say that is a long shot, some people would say it is not a long shot. If you pay any attention to the decision of the Supreme Court in respect of British Columbia, you have to realize that it really was not made on legal grounds, it was made on public policy grounds.

MR. HICKMAN: Inaudible.

MR. WM. ROWE: That is right. Sure, no doubt about that but the Supreme Court is there. We have to recognize it as a reality. We are not going to abolish it I suppose. Anyway they did do that. Then once we get the ownership of any offshore resources, we may in fact discover oil. Some people will say that is another long shot or short shot as the case might be. Once we discover the oil, if we do discover the oil, we may be able to manage and control it, as a province (That is a very long shot as well, Mr. Speaker) manage and control it as effectively say as a land resource, the resource in Alberta. I would say that is at least doubtful. We may

as a result of all these so far potential benefits ultimately coming through, we may get a tremendous revenue coming into this province. We may, Mr. Chairman. We may.

But, Sir, that was a far different situation from the one that Alberta was in, going to Ottawa with a known resource, known amounts, manageable, no doubt about the ownership of it, and this province going to Ottawa with all kinds of intangible, tenuous and nebulous things, Nothing at all in their hands, and they side with rich Alberta. I would submit, Sir, that we were in a far different situation than Alberta found itself in when it went to that first conference

What is the other side of the coin, aside from the fact that we sided with Alberta, with all kinds of nebulous and tenuous, possible benefits far in the future? Aside from that what are the possible negative aspects of the position that Newfoundland assumed in Ottawa?

First of all, Sir, we sided against all other provinces in Canada except Alberta and Saskatchewan, which is running along behind there, sided against all the provinces of Canada, some, Sir, with as good a chance as others of finding oil, some with a better chance probably. Nova Scotia and Quebec have a good chance to find offshore oil, Yet this government, the Government of Newfoundland, go up to Ottawa to a conference and sides against the position assumed by Quebec and Nova and New Brunswick. Why? Implicit in that, Mr. Chairman, has to be the arrogant and presumptuous idea that all these other provincial governments are stupid, inept, incapable of formulating a half decent policy for their province.

Mr. Chairman, I refuse to accept that. I do not think the Government of Quebec, which have as good a chance as us to find oil, at least as good or bad a chance, it has offshore resources anyway and maybe statistically, because they do not have as large an area or something, it may not be as good. Nova Scotia has already had better finds than us. I do not know if any of them are commercial or not.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. W.N. ROWE: No. But they have had signs that are presumably better than the signs we have had yet. They do not take a position with Alberta. They take a position solidly against Alberta, solidly with the position taken by the federal government.

We in Newfoundland — the geniuses, Mr. Chairman, over there, and I must say looking across at them is enough to make you lose your sense of security right off-the-bat without proceeding any further. Add to that the fact that we know they are not geniuses, there are some able fellows over there. We know there are no Einsteins over there, we know that from experience. Add to that, Mr. Chairman, the fact that other provinces, with as much expertise officially and politically as this province, sided against Alberta and this province sides with Alberta, what conclusion can we come to except that this province is probably, on the basis of that alone, hopelessly muddled about its energy policy? The same point that the Member for Bell Island made a minute or two ago. Nothing decisive, hopeless muddlement and befuddlement, Mr. Chairman, is this government's energy policy, vis-a-vis Ottawa and in respect of every other aspect of energy.

The government here, the Minister of Finance is the best exponent of this particular argument. He comes in and he says; "The government in Ottawa are too strong, Mr. Chairman; and the provincial governments are too weak." I am not going to go into that, Mr. Chairman, but nothing is more ludicrous on the face of the earth than that statement by the Minister of Finance. "The government in Ottawa is too strong." If he were talking about, say another federal state like the United States, there might be a tendency to agree with him, or another federal state more related to ours, more closely related to ours. Australia, there might be some agreement there because there has been a tendency in Australia also, over the years, to sort of become centralized and for the state governments to become weaker and the central government stronger.

Our big problem in Canada, Mr. Chairman, I would submit humbly to the Minister of Finance, is not that Ottawa is too strong and the provinces are too weak. If we are going to make that kind of a statement at all probably the reverse would be closer to the truth. With Ontario up there, Mr. Chairman, with what percentage of the population?

MR. BARRY: The federal government is just a mouthpiece for Ontario now anyhow.

MR. W.N. ROWE: Oh! So that is it? Ottawa is too strong, in other words. Who agrees now? The Minister of Energy or the Minister of Finance? The Minister of Finance says that Ottawa is too strong. The Minister of Energy, I am glad to see that his mood has improved from this morning, Mr. Chairman, when he read the "Daily News". Who is right? The Minister of Energy who says that Ottawa is the mouthpiece for Ontario, therefore he assumes that Ontario is too strong and Ottawa is too weak? Or the Minister of Finance who says that Ottawa is too strong and presumably Ontario is too weak?

AN HON. MEMBER: It is the same thing.

MR. W.N. ROWE: Oh yes, it is exactly the same thing, Mr. Chairman. That is right. That is the same consistency as is shown in the energy policy.

MR. BARRY: What is good for the federal government is good for the -

MR. W.N. ROWE: I see! What about Quebec now? We find a lot of people who would say that -

MR. BARRY: (Inaudible)

MR. W.N. ROWE: Oh I see! Now Quebec's and Ontario's interests are the same. What nonsense! Mr. Chairman. Who ever heard the like of this kind of nonsense as is being thrown across the House from that honourable gentleman this afternoon?

MR. BARRY: Did you hear anything, Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think both honourable gentlemen are getting into something that is -

MR. COLLINS: (Inaudible)



MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister of Fisheries may have put his finger on it. The topic is Mines and Energy and I think the honourable gentlemen are into constitutional law perhaps and other fields. Perhaps the topic Mines and Energy might be more appropriate. Could we have discussion on it?

MR. W.N. ROWE: Yes. I respect Your Honour's ruling but I do believe, Sir, that what we are talking about are the reasons for this asinine policy assumed by this government, when it went to Ottawa, in the field of energy. One of the reasons flung out, not one of the reasons one of the red herrings flung out in the face of the people of Newfoundland is that Ottawa is too strong and the provinces as governments are too weak. Then we get the same kind of consistency, Sir, as shown in every other policy of this government, with the Minister of Finance saying that and the Minister of Energy saying that Ottawa is the mouthpiece for Ontario, and Ottawa is the mouthpiece for Quebec.

Nobody I think would agree with that, that Ottawa is the mouthpiece for either of these two provinces. If one should agree, the problem is not that Ottawa is too strong but the provinces are too strong, which is my point, Sir. I would say, Sir, that the problem in Canada is not the strength of Ottawa but the strength of two, three or four big provinces in Ottawa, big financially I am thinking of and Alberta as one of them. Ontario is another. Quebec

is another for different reasons, not financially but culturally and linguistically and politically - well, politically because of the cultural and linguistic side of it.

I just wanted to explode that myth, Mr. Chairman, that Ottawa is too strong. Ottawa, if anything, Sir, is too weak in the face of these massive provinces. Now, Sir, Newfoundland takes the position, takes sides with Alberta in the energy crisis. Therefore, Sir, we have had to assume that Alberta's case must be the right one. Surely this government would not do anything that was wrong. We will overlook for the moment that every other province in Canada thought that Alberta was wrong and the federal government thought that Alberta was wrong. Now we look at it from the point of view that this government, our own government to which we are all loyal, Sir, because it sided with Alberta, must have been right and the other provinces wrong.

Sir, even if you forget about the fact that everybody else was against Alberta and you look at Alberta's position the one that this government sided with, you can only assume that the position of Alberta, Sir, was a selfish and narrow one, parochial and provincial in the extreme. I would go further, Sir, and say that the policy of Alberta or the position of Alberta would be ruinous to Canada, if it were adhered to by all strong provinces and all strong governments and enacted as a general policy across this nation.

If all the rich provinces in Canada, Sir, including Ontario and British Columbia, and now potentially the Province of Quebec, if all the rich and powerful provinces in Canada, Sir, assume the same narrow, parochial, selfish, greedy attitude of Alberta at that first energy conference, Sir, this nation would last about another thirty minutes and it would go down the drain.

The point I made, Sir, when the Minister of Industrial Development was talking, mentioned something there, the point I made then applies as well. Alberta thinks that she is the cat's meow at the moment, sitting right on top of the heap. Sir, those resources of Alberta will not last forever, depending on the increase in the rate of energy consumption over the next few years, and every expert

estimate has traditionally and historically been wrong, Mr. Chairman, engaging in the estimate of increase, they have always under-estimated it.

I would say that in not too many years, there may be members in this House of Assembly alive and well at a time when Alberta suddenly finds the chief, herself, is outstripped by other provinces of Canada for other reasons. Then, Sir, she can only hope, I do not think she has any fear on this score but she can only hope that other governments of Canada do not assume then the narrow, selfish attitude that Alberta assumed because she happened to be sitting on top of this windfall when it happened to occur.

A highly unusual windfall, Sir, unexpected, with millions upon millions of dollars pouring into Alberta as a result. I believe under this new revised plan Premier Lougheed said that they are going to get \$800 million this year.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROWE, W.N. Increased revenue, unexpected revenue before four or five months ago. More than the total budget for this province for a year, capital and current, Mr. Chairman.

If Alberta were allowed to get all the benefit from this windfall, from this natural resource and world crisis and critical situations, economic and otherwise, if she were permitted, Sir, to get all of the benefit and none going to the federal government, then every province, as we said, including Ontario would probably be entitled to equalization, with no increased federal revenue to offset it.

Now this is the logical conclusion of the position, Sir, which was assumed by this government in Ottawa in the first conference. If the argument of this government siding with Alberta, as it did, had been allowed to pursue its course to its logical conclusion, it would mean that Alberta would have revenues to such an extent, by exporting their oil and keeping all the revenue for themselves, that every province in this country would have been entitled to equalization benefits under the existing formula, including Ontario.

Yet this government here and Alberta took such a position that they would preclude Ottawa from having any additional revenue or finances

in order to meet that kind of an exigency, that kind of necessity of having to provide additional revenues to other provinces of Canada, if we are going to keep the equalization formula.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROWE, W.N. Well I mean they are going to throw it into the consolidated revenue. Well even if they do not, the fact is they have to find money elsewhere. The fact is that Alberta will now get less revenue, I mean, this is the crucial point, is it not? Because Alberta will get less revenue that she would have gotten if she had been allowed to get all the money from exporting the oil, therefore the problem does not arise; it will arise to a certain extent. I am sure Newfoundland over the next few years will get money from Ottawa on equalization as a result of increased revenues to Alberta and some other provinces, from oil, but not to the same extent.

The point was, Sir, that the logical extreme, not even an extreme, the logical conclusion, the position which the Government of Canada would have found itself in was the ludicrous position where Alberta would have had what? I do not know, probably several billion dollars, (We say \$2 billion is the figure thrown around) per year, from -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROWE, W.N. It could be up to \$5 billion which is one-third of the total federal budget this year, I think it is \$16 billion this year I think in Ottawa - \$5 billion in increased revenues alone, from this oil crisis, this windfall, going to Alberta. This is what this government were in agreement with, Mr. Chairman.

I hope the members of this House and the press and the people outside who are concerned with this realize that this is the position taken by the government.

AN HON. MEMBER: It was not.

MR. ROWE, W.N. It was, Mr. Chairman.

AN HON. MEMBER: Read the paper.

MR. ROWE, W.N. I read the paper. It read like - Ah: Listen

Peckford, listen to (I am sorry) the Member for Green Bay, the

poster-snatcher, Mr. Chairman. He is -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROWE, W.N. If the member is going to

attack me in the House and say that I am confused, he can expect to get as much back or more.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please! Order, please! I am sure that both honourable members made their points. I certainly ask all honourable members to my left or to my right that they observe the rule that the member speaking has the right to be heard in silence and that the interjections of any nature uncalled for should not be repeated.

MR. W.M. ROWE: That is right, dealt with severely, especially someone in such a responsible position as the "poster-snatcher", the Premier's Parliamentary Assistant.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): The honourable member is pursuing this issue beyond where it should be pursued.

MR. W. ROWE: I know the minister would like to have me named, Sir, because he cannot stand, he cannot take a lucid exposition of what he said up in Ottawa. He cannot stand it. He wanted to drag red herring across it. He did not want the public to know what a fool this government made of themselves up in Ottawa, in the first energy conference, and because now I am shedding a little light on the cloudy, misty, nebulous policy as stated by them, now, Sir, they are suddenly getting a bit worried about all this. He would like to see me named, thrown out of the House.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROWE: Anyway, Sir, it was an utterly unreasonable position assumed by this Province of Newfoundland. Here, Sir, now I am not talking about Newfoundland going to Ottawa on bended knee begging for money. Newfoundland as a right under Confederation probably receives eighty cents out of every dollar spent, one way or another in this Province, comes one way or another from Ottawa. Now, so what? We receive that as a matter of right and it is not a matter over which we are extremely proud, Mr. Chairman, but I am not worried about it either. I am not somebody who is saying, "This is a terrible thing. We belong to this nation. We make a certain contribution to this nation, some of it tangible, some of it intangible." I do not care how much the equalization benefit is as long as we are trying to do the best we can as well. I do not care that we benefit from other parts of



Canada because the time will come when other parts of Canada will benefit from us. It is a give-and-take situation and we should take advantage of being part of Canada and I hope the time does come when we are rich enough to be able to contribute to other parts of Canada and we can contribute to the wellbeing of the poor parts of Canada.

When that time comes, Mr. Chairman, I hope, if as a result of oil, offshore oil or any other energy, the Upper Churchill, Lower Churchill, I hope, Sir, that we will do it gracefully. I hope we will contribute to the poorer parts of Canada gracefully and unselfishly, not narrowly like the position assumed by Alberta, not with blinkered and tunnelled vision, short-sighted vision like the position assumed by Alberta, and not howling foolishly and needlessly about the loss of provincial right. What is meant, Mr. Chairman, by the loss of provincial right is simple greed by a province, any province which happens to find itself in a position to take massive revenues from a windfall situation. That is the situation, Mr. Chairman, and if we are ever in Alberta's position, I hope that we find ourselves siding with other provinces of Canada and we say, let us share this wealth with all of Canada. Let us not be narrow, provincial parochial and greedy about it.

Sir, no one in Canada that I have heard of has supported this Government's position, no one. No one in this Province has supported this government's position except the government itself. The only saving grace, Mr. Chairman, about the position assumed by this government in Ottawa at the Energy Conference was that apparently the Premier and whoever else articulated it, made no impact whatsoever on the media or on the other ministers in Canada. I did not read about it in any magazine. I do not think I have read about it in the national newspapers. It was simply ignored by the media, and that is the only saving grace. It is a backhanded compliment I have to give to this government that they made their case so weakly and so poorly

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: " ....(Inaudible)... media coverage ...(Inaudible)..

MR. W.M. ROWE: We did not see any of it.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. W.M. ROWE: So I see, a publicity junket, was it? Publicity junket. Well, I am glad you did not get more publicity, Mr. Chairman, because it was a ludicrous position. It was approved by nobody. We heard all kinds of quasi-racist things being flung about, blue-eyed Arabs and that kind of thing. Well, this gives you an idea as to what the feeling was like. Nobody supported the government's position.

Now, Sir, what do we see? Now we see the Premier and that going up to the second energy conference which is held in secret this time, right, a secret conference in the Prime Minister's house on Sussex Drive. In other words, no television cameras. Right?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Right.

MR. ROWE: No newspapers, no need to drag red herrings across the issue. Am I correct?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: That is right.

MR. ROWE: No need to try to get cheap political points, Mr. Chairman, either in this Province or anywhere else, a secret meeting.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROWE: A secret meeting, yes, because he realized that as long as we have premiers like our Premier and our minister and some other ones around and there are television cameras there, we are never going to get to the real issues because they are going to be dragging red herring across for cheap, political, partisan reasons.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROWE: The yahoo from Bonavista South, Sir, what is he doing back in the House?

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please! Order, please! While the honourable member from Bonavista South may be interrupting the member for White Bay South, on two or three occasions honourable members to my right have used the word "yahoo" to describe other honourable members and I certainly think that that cannot be condoned. Honourable members are articulated enough to describe other honourable members and get their meaning across without having to resort to words of that type.

MR. ROWE: Well! Funny I do not know why Your Honour takes exception to "yahoo". It is a perfectly acceptable terminology. You remember it comes from one of Gulliver's Travels stories, a place run by horses, Your Honour may recall, Houyhnhnms or something they were called and they had as their -

MR. MORGAN: On a point of order. We have been listening to enough garbage for the last half hour. Please do not add to it further. Let us ask the honourable member to be relevant to this debate.

MR. ROWE: Well, I am trying to excuse myself for using the terminology that I did. I just sum it up with one sentence and these horses or something in Gulliver's Travels story had a bunch of people who did the work for them. They were near-humans. They were almost humanized, not quite Sir.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): It is very illuminating for the honourable member to tell us his knowledge of where it came from and it is very interesting. I maintain that it is in this House a rather derogatory term and certainly his explanation of it appears even more derogatory than it was initially, so I would think that he would certainly have to refrain from using it in the future.

MR. WM. ROWE: I will not call the member for Bonavista South a Yahoo any more, Sir, because I was just going to -

MR. CHAIRMAN: The use of the device that the honourable member just used, that he will not call a person such and such a thing, is clever but again it falls within the bounds of expressions that call for the prompt intervention of the Chair.

MR. WM. ROWE: I thought I was complimenting the honourable member when I described him, but I will not go further with this, Sir. Anyway, now Sir, we have a meeting, a second meeting in Ottawa, because there are no lights there, television lights, no media to speak of covering it, we do not see the Premier up there. Well I do not mind that, the Premier was sick, he had the flu. We do not see the Minister of Energy up there, Mr. Publicity Par Excellence, we do not see him up there, Mr. Chairman. We see the poor old Minister of Justice, out of whom we have not heard a squeak for six months. The good has gone right out of him. He is sent up to Ottawa to take part in this secret meeting. No political kudos going to come from this, so nobody who is looking for publicity goes up to this second meeting, Mr. Chairman, the poor old Minister of Justice goes up. What happens, Mr. Chairman? We find that a position assumed by this government has had the rug pulled right out from underneath it. We find that in principle nothing has changed. We find that even Alberta now, the producing province, agrees with the Government of Canada that they will allow a price to be set, \$6.50 a barrel, and that the Government of Canada can tax the export of oil from Canada to the United States or anywhere else for that matter I would imagine. As the minister said in reply to a question I directed to him, apparently this tax is the difference between the \$6.50 and however much it is bought for in the United States. Is that a correct statement?

That was all the Government of Canada were going to establish before the first conference, Sir, and this government and Alberta fought tooth and nail against that. Now we find that Alberta is going to be satisfied in another way. We find that Alberta is going to

get the revenue between another figure and the \$6.50, so they are going to have \$800 million going into the provincial coffers of Alberta in the coming financial year as a result of a deal made with Ottawa, a deal by the way, I noticed, which was made between Mr. Trudeau and the Premier of Saskatchewan; Mr. Trudeau and the Premier of Alberta in separate meetings. I did not see anybody calling on our Premier to go up and meet secretly before the meeting with Mr. Trudeau. Even though they had assumed a position similar to Saskatchewan and Alberta, I did not see that at all.

MR. NEARY: A real stick boy, water boy.

MR. WM. ROWE: He was a nuisance, Mr. Chairman, or this government was a nuisance up in Ottawa. Because here was Alberta obviously manoeuvring around, trying to enter into a satisfactory deal with Ottawa and taking a strong position and the nuisance of having Newfoundland cluttering up the works, dragging red herring across the issue, what a nuisance, Mr. Chairman, not only for the federal government in trying to act in the federal interests but Alberta and Saskatchewan in trying to act in the provincial interests. So what happens?

The Prime Minister of Canada says, "Look you two Premiers, Saskatchewan and Alberta, come up and see me. We will iron out a deal and then we will push it down the throats of the other Premiers, especially the Newfoundland one," the other ones would agree with it anyway because they were sided with Ottawa from the beginning. The Minister of Justice goes up, not a squeak out of him, no protest about this great principle of -

MR. NEARY: Offshore.

MR. WM. ROWE: Offshore? Well none of that was mentioned. Not a word out of him, Mr. Chairman, about the fact that this great principle of provincial ownership of natural resources and the lack of right of the federal government to tax these resources, not a squeak out of him. He comes back and gets on the air, he gets coverage in the newspapers, applauding this great agreement which was made in Ottawa,

which he, with whatever wind was left in him, I doubt if there was much because you know, I do not think it was taken seriously to tell you the truth. I do not think this government took the second conference seriously. If they had the Premier or certainly the Minister of Mines would have gone up. The Minister of Energy would have gone up, would he not?

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. WM. ROWE: He was afraid that he might throw a monkey wrench into the works.

MR. NEARY: Sir Val Duncan would not let him.

MR. WM. ROWE: But in any event, Sir, the point I am trying to make and we shall have other occasions to make these points so I am not going to labour the issue at the moment, there are the main estimates coming up, I have not spoken yet on either the Throne Speech itself or the amendment thereto or the Budget Speech or any amendments thereto. I expect to make this point over and over again, that this government went up to Ottawa prepared the minister says, What is the point of being the best prepared government in Canada if their position from the start to finish, from inception to conclusion, is hopelessly muddled and wrong, Mr. Chairman? What is the sense of being prepared if it is wrong? And it was wrong and it has been proven wrong. To hear the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Mines standing up and saying, "We have been vindicated. Going out on that limb as we did, we have now been vindicated by the Government of Canada," is tripe nonsense, Mr. Chairman, and coming close to being misleading, very close to being misleading because their position was not vindicated. The fact of the matter is that Alberta worked out a financial deal with the Government of Canada which it could live with. It threw to the winds its great principle of the federal government not being able to tax the resources of another province, threw that to the winds, all Alberta was interested in was getting money for its people.



This government here is left dangling, Mr. Chairman, on the limb they went out on, Mr. Chairman.

AN HON. MEMBER: Was sawed off.

MR. WM. ROWE: Not sawed off, the limb they went out on, a little breeze came along and it was so rotten and dead a limb it just fluttered to the ground and that is where they were left, this government, Mr. Chairman, then the Minister of Justice comes back trying to pretend that the position of the Newfoundland Government was vindicated. I say nonsense and hog wash, Mr. Chairman, it was not vindicated. The position of this government is now accepted by nobody, not even Alberta and Saskatchewan and I would say, and I join with the member for Bell Island in saying it is time that this government articulated clearly a policy on energy that is somewhere near common sense and rationality, somewhere. We do not expect them to be completely rational or sensible about it, somewhere near rationality and common sense and let us forget about dragging red herrings across the issue and let us forget about trying to make petty, political partisan points in front of television cameras. Let us do our homework, Sir, stick to the main issues and come up with a policy which is sensible for this province and which is sensible for Canada as a whole.

MR. NEARY: Before the Minister of Mines replies, Sir, I wonder if I could just raise one or two other points. I will be as brief as I can so that the minister can answer all the questions at the same time. I notice over in Nova Scotia, Mr. Chairman

Mr. Chairman that the Liberal Government over there adopted a policy and they are the only province in Canada who have done this so far, Mr. Chairman, of placing the regulation of oil prices under the Board of Commission of Public Utilitizes.

I heard the Minister of Mines and Energy a few days ago commenting on this, on radio, and again, Sir, it turned out -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: No, it is not. That is the Liberal platform in Nova Scotia, Sir. The text of the Liberal Party Election platform. Four days from now the Liberals will be returning in Nova Scotia, Sir. They have a forward government over there, Mr. Chairman. They have a forward government.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Will the anti-Confederate keep quiet, anti-Joey, anti-Confederate keep quiet. Will the people down in Bonavista hear the honourable Member for Bonavista South was opposed to a motion -

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

MR. ROWE, W.N. A retired statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The honourable member does not need me to go any further, I think he realizes.

MR. NEARY: But anyway, Mr. Chairman, I am trying to get an answer from the Minister of Mines and Energy. Because when I listened to him on radio, I was not quite sure whether he was for or against putting the regulation of oil and gas prices in Newfoundland under the Board of Commission of Public Utilizies. He said they are studying it. They are studying everything. Mr. Chairman, everything in this province is studied to death.

MR. ROWE, W.N. Two and a-half years.

MR. NEARY: Two years studying, studying. I wish they would do their homework. Are they going to do it or are they not? That is the question. The minister said, well maybe a year from now. I think it was, Ah! Sometime within the next year," shrugging his shoulders, could not care less and poor old people unable to heat their homes because they cannot afford to

buy furnace oil, cannot operate their cars because they cannot pay the price for gasoline.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: The Minister of Mines and Energy shrugging his shoulders, could not care less. "We might do it. We might not." Well are they going to do it? I am going to ask the minister now, point blank.

Sir, as far as our Leader speaking out on the recent negotiations between the province and BRINCO, well, Sir, if the Leader of the Opposition had made any statements at that time, Sir, no matter what he said he would have been accused of being unpatriotic, of interfering with the negotiations.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, there was no way -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: That is exactly the point I was going to make, that the Leader of the Opposition acted in the best interest of the province by not saying anything that would damage or influence the negotiations in any way, shape or form. Personally, Sir, personally, Mr. Chairman, for two years in this honourable House, both inside of the House and outside of the House, I am on the public records, Sir, favouring public ownership of our resources.

I think, Mr. Chairman, it is fair to say that I am about the only politician inside or outside of this House that suggested nationalization, I am the only one.

HON. MEMBERS: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: But, Sir, I would not have gone about it the way that this honourable crowd went about it.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Oh, Mr. Chairman, I was the only one then. I can remember the day in this honourable House, Mr. Chairman, I can remember the day when nationalization was a dirty word, a filthy word, one would not dare mention it. As a matter of fact, I talked about another matter in this honourable House far less important than the one we are talking about now, and the Member for St. John's South and the Hon. the Minister

of Finance accused me of being a Socialist, talking about nationalization. I hope they will go further in this province and nationalize EPA and nationalization the telephone companies. However, that is not the topic under consideration right now, Sir.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: That is my own personal feeling. That is my own personal view, Sir. What they have done now, in my opinion they have backed away, Sir, they lost their nerve. They backed away from it. They lost their nerve. They could have gotten the whole of BRINCO for \$170 million. They settled for - well I do not know what you would call it but they settled for far less for \$160 million plus, and I do not want to steal the Leader of the Opposition's thunder, Sir, because the Leader of the Opposition will state our case tomorrow night, clearly and strongly.

But all this is going to do, Sir, what this honourable crowd have done now, this present plan -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: This present plan, Sir, all it will do is place a huge mortgage, a heavy mortgage on the backs of the people of this province for the years to come, and somebody else will take off the cream. I would like to know who is going to be the - was it the trustee they called it?

AN HON. MEMBER: Nominee.

MR. NEARY: Nominee. I would like to know who is going to be the nominee. In the letter of -

AN HON. MEMBER: Letter of intent.

MR. NEARY: Intent.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: They practically spelled out "SHAHEEN"; they almost spelled it out in their agreement.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Letter of intent.

MR. ROWE, W.N.: The Newfoundland Government, for its nominee.

MR. NEARY: So, Mr. Chairman, the Leader of the Opposition was not cowardly or was not trying to shirk his responsible. He took a statesmanlike attitude towards this whole thing, Sir. God only knows there are those among us on this side of the House who were ready, two and a-half weeks ago, to leap in boots and all, and I was one of them -

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, there were a number of questions about this whole matter.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: No, I am not going to get drawn into that, Mr. Chairman, but the Leader of the Opposition took a statesmanlike attitude and there were those amongst us, and I was one of them, who were ready to leap in boots and all, jump in, but I restrained myself.

AN HON. MEMBER: He was overruled then.

MR. NEARY: I was not overruled.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: I was not overruled, Sir. I knew what the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition was doing. He was taking a statesmanlike attitude in the best interest of Newfoundland.

I know what it is like now, Sir. It is the first time in my life that I have ever been a statesman.

But, Sir, the Leader of the Opposition will outline the Liberal Party's position on this matter tomorrow night and maybe ask a few questions, I do not know. I do not know, Sir, he may ask a few questions. He will certainly state clearly, concisely and as simply as possible just what the Liberal's position is on this whole matter of BRINCO verses the province. I think the confrontation was unnecessary. I think the Premier and the Minister of Finance bit off more than they could chew. There was no need of a confrontation. They were gunning for a showdown. The Minister of Finance has such a skinful of hatred. He has such a hatred for the former Premier of this province that anything the former Premier is identified with, anything, he wants to go out and nationalize it, take it away from the owners. We saw it happen in the case of the Linerboard Mill. We saw it happen in two or three other instances in the province.

Mr. Chairman, members on the government benches will find out soon enough what our position is. I hope that they will be tuned in tomorrow evening or this evening whenever it is, this evening or tomorrow evening, I hope they will be tuned in, clinging on to every word that the Leader of the Opposition is saying because there might be something into it worthwhile. There might be something, Mr. Speaker, that they may very well be well advised to heed.

Mr. Chairman, I can understand Mr. Smallwood's feelings about BRINCO and the development of the Upper Churchill. The Minister of Mines and Energy, Sir, was over at the university, involved in schoolboy debates, when the Hon. Premier was trying to get that development going. The third largest man-made reservoir in the world is called after Mr. Smallwood in honour of the work that he put into it. Maybe they will even try to change the name of that. I am sure the Minister of Finance, who objected to a



motion in this honourable House today to pay respects to former Premier Smallwood for the work he did on Confederation, if that be any indication, they will even try to change the name of Smallwood Lake.

AN HON. MEMBER: Pull the plug.

MR. NEARY: Pull the plug.

Mr. Chairman, that is all I am going to say about that because the Leader of the Opposition will be dealing with that in his provincewide radio and television broadcast. I have sufficient faith and confidence in the Leader of the Opposition, Sir, to know that he will leave no doubt in anybody's mind, no doubt at all in anybody's mind in this province where we stand on this matter. I hope that the Minister of Mines and Energy will be tuned in to hear what he has to say.

MR. W. N. ROWE: There is a certain amount of levity in the press gallery, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, on two or three occasions the Minister of Mines and Energy has told, Sir, not a lie, because that is unparliamentary, but a half-truth. He seems to want to portray and purvey the wrong impression about certain things, in spite of the fact, to my own knowledge, he has been told the truth on the BRINCO deal and any role that we may or may not have played therein. Sir, for the record, very briefly, I will mention it now, and again I will mention it later on.

Mr. Chairman from the time that the government announced ( I believe it was on a Monday) that trading had ceased, (The Premier was over in one place and the Minister of Finance was in another place) from that moment until the government announced that all negotiations had ceased and there was no further negotiation going on and that their position was solidified, was set and they would be making it known, from that moment, Sir, from the first moment to the last, we had no dealings whatsoever with BRINCO, except for one occasion when the Leader of the Opposition was called on the

phone by a certain officer of that company who gave him some general information on it and that was the end of it. There was no approach made by the Leader of the Opposition on any occasion after it was announced that all negotiations had ceased and the position of the government was firmed up and solid.

AN HON. MEMBER: When was that?

MR. W. N. ROWE: That was announced, Mr. Chairman, by the Premier. When the negotiations had finished, the Premier was back here, the Minister of Finance was back here and BRINCO were up in Montreal and the Premier had announced explicitly or implicitly that the die was now cast and that the position assumed by the government was going to be announced to the House and it was even stated that legislation was going to be introduced. When that was announced and not before, as a result of a mutual arrangement made, the Leader of the Opposition and I, which was given to the press, there was no attempt to hide it or anything, we told the press, we told everybody, sat down in Montreal and met for two or three hours with Sir Val Duncan and William Mulholland. The first thing we said, Sir, (they would bear this out) when we sat down was: We are interested (The Leader of the Opposition and I said this) in nothing except in this deal what is in the best interests of Newfoundland and no talk will take place unless we are on all fours with regard to that.

MR. BARRY: You were consorting with the enemies.

MR. W. N. ROWE: Consorting? Oh, they are enemies, are they? Do not be so ridiculous. Mr. Chairman, the enemies! Do not be ridiculous! Mr. Chairman, the record of this government in dealing with people like McLean and backtracking on the Shaheen deal gives no one in this province any faith or sense of security in the good faith of this government and what they are going to give to the Newfoundland people. I, as a member of this House, Mr. Chairman, was not about to listen to what the Premier had to say or any of his ministers had to say in a public announcement and take it on face value as fact. I am not about to do it.

The only interest that I had and the Leader of the Opposition had was to get the other side of the story and see what the situation was. They, Sir, -

AN HON. MEMBER: I was just discussing the matter of relevancy with my colleague.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, a point of order: You know, Your Honour, that in this honourable House, if you speak at all, Sir, and you are not supposed to speak when there is a member

member on his feet, but do you have to do it from your own seat, Sir?

Could Your Honour enforce that rule, please?

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): The honourable member's point is a point well taken and I see that the Minister of Industrial Development has resumed his place designated for him.

MR. W.-M. ROWE: Evidenced, Sir, in this honourable House to anyone observing it from the gallery or from here is the lack of seriousness with which this Government treats any issue, including the energy issue. Now, Mr. Chairman, we do not mind the Minister of Justice because he is sitting there quietly and he makes a serious comment every now and then. He is not guffawing nor learning nor sneering nor throwing gibes across the House, that sort of thing but is serious. The Premier usually is too except when he is provoked. Certain other honourable members, Sir, who have already shown their colours in this particular debate refuse to take anything seriously. Matters are serious, Sir. Certain matters are serious. The energy thing, the BRINCO thing is a serious matter and I would like to make my position clear on it. Seriously, it was only when it was announced and made clear publicly did we meet with BRINCO. Why? To get their side of the story as well as the Government's side when it came out so that we could assume a position which was in the best interests of Newfoundland as we saw it. That is why.

After that one meeting, I have not seen, except for when the chap came in here in the House the other day and I vaguely recognized Sir Val Duncan, not another word was exchanged between us on this BRINCO issue, not another word. If the Government had been really seriously wanting, to have some solidarity in this issue it would have been an easy thing, Mr. Chairman, for the Premier to get together with the Leader of the Opposition, the two of them to confide in each other as to what was going on here, make this a non-partisan issue and then let the Leader of the Opposition, if he did not agree, go back. I do not think, for example, that you will find that our position, Sir, although it varied, the first one, the confrontation, this nonsense, this coming in and going to take over BRINCO and then backtracking within a couple of days, it varied from

that. I do not think it varies too much, fundamentally, from the one that is expressed here today; I do not think. There are some questions that have to be answered. What is obvious is that because of the method that this Government used in going about acquiring the BRINCO asset, they did not get a very good deal for Newfoundland, That is obvious. They were going to get all of BRINCO for \$170 million. Now they got one asset, be it the major asset, for \$160 million. He is trying to tell me that the potential of all the other assets is \$10 million. Nonsense, Mr. Chairman!

They were out-manuevered and out-negotiated by BRINCO, obviously. They did not go about it the right way. BRINCO comes back and offers, according to the news reports, \$164 million for that asset. After five or six days of furious negotiation they beat them down \$4 million. What is \$4 million of our \$160 million? What is that?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROWE: One point something per cent, Mr. Chairman, one point something per cent after five, the minister's salaries wasted in the negotiation was nearly that much. What next? The thing was handled in a very poor fashion and our views will be made known. I do dislike hearing the Minister of Mines and Energy who knows the difference, who knows the difference, trying to accuse us, cozing up to the enemy, so called, but they were not an enemy. They turned out to be very fast friends. By the way, they came to this sweetheart deal with BRINCO on the Churchill Falls asset. The Minister of Justice now pretends it is a great deal. I hope he represents his clients better, Mr. Chairman, \$160 million for the major asset. It is a major asset and \$171 million, say, for all of BRINCO. I mean any fool, Mr. Chairman, can see that somebody was taken in there and it was not BRINCO. Anybody can see that. I suspect, I do not know obviously, I suspect that the Bank of Montreal who got into this deal thinking it was going to be a sale and I suspect the Premier when he went over to see Sir Val Duncan thought that Sir Val Duncan was going to sell out to the Government without a fight."

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. W. ROWE: The Bank of Nova Scotia, rather, I am sorry. I suspect one

of the problems is the Bank of Nova Scotia, which is not known as a socialist institution, probably when they heard that there was going to be a takeover forced, armed, military takeover, probably came to the Government and said, "That \$200 million that you were going to get for buying BRINCO, you are not going to get for storming BRINCO." Maybe!

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: That is \$170 million and \$200 million.

MR. W. ROWE: Well, at the time, what is the teddy bear. Mr. Chairman, I do not mind exchanging gibes with the Minister of Energy or the Minister of Industry but the teddy bear, Mr. Chairman, that is beneath -

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please! The contemptuous remarks and abusive language are unparliamentary. The honourable member's remarks concerning the minister are insulting, while the minister has violated two rules; that he is not sitting in his place and he is speaking while not in his place. Nevertheless the remark of the honourable member is uncalled for.

MR. ROWE: Well, I never heard the word teddy bear described as an insulting derogatory remark, Mr. Chairman. It certainly is an accurate description.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Again honourable members, and the honourable member knows this full well, are required to speak of other honourable members as honourable members and the honourable member knows that full well.

MR. ROWE: When my four year old daughter brings out her teddy bear tonight I am going to have to say, "That is a 'No-No', that is an abusive thing you have there". Anyway, Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to make that position clear, our position with regard to BRINCO. We will have lots of opportunity to get into debate on this, Mr. Chairman, and I think that the truth will out and that an objective analysis will be able to be made on it and people will see what is going on here.

We have a half dozen other departments to get to yet. We had better hurry up and get through this one, Sir.

On motion, Head XI, Mines and Energy, carried.

HEAD XIII, Tourism \$1,700,000:

MR. DOYLE: Mr. Chairman, the breakdown of the \$1,700,000 is as follows:



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Head 1301, Minister's Office, \$7,000; Head 1302, General Administration, \$34,000; Head 1303, Tourist Services Division, \$228,500; Head 1304, Parks Division, \$245,000; Head 1305, Wildlife

\$333,000; 1306 Historic Resources Division \$159,500; 1307 Cultural Affairs Division \$389,000; 1308 Silver Anniversary of Confederation \$304,000 for a total of \$1,700,000. There is nothing new or startling in these figures, Mr. Chairman, just the normal, ongoing, day to day operations of the department.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, the only amount mentioned by the minister that I want to get some more details on is the \$304,000 for the Silver Anniversary Celebrations.

MR. DOYLE: Right!

MR. NEARY: Because remember, Mr. Chairman, this is the same honourable gentleman that today, Sir, refused to give the unanimous consent of this honourable House to pass a motion -

MR. DOYLE: Who? I did?

MR. NEARY: No. But honourable members on that side of the House, Sir. Honourable members over there.

MR. W.N. ROWE: The honourable minister's colleagues.

MR. NEARY: His colleagues. The honourable minister's colleagues.

MR. DOYLE: He said this is the same minister.

MR. NEARY: No. I said the honourable members on that side of the House. Sir, the funny part about that is that the honourable the Premier -

AN HON. MEMBER: Is that relevant or not relevant?

MR. NEARY: It is relevant, Sir, when it is the Silver Anniversary Celebrations we are talking about here. The honourable the Premier, Sir, had stood in his place in this honourable House, and rightly so, and said: "We second the motion." The House Leader, the Minister without Portfolio -

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please! Order please! The honourable member's point can probably be the subject for debate at some time. I suggest that it is not relevant to the Head which we are discussing.

MR. NEARY: Well, Mr. Chairman, you may be right. The honourable minister is looking for money to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of Confederation and I do not know what other Head would be more

appropriate to discuss it under. I will avoid the question, Sir, if Your Honour says so. But, Sir, I would like to get a few more details of what this \$304,000 involves. How much is George McLean going to get? How much is going to be lashed out to Horizons Communications? How much is going to be spent on this so-called Silver Anniversary State Banquet which is the biggest April Fool joke of all?

I would like to know, Sir, how much it is going to cost for the honourable the Premier to light that torch out here in front of Confederation Building. No doubt, Sir, all those who attend that evening will be well lit up. Mr. Chairman, I do not know if it is in order or not to relate the amount of money that is being spent, wasted, the extravagance and the waste on these celebrations to be celebrated by a group of people, Sir, that if they had their way, not the honourable members over there now, but the party they represent, and some of them, Sir, with a little closer ties than the party they represent, if they had their way there would not be anything to celebrate.

Only last night, Mr. Chairman, I was listening to the tapes of the National Convention. Well, Sir, I will tell you now that it would be worthwhile for any member of this honourable House, especially the Member for St. John's North who is so anti-Confederate and Anti-Joey, if he would only just get out these tapes and play the tapes and listen to the oratory and the speeches that were made down there, Sir, -

AN HON. MEMBER: I saw -

MR. NEARY: He saw it? Well -

MR. W.N. ROWE: He learned nothing.

MR. NEARY: It certainly did not teach the honourable member anything. Sometimes I wonder, Mr. Chairman, what we are celebrating, what we are really celebrating. You know, as I listened to the tapes last evening, Sir, I was beginning to wonder if we are not falling into exactly the same trap twenty-five years later in Newfoundland as we

were in in 1947 and 1948, during the two years of the National Convention. At that time, Sir, the big issue was the handful of people that controlled Newfoundland. Today, twenty-five years later, Sir, we see precisely the same thing happening, a handful of people getting an economic stranglehold on Newfoundland.

AN HON. MEMBER: A different handful.

MR. NEARY: Different?

AN HON. MEMBER: Handful.

MR. NEARY: A different handful? Ah! but the family compact is still there. If there were ever anybody in this province -

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please!

MR. NEARY: Who owes a debt to confederation -

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please! Order please! I suggest that the honourable member if he had a point to make has made it, (very debatable) as a matter of fact, I think he was irrelevant. He has made two points and I have had to interrupt him, on the rule of relevancy. I suggest that he might get on with his speech.

MR. NEARY: Right, Mr. Chairman. Well, Sir, so far now I think close on \$1 million have been accounted for in Supplementary Supply. We were told by the Minister of Tourism that over \$600,000 had been spent so far on the Silver Anniversary Celebrations and we have not even gotten warmed up yet. Now, Sir, we have another \$304,000. One million now accounted for and God only knows how high it is going to go, Mr. Chairman. The point that I have been making all along, Sir, and it is beginning to hit home, is that this money could be better spent in this province.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. NEARY: This is what one will observe sitting in the public galleries of this honourable House, Sir. The priorities

I think, Mr. Chairman, this money could be better spent than to be used for bridge tournaments, beauty contests, bicycle races, big bonfires, what else.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: I was going to say booze parties but that would not be parliamentary, Sir. Banquets.

AN HON. MEMBER: A reception for the Lieutenant-Governor.

MR. NEARY: And the Honourable Mr. Stanfield, a big party for Mr. Stanfield. Why does not the Progressive Conservative Party go out and pay for it?

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: He got the invitation did he? Mr. Chairman, look everytime I put my hand in my mailbox in my office these days there is an invitation for something or other. Why the printing, the printing must be costing a fortune.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Invitations they are coming out of the sky everywhere, Sir, all you can see is invitations to this, invitations to that.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Well I presume his invitations are being paid for out of \$304,000.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: It is a scandalous waste of the taxpayers money. I would wish that the honourable the Premier would come to his senses and stop this extravagance and waste before it is too late. Because, Mr. Chairman, I can see the so-called Silver Anniversary Celebrations going up to \$4 million or \$5 million. Nutbeem has allusions of grandeur, Sir.

AN HON. MEMBER: Megalomania. Megalomania.

MR. NEARY: The megalomaniac. If this crowd do not put the bridle on him pretty soon, Sir, he will break the treasury. Poor old Mr. Nutbeem!

AN HON. MEMBER: That is a sin.

MR. NEARY: Yes, it is a sin all right. It is a sin when we have so

many hungry children in this province, going to school half clothed, people not being able to afford to buy oil to heat their homes, and poor old Mr. Nutbeem raking off \$20,000 or \$30,000 a year, plus fringe benefits, and poor old George McLean. We found out the other day just from one department alone, from the Minister of Tourism's Department alone, over one-quarter of a million dollars for poor old George. What for? For a couple of films. What is it called?

"Where It's At."

MR. ROWE, W.N. He knows where it's at.

MR. NEARY: He knows where it's at. He hit the jackpot when he came here. He goes up to Toronto to his buddies and says "Where it's at is down in Newfoundland. That is the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow; go down."

MR. ROWE, W.N. The first thing in the film is the provincial treasury.

MR. NEARY: That is right.

MR. ROWE, W.N. Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: The first face you will see on that film will be the Minister of Finance or the Minister of Tourism.

MR. ROWE, W.N. Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: What is wrong, Mr. Chairman, are they gone soft in the head? My God, I do not understand it! People who talked so much about, in two provincial general elections, about planning and priorities, about priorities. A million dollars!

I suggested sometime ago, Sir, that it would go up to \$1,800,000 but I am going to have to revise my estimates. I am going to have to bring in Interim Supply myself I think if this keeps up or Supplementary Supply or something. I will have to bring my own in, because it is up to \$1 million now and they have not even gotten it off the ground yet.

The minister told us the other day - the price of hiring halls has gone up. Halls for what, Sir? Chin music? Barn Dancing? Well, Sir, we did not need this Mr. Nutbeem to come from across the Atlantic to show us how to have barn dances and step dances and chin music in the halls of Newfoundland. We do not have to pay out \$2 million or \$3 million



or \$4 million, Sir, for that sort of thing. Everybody in Newfoundland knows, Mr. Chairman, everybody knows about Confederation. I remember I was on television there sometime ago debating this with Mr. Nutbeem and he says, "Oh, Newfoundlanders have to find out where they are, who they are, where they stand in Confederation." What utter nonsense and tripe - spend \$4 million or \$5 million for Newfoundlanders to find out who they are and where they are.

The "Daddy" the only living Father of Confederation, kept under wraps, trying to celebrate the Anniversary of Confederation without the only living Father. Well, Sir, I could tell the honourable minister now, if he want to save a few bucks -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: If the honourable minister want to save a few dollars -

MR. MORGAN: On a point of order and a point of observation. The honourable the Member for Bell Island is stating that the former Premier -

MR. NEARY: That is not a point of order.

MR. MORGAN: Yes, it is, One second, Mr. Chairman. That the honourable the former Premier of the province, the Hon. J. R. Smallwood, was not invited to take part in the celebrations.

MR. ROWE, W.N. What is the point of order?

MR. NEARY: Come on, Mr. Chairman, -

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Chairman,

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Sit down!

MR. CHAIRMAN: While honourable gentlemen may indeed not agree with the points that the Member for Bonavista South is making, I would certainly suggest that he be allowed to make them in silence; or he can speak while others are silent.

MR. MORGAN: The honourable Member for Bell Island stated that the Hon. J. R. Smallwood, the only living Father of Confederation, was not invited to take part in the celebrations.

MR. NEARY: No, Mr. Chairman -

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Chairman, -

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: It is not true, Sir.

MR. MORGAN: I would like to say, Mr. Chairman, that is incorrect because the Hon. J. R. Smallwood was invited to take part in the celebrations and -

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

MR. MORGAN: did not accept the invitation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

I think the honourable member's point, is certainly not a point of order or a point of debate whatever. I would suggest to the honourable member, it is far from a point of order. The honourable gentleman knows full well that it is.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, just to clue up, I was going to suggest to the Minister of Tourism that if he should want to save a few dollars that he stop cluttering up my mailbox with unneeded calendars

because every January 1, Sir, in this province everybody gets a calendar, a free calendar. Some persons get more than one, some get two and three, some get a dozen, some get as high I suppose as fifty. We do not need that calendar, Sir, it is a waste of money and I would suggest to the minister that if he should want to save a few more dollars, not to send me any more invitations to these foolish parties. Take my name off the list. Save himself the stationary and the envelope and the stamp and the printing cost because I do not need it. I do not want it. I am not going. I am going to the Confederate Banquet on Monday night, not to this other April fool joke that is going on.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, not even a toast to Confederation, not even a toast to Confederation at the state banquet observing the Silver Anniversary of Confederation.

AN HON. MEMBER: Toast to Canada. We are all Canadians.

MR. NEARY: All Canadians. Well, if the Tories in this province and the gentlemen that are represented on the government benches had their way -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: I was around. He need not worry, I was around at the time. We would not have anything to celebrate, Mr. Chairman -

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please! Honourable gentlemen, it is getting late in the day, Maybe honourable gentlemen are getting a little testy or bored or whatever but I would suggest to the speaker, the member for Bell Island, that on two occasions I have drawn him to the rule of relevancy. He has on each occasion gotten back to these original points to which I have drawn his attention. Honourable members to my left, I have on a couple of occasions suggested that they might allow the rules to be enforced by the Chair rather than gratuitous suggestions from the honourable members.

MR. NEARY: So, Mr. Chairman, I think that these bridge tournaments and all, not even a game of forty-fives, Sir, I do not think going on

during the -

MR. WM. ROWE: Too low-class.

MR. NEARY: Too low-class, nothing for the ordinary people just for the privileged few, Sir. I think it is a great waste of money. I am all for celebrating the Silver Anniversary of Confederation, Sir, I am all for it. God only knows -

AN HON. MEMBER: Carried.

MR. NEARY: Carried? The honourable member should be carried out in one of his own boxes. But, Mr. Chairman, I think it is the greatest example of extravagance and waste that we have ever seen in this province.

MR. MORGAN: Like Come Home Year.

MR. NEARY: Come Home Year, I want to make that point, Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Tourism has left no doubt in anybody's mind that this is an internal thing. It is not he said to attract tourists into Newfoundland. It is a family party, he is calling it. Yet we heard the other day on radio they had billboards up in Toronto and Montreal. Have they changed their mind? Have they realized how foolish they are? Even if it were to attract tourists, Mr. Chairman, can you imagine doing it in a year when we have such an energy crisis? How would you get the people across the Gulf? There is a bottleneck there now. Perhaps the Minister of Provincial Affairs would bring them over in his speedboat with his Bermuda shorts on.

MR. WM. ROWE: That must be some sight.

MR. NEARY: That was some sight, Sir, the day I saw the minister climb upon the wharf over on Bell Island in his Bermuda shorts.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please! While the honourable member is at times humorous and indeed if we had the time it would certainly be entertaining to hear his observations, I would suggest that they are very irrelevant to the Tourism subhead.

MR. NEARY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have been out of the House so long, I had so many things on my mind, Sir, so many things to talk about that I am trying to get it all in in one afternoon, But Sir,

let me clue up because we have a number of other departments to deal with and we have an agreement to finish by six o'clock, Sir.

I would like for the government, the Premier, the Minister of Finance, old scrudge himself, and the Minister of Tourism, Sir, to reconsider this whole matter because I think the money could be better spent, Sir, on something else in this province. As I said a few moments ago, Sir, it is the greatest example of extravagance and waste that we have ever seen in our whole history, and if that honourable crowd had anything over there to do with it, Sir, there would be nothing to celebrate.

MR. WM. ROWE: Would the minister like to give us a breakdown of the amount for the Confederation Celebration?

MR. DOYLE: Yes I can do. I could have done it fifteen minutes ago.

MR. NEARY: Why did he not do it?

MR. DOYLE: Because he was talking.

MR. NEARY: Inaudible.

MR. WM. ROWE: He was satisfied to hide it.

MR. DOYLE: I got so carried away in listening to the eloquence of the honourable member for Bell Island. I was glad to know he is on all the invitation lists. It is going to take us probably half a week or so to get him taken off now but I will make sure it is done.

The breakdown of \$304,000 is as follows: administration - \$50,000; heading called National Awareness - \$50,000 and that further breaks down -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. DOYLE: Give me a chance now I will break that down further for him. National Awareness is national promotion and the provincial banquets which will take place in the first two months - April and May; Provincial Awareness, which is a subhead which includes the state banquet on Monday night and historic markers, etc. which will be used at the various provincial weeks around the province. Prizes, etc., \$10,000, That is for the various festivals that will be going on which

includes transportation of the winners from wherever they are to the finals in each festival. The organization of the various festivals which includes the Miss Celebration Contest, the Festival of Youth, Recreation Skills - \$30,000, and the overall provincial celebration which includes some final payments on capital on the touring units. Honourable members will recall, Mr. Chairman, that in supplementary supply the other day the bulk of the capital amount for the travelling units was covered. There are still some bits and pieces to be picked up on that.

The specific question, I think the one and only specific question which the honourable member asked was how much was Mr. McLean's firm getting out of this figure. The answer to that is \$12,000.

MR. WM. ROWE: How come it is so low? What happened?

MR. DOYLE: Because the bulk of it has already been paid. The bulk of it has already been paid out of supplementary. That was the only specific question I could remember, Mr. Chairman. I got carried away with the eloquence.

MR. WM. ROWE: Promotion for provincial awareness, whatever that means, what does that mean? Making people aware of the fact that we are a province or what? Is there anybody who does not know that?

MR. DOYLE: No.

MR. WM. ROWE: The minister can answer in a second. What other



amounts? \$12,000 to George McLean under this. I do not know what happened there. He must have been on holidays or something when the minister was drafting up his Interim Supply. He did not get his foot in that door at all. What other firms are getting money for public relations work or promotional work or advertising of any kind out of this \$300,000? Not only the \$300,000 but any amount that the minister is now requesting for Interim Supply?

MR. DOYLE: That amount which totals \$104,000, that particular subhead, NACOM get \$12,000; the Newfoundland Pageant, which is the travelling live group, being produced by Dudley Cox, \$8,000; the Celebration Time, that is the six units totals approximately \$70,000; That is for salaries of staff. (There are four or five people on each one of those six units)

MR. W.N. ROWE: I am thinking about what is being paid out to firms.

MR. DOYLE: Yes. Right! In the case of Celebration Time, it will be actually paid out to the firm set up by Mr. Tibor Rudas, the Czechoslovakian, which I mentioned the other day. The name of the firm is Film Production Anchor Limited. That accounts for the total, Mr. Chairman.

Wait a minute now, I missed one. Under this figure here, Horizon Communications is approximately \$5,000. Four thousand eight hundred and odd.

MR. W.N. ROWE: Thank you.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Chairman, I was out during part of the minister's comments on this. Did he show in the Interim Supply, under Head 1303-04, anything for local tourist boards at this time? Does the minister's Interim Supply show anything for local tourist boards, 1303-04?

MR. DOYLE: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it shows the same figure as last year.

MR. SIMMONS: \$40,000..

MR. DOYLE: 1303-05, local tourist boards. The same as last year.

MR. SIMMONS: \$40,000?

MR. DOYLE: Right.

MR. SIMMONS: He is showing the full amount of \$40,000, Mr. Chairman, in Interim Supply?

MR. DOYLE: Yes. Because there were so many paid out at the start of the year, during April and May, to enable the various organizations to get their chalets in operation in time. We only have ten that we contribute to, as the honourable member probably knows.

MR. SIMMONS: I take it then that that will be the total vote for the year, Mr. Chairman. The interim amount is the total amount under that subhead, as far as the minister is concerned, for the year?

MR. DOYLE: That is not necessarily so, No. Obviously, that will not be known until the full estimates are in. Actually, I am fifteen hundred dollars out. The amount in Interim Supply for local tourist boards is \$38,500 which is down \$1,500 from the total for last year. Obviously there is more to come.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Chairman, the minister alluded to the point that I want to make, The fact that government is contributing only to ten such local boards. There are a number of local agencies around the province that have taken initiative and have established or erected their own tourist chalets and have been unable to get funds. Of course the one that comes to mind for me is the one that I was rather directly involved in in the Green Bay Area, the one at the Springdale Junction.

That tourist chalet, as my friend the Member for Green Bay is aware, has not been able to get a grant although it has tried quite diligently during the past year or so. It is just symbolic of the problem, the problem that a number have been constructed by local agencies through local initiative and others I am

sure would contemplate making that kind of contribution to the attractions of their local area where they are given some financial impetus to do so by government. Perhaps the estimates' time is the right time to make this point again. In view of the fact that most of the monies are expended at this time because the tourist boards are about to begin their year's operations, I would like to make the point that there is a need for an increase in the vote to enable other operators of tourist chalets outside of those ten that are regarded as provincial chalets to enable those to hire the staff required to cater to the public on this matter. I do not know if the minister would like to react but I would certainly like to have his reaction to it.

MR. DOYLE: Yes, very briefly, Mr. Chairman, the point is well-taken. It is a problem that we have. As the honourable gentleman probably well knows, the bulk of these new chalets over and above the ten basic ones which were set up in 1966 have come from LIP and OFY grants and what have you. The last count we had was thirty-seven. They have all, without exception, these thirty-seven, have come to our department looking for similar assistance as the ten original ones are getting. The unfortunate part about some of them is that they were started and constructed and built with LIP and OFY funds with no contact at all with our department as to: Are they going to a proper location? Are they too close to another one? Obviously, we cannot have a tourist chalet every ten miles along the road. In some parts of the province this is what has happened.

Obviously, sometime during this year, we are going to have to make a decision as to how exactly we are going to handle all these chalets. We cannot get involved with forty. Which ones do we get involved with? I would think we are going to have to look at the map again and pick out the most strategic locations and perhaps get involved with those. I know of three or four that are within twenty-five miles of each other. There is just no way we can rationalize getting involved with all of these. They have all

been started, sure, through the initiative of local people, fine, but with no co-ordination as is usual with most of these LIP and OFY programmes, with no co-ordination at all with provincial authorities. The first thing we know is that we get a request, say a chalet is two-thirds finished, the money is gone and what about you finishing the rest of it. It has just gotten out of hand. It is like municipal parks and everything else.

To conclude, Mr. Chairman, we are quite aware of the honourable member's comments. It is a problem we have in the department or one we have to tackle and I would think that it will be done during this year somehow. I do not know how yet.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Chairman, just a supplementary point: I can appreciate the problem but I am not satisfied with the way the problem has been handled in the past year or so, if I might judge from my contact with the department during that period. I believe the easy way out has been taken; namely, that we the department shall identify the original ten and leave it at that rather than open the floodgate as it were. I suggest that the minister and his officials do take a look at the map and look at these things from the standpoint of where the greatest need is served

Mr. Chairman, in mentioning chalets that are twenty-five or thirty miles apart, of course, the classic example is that there is one in Corner Brook and another one in Deer Lake, both funded as two of the original ten, although they are only thirty miles away and yet the one I mentioned at the Springdale Junction is halfway between Deer Lake and Grand Falls and serves a fairly large population. The one at Marystown, I am not sure whether it is on the list or not. I do not think it is, the original ten. Then, of course, in my own area, the Bay d'Espoir Area, certainly any initiative to construct a chalet would have to be influenced by the ability of funds to pay the staff during the summer. Quite a part from its need in terms of serving the tourist public, I think government ought to think about it also in terms of the

provision of some summer jobs for two or three young people in the case of each chalet. In that context alone, I believe a reasonably small expense, \$3,000 or \$4,000 per chalet usually provides up to three jobs for three university students, three younger people during the summer months. I think that that is a reasonable investment for a government that is giving so much voice to the jobs it has created.

MR. CHAIRMAN: On motion XIII - Tourism, carried.

HEAD XIV - Fisheries - \$800,000.

HON. H. COLLINS (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Chairman, I will give a quick run-down of what we are looking for to take care of the departmental spending in the next two months to keep the department going.

Salaries, \$100,000, is for all divisions of the department; \$15,000 is for travelling for all of the divisions; \$10,000 is for fisheries education and information; \$100,000 is for fishing demonstration, that is the general expenses in respect of cost-shared fisheries projects; \$100,000 for fishing gear bounties, gill nets, trawl lines, etc; \$275,000 for capital work programmes, That is continued construction of service centres, small boats, slipways, fish handling units and so on; \$ 50,000 is for bounties on fishing vessels and \$150,000 is for the Fisheries Loan Board Loan Fund.

MR. F. B. ROWE: Could the minister indicate to the committee how much of that \$275,000 in capital works is going towards the establishment of a fish plant in the Brig Bay Area and also in the area

around the Anchor Point area in the district of St. Barbe North?

MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, it is difficult to say in regard to the figures which I have mentioned here. I can appreciate what the honourable member is talking about and we have had some discussions with private enterprise. I can tell him several of the major fish producers, processors, with regard to establishing in that area. I cannot say much more about it at the present time but certainly unless private enterprise does get in there, my department will take a look, we are now taking a look, we are taking a look at it now but something will be happening there this year.

MR. FRED ROWE: Well, Mr. Chairman, I do not appreciate anything with respect to what has not been done in the district in view of the promises that have been made by the honourable the Premier himself and in view, of course, of promises that I have had from the honourable Minister of Fisheries. During the last election campaign, Sir, the Premier waltzed into the Brig Bay, Plum Point, Bird Cove area and promised two promises in that area, that if the P.C. Party were successful in becoming the Government of this Province that they would get a fish plant and the very words used are: "It would not be a mini-plant, a mini-fish-plant."

Now, Sir, I have negotiating with the original Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Cheesman, and with the Premier while he was acting Minister of Fisheries and again now with the present Minister of Fisheries. Last year, during the consideration of the fisheries estimates, I reminded the Premier of his promise during the election campaign, for a fish plant in St. Barbe North and Sir, at that time, that morning, it was in the morning, during the morning sitting, the honourable the Premier said in this very House that St. Barbe North would get its fish plant this year. That was said in 1973, Sir. Now, Sir, if that is not misleading the House, I would like to know what it is. I am entirely dissatisfied with the answers that I have been getting from the various acting Ministers of Fisheries and the present Minister of Fisheries and I say today, Sir, that the Premier mislead this House at that time. Whether he did it deliberately or not is another question.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please! The honourable member knows



of the seriousness of remarks of that nature. Perhaps the honourable member would like to rephrase his remarks or put them in another context. Certainly, I think the honourable member could get his point across without having to resort to that phrase which calls for prompt intervention of the Chair and calls for withdrawal.

MR. F. ROWE: Mr. Chairman, I was misled, the people of St. Barbe North were misled. If it is unparliamentary to say that this honourable House was misled by the Premier and I did add Sir, that I did not suggest that the Premier was deliberately misleading this honourable House. I will only say this, and I retract that statement if it is unparliamentary, but I was misled, the people of St. Barbe North were misled and that promise has been broken, Sir. I will stand by that statement and I will be named if necessary because the promise was broken to the people of St. Barbe North and they have been waiting now for two solid years for a commitment from this Government or, not commitment, the commitment has been made, they have been waiting for two years for some action on a fish plant in that district.

I might add, Mr. Chairman, that there has been a frame of allegeable storage unit sitting in that district for two years.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Is that the Callaghan Memorial?

MR. F. ROWE: That is the Callaghan Memorial, yes, Sir. It has been sitting there for two years, Sir, and it was my understanding that this frame was going to be moved to the Plum Point area and converted into a fish plant and we have gone through the pros and cons on that one. Sir, I want the minister to stand up in the House today and indicate to this House just what his department's plans are with respect to the establishment of a fish plant, or a fish-handling facility is probably a better term to use in this particular case, because there is an extremely large fish plant in the Port au Choix and in the St. Anthony area and to stick in a great huge fish plant in between, it does not seem to make economic sense.

However, Sir, there is a great need for fish handling facilities in the district and I have been just running around in circles now for two years and still no action on any kind of fish handling facilities. One minute it is a federal responsibility. Another minute the Provincial

Government is going to convert a vegetable storage unit. Now, the latest I hear is that there are negotiations going on with private enterprise. Well, if there are negotiations going on with private enterprise, Mr. Chairman, will the Minister of Fisheries indicate to this House or to the committee what the status of the negotiations are at the present time: (1) For this fish handling facility in the Plum Point or Brig Bay area? (2) In the northern part of the district, in the St. Barbe Bay Basin or north of that

particular area?

MR. COLLINS: Well, Mr. Chairman, one wonders how many fish plants the honourable member is talking about. One minute he says, we do not want another large one put up between Port au Choix and St. Anthony and before he sits down he is asking for three or four on a small section of coast.

MR. ROWE, F. B. On a point of order, Mr. Chairman. I have not asked the minister to indicate where he is going to locate three or four fish plants in the District of St. Barbe North. I conceded what the honourable -

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please! The honourable member is proceeding to make a speech. His point of order has the same status as the point of order raised earlier by the Member for Bonavista South. The honourable member will have ample opportunity to debate the minister's reply.

MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I might say that we are concerned about that section of the coast because there are a lot of good fishermen there. The potential from the point of view of the availability of the resource, many species in fact, is real good. As I indicated to the honourable member, negotiations are now going on very actively with private enterprise. We would always prefer for private enterprise to get involved in any section of the coast, in any community because I think it is a well known fact, generally speaking, that private enterprise will do a better job than governments can do. I think there is a good chance here also that they might be able to make a better arrangement in terms of further processing, up to a given level, than the government could.

In the event that these negotiations might fail, I do not think they will, in the event that they do then, of course, I have admitted that we must consider alternatives in terms of providing holding units or processing units whereby people can take their fish into a suitable establishment and possibly process it to the extent of filleting and skinning it. I will certainly give the honourable member an undertaking that I will keep in touch with him during the next couple of week or

just as soon as we get something definite on it, I will certainly pass it along to him. I think that is important to us and I am sure important to the people down there because the fishing season as we know is getting close, and things look fairly bright for a successful conclusion.

MR. F. B. ROWE: Mr. Chairman, I want to make it abundantly clear that I obviously was not asking the minister to establish three or four so-called fish plants in the district. I have been talking with the officials of the minister's department over the last two years and with the federal authorities as well. I have a tendency to agree with him that a full fledged fish plant establish in between the two major ones at this present time would not be economically feasible.

What is needed, Sir, are a number of multi-purpose or specialized fish handling facilities established throughout the district because this is the traditional fishing district, thirty small communities. I certainly up to this point in time have not been informed by the minister that negotiations have been going on with private enterprise for the purpose of establishing these fish handling facilities. I would appreciate it very much if I were consulted on these matters because I have some very strong feelings as to the location of such plants based on data which I had with respect to the distribute of the fishermen, the species of fish and what have you.

So I would certainly appreciate it if the minister could keep me informed. Before sitting down, Mr. Chairman, could the minister indicate approximately what time he is likely to reach the end of negotiations with the particular concerns with whom he is negotiating at the present time?

MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, we will keep the honourable member advised. Negotiations only started a few days ago, incidentally. When we will reach an agreement, I really cannot say but certainly if the company which I am referring to are really interested, as I am sure they are, when we see the fishing season fast approaching, I am pretty sure that it might be in a matter of certainly weeks. I will certainly keep the honourable member advised, not of the negotiations themselves but when

we come to a point whereby a location is to be decided upon as well, by all means.

MR. GILLET: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister of Fisheries would be good enough to let the committee know how much of the Interim Supply needed will be spent for the slipway or the lift in Durrells? Also I would like to know if the minister is aware that the pile driving that had been carried out for quite a while by the contractor this winter or spring has proven unsuccessful? Which is rather perturbing, in view of the fact that an engineering survey was made. I personally was opposed to it, a pile driven pier but the

engineers checked the grounds there and said that pile driven sticks were more feasible than a cribbed wharf. I understand now that the piles are just coming up and they have to abandon it. Is the minister aware of that? Will some of this Interim Supply be spent for that work that has proven unsuccessful?

MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I am not sure if the honourable member is referring to the service center under construction at Durrell or whether it is the LIP project.

MR. GILLET: No. No.

MR. COLLINS: The service center. I am aware of some difficulties being experienced down there, possibly brought about by winter construction but I do not think it is too much to worry about. I think that will be straightened up. But certainly, the honourable member might have something that we are not aware of. We would be willing to discuss it with him. I am not aware of anything which has happened within the past few days or anything like that.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Chairman, first of all if I can assume that the Interim Supply represents about a fifth of the projected expenditure for the year, I am not sure that is a correct assumption, but if it is then it would indicate that the projected spending in fisheries this year is going to be down substantially from last year, indeed, cut in half. Last year it was something over \$8 million, I believe. To project this, for eight hundred thousand times six we will get just over \$4.5 million. I would like the minister to respond to that point, where there is a decreased emphasis this year on the fishery by this government.

I was delighted to hear him assure my colleague from St. Barbe North that he was intent on conducting negotiations with respect to fish plants up there. Certainly, if he recall his fleeting visit to Hermitage Cove (not to be confused with Hermitage District though a part of it) if he recall his fleeting visit (and I use the word advisedly as you will see in a minute) if he recall his visit to Hermitage Cove, to the Community of Hermitage itself, in late



November, he will realize and remember that he was far less anxious to discuss with a prospective fish plant operator there than he is going to be up in St. Barbe North. I would sincerely hope that he does not afford the same discourtesy to the people up in St. Barbe North as he afforded that gentleman. The details being of course that while an official of his department was making an appointment to see the fish plant promoter, the minister was hastily leaving town so as not to have to keep the appointment. That was a couple of days before an election that we have all heard about.

I can elaborate some more if the minister is not-

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. SIMMONS: Yes. Well, to put it another way, Mr. Chairman, a senior official of his department made an appointment with the gentleman and a fishermen's committee both of whom are quite intent on getting a successful fish plant operation at Hermitage. They went to look for the minister at the time appointed for the meeting only to find that he was well on his way to Gander.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. SIMMONS: Pardon?

MR. COLLINS: I have heard that once before.

MR. SIMMONS: Yes. A great fishing community that, Gander.

MR. COLLINS: (Inaudible)

MR. SIMMONS: In Gander? Oh! Tremendous people in Gander. Tremendous! But how Gander would ever get to be a red herring I did not realize before but here it is. It has become a red herring on the point that I am making, that -

AN HON. MEMBER: Pardon? The honourable member should know how he got there. The honourable member tried not to get him there but the honourable member should know how we got there. They are still pondering that one, Mr. Chairman, How we managed it, but we managed it. The secret is that we got more votes than they did. That is how we got there.

MR. W.N. ROWE: In spite of the Minister of Fisheries and the posters.

MR. SIMMONS: I am reminded, Mr. Chairman, of another question I had. I was beginning to think that my comments were not germane enough nor not fishy enough - so stay

away from those and on to others and mine is by the temporary member for Burgeo. But I had another question for the minister. Would he indicate, and my first question related to the projected amount for the year in fisheries, can I read into it that there is going to be a decreased emphasis financially this year? My second question: What is the status of the new fish plant, the second one for Burgeo? It was announced at one time, subject to DREE funding, two questions on that, first what is the status of that now and I will ask the second question once I get the answer to the first one.

MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, the honourable member refers to Hermitage, I had several meetings with the Fishermen's Committee in Hermitage, not several meetings but two meetings previously to the calling of the election. I have had a couple of meetings with my good friend, the member for Burin, with a group of fishermen in Hermitage during the election campaign, which they asked for, incidentally. I think things are going pretty - We had a meeting with the fishermen in Hermitage as well.

With regard to the Burgeo Plan, I would suggest that that question be directed to my colleague the Minister of Industrial Development, who is handling that particular project. What was the other question? There was one more question.

MR. SIMMONS: That will do. Thank you!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister of Fisheries could tell us if there is anything in here for good old George? Has he got his hooks in the minister's department? I understand Mr. Chairman, the word went out to all ministers to list all the amounts of money spent or given to, not spent, you do not spend money on George McLean you give it to him, given to good old George McLean, does the minister have this amount there, how much good old George got into his department for? What is this fishery education information?

MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, there is nothing in here for Mr. McLean or any other public relations group. \$10,000 for fisheries education

is a fisherman's manual which we are doing up in our own department, the printing of it and the binder and so on and so forth. It has to be of a particular sort of material for a fisherman to stick in his suit pocket. We anticipate the cost to be about \$10,000. We are doing it ourselves.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, last year I gave the Minister of Fisheries a few flicks and I think a couple of days later he resigned. I do not have time this year to give the present minister a few darts because he might go out and resign too, Sir. But there is no change in the fisheries policy in this province, Sir. There is no change. It is still the same. There is nothing new, absolutely nothing new, Sir.

MR. COLLINS: Fish are still scarce at times.

MR. NEARY: The Fishery Department is in the worst shape it has ever been in. The lack of policy is even worse than the policy in the Department of Mines and Energy and that is saying something, Sir. Will the minister tell us if Mr. McLean did any work at all this year for the Department of Fisheries? If so, how much was he paid for doing it?

MR. COLLINS: When the honourable member says this year, does he mean the year past, the year about to end?

MR. NEARY: The year we are into now, yes.

MR. COLLINS: Well I think that was debated, Mr. Chairman, in this House last year, for a good many days, the amount of money which was allocated for Mr. McLean. I am not sure of the figure which has been spent but I do know that all of it has not been spent. The exact figure I cannot say but that was debated in last year's estimates.

MR. WM. ROWE: The minister does not know or he does not want to tell us or what?

MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I honestly confess that I do not know the exact figure. I am sure there is \$50,000. I should not say I am sure but I -

MR. WM. ROWE: We will find out.

MR. COLLINS: I seem to recall that \$50,000 was allocated last year, was debated fully in this Chamber. The exact amount being spent I do not know but I will certainly get it for tomorrow morning.

MR. WM. ROWE: We will find out during the main estimates.

MR. COLLINS: There is no secrets at all in the world about it.

MR. WM. ROWE: That is right. No secrets, they are brazen and shameless about it, Mr. Chairman, lash out the money to George McLean. They do not care who knows. Would the minister tell us, when he visited Hermitage District during the by-election, will he tell us who was in the car with him at the time that the posters were snatched from the twelve year old? We know the minister was there, we do not know who was with him. Would the minister tell us?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am afraid that is not relevant.

MR. WM. ROWE: It is relevant.

MR. COLLINS: I think, Mr. Chairman, that should be dealt with. I have heard a lot of crying and bawling and weaning about a few posters which were taken down there. They did not cost very much. There was no trouble to get them, apparently.

MR. WM. ROWE: Who paid \$5 for them?

MR. COLLINS: There were a lot of promises down there too. The honourable member I understand made a promise to the people of MacCallum and the honourable member for White Bay South, believe it or not, Sir, he was going to spend his vacation along with his wife in MacCallum this summer. So I hope the people down there --

I will take him up on it when he goes down for two weeks or three weeks.

MR. W.M. ROWE: The minister, Mr. Chairman, was in the district during the election, as Minister of Fisheries. Now what I want to know is who was in the car with him? We know he was there but who was with him, what other colleague?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

MR. COLLINS: I do not know if the honourable member knows something other people do not know Mr. Chairman -

MR. CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stagg): The honourable member's question is irrelevant. While the minister may answer it, it certainly is, it is rather irrelevant.

MR. SIMMONS: It may be irrelevant but still continues to be quite fishy and we will find out the answer, Mr. Chairman. The other question which the minister neglected to respond to was the one about the emphasis, the emphasis in the department, whether the amount in the Interim Supply indicated a decreased emphasis. I would like for him to respond to that in a minute. While I am on my feet, just let me say that I did not say that he did not have any meetings with fishermen's committees around the Province or in the Hermitage district. I did not say that. I said that after one particular meeting was set up in Hermitage Cove, he skipped to town after the meeting was set up so he would not have to attend the meeting. That is what I said and I stand by it. Would he answer the question I just raised, Mr. Chairman?

MR. COLLINS: I would certainly answer that question, Mr. Chairman. I did not skip out of Hermitage. I left Hermitage rather hurriedly after my brother and his wife and two children were involved in an accident between Gander and Glenwood and all four of them were in Gander Hospital very seriously ill. Some of them still are. That is why I left Hermitage in a hurry that evening.

MR. SIMMONS: Since that would be a valid reason and I would appreciate it too, except I am aware and the minister was aware the night before his official committed him to that meeting, that that accident had happened and he did not see fit the night before to leave town on that account and left town several hours later.



AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Come on! Come on!

MR. CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stagg): Order, please! The honourable member is irrelevant. It certainly has nothing to do with this debate. They are the same points that the honourable member from White Bay South has been drawn to order on. I suggest they get back to the -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Mr. Chairman -

MR. CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stagg): I am not suggesting that the honourable, the honourable member may appeal my ruling if he wishes but not debate it

MR. SIMMONS: Is a member allowed to say "Mr. Chairman" without being ruled out of order?

Mr. Chairman, I was discussing a matter which is of importance to me. I can be labelled childish or whatever. I was putting the thing in perspective. I did not really expect the minister to use that kind of an excuse. I know the circumstances surrounding that and I am saying he did not attend a meeting very much a part of his responsibilities as Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Again the honourable member in that he may feel very deeply about this point, it has been drawn to his attention that it is irrelevant.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: How can it be irrelevant?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The honourable members to my right may appeal the ruling which of course would consume a fair amount of time. The honourable member may proceed in matters that are relevant.

MR. W.M. ROWE: (Inaudible) Is the minister the Minister of Fisheries? If Your Honour can tell us how it is irrelevant. He was to go to a meeting of fishermen. Is that the idea? How is that irrelevant? We would like to know for our own guidance, Mr. Chairman, how is it irrelevant?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Honourable members know full well that meetings of the honourable Minister of Fisheries in the district of Hermitage some months ago have very little to do with Interim Supply that is under discussion now. That is where it is irrelevant and honourable members know that.

MR. SIMMONS: I cannot apologize on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries. He must do that for inflating this matter quite out of proportion. I

believe, Mr. Chairman, I do not attempt to question your ruling but I stand by what the member of White Bay South had just said that if the minister's legitimate responsibility is namely the encouragement of private fish plant operations, if it is not a part of his legitimate responsibilities I am at a loss to know what is and it was that point I was making. I was hoping that in future he would make himself more available to private entrepreneurs who want to inject money into the fishing industry. I believe that is a very legitimate point within his jurisdiction.

On motion Head XIV, Fisheries, carried:

Head XV, Industrial Development, \$700,000:

HON. C. W. DOODY: We have an amount Mr. Chairman, of \$700,000 for Industrial Development of which some \$60,000 covers salaries and general administration. There is an amount of \$100,000, under 1503 sub-head, for development and promotion

broken down at \$25,000 for assessment and research which covers consultants' fees, etc., for such things as the Lower Churchill, as we need to make progress payments or interim payments but it is the token amount there anyway. There is a promotion of \$25,000, promotion vote. For the satisfaction, before we get into the debate, there is nothing there for George McLean. It is all in housework. Last year the honourable member made the same question and I denied it. The honourable member said that it was not true, but it was.

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible).

MR. DOODY: Does the honourable member want to do this or is he going to let me do it?

There is a \$5,000 amount throughout the act; \$20,000 for the Goose Bay Project Group; \$25,000 for the Argentinia Industrial Park; \$290,000 for the Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation; \$250,000 for the subsidies programme for the five Atlantic fish trawlers now under construction at Marystown. That is the whole sum.

MR. SIMMONS: I would like to direct a question to the honourable minister that I directed to the Minister of Fisheries about the status of the new plant for Burgeo.

MR. DOODY: The new plant for Burgeo is not yet under construction or in existence. It is dependent and contingent upon a DREE agreement. We have been chasing after the DREE people very urgently because there is a clause in that agreement which gives the National Sea people an option to pull out of Burgeo if they do not get an answer from DREE within a three month period. Now that three month period has expired and we still have not had a commitment from the DREE people. There is a great deal of urgency.

Mr. Chairman, I hope that when the minister comes down here on Monday or Tuesday, he will be in a position to give us a firm commitment on it. It is a matter of great concern to us because it is vitally important to Burgeo that that plant go ahead.

MR. NEARY: The State Banquet?

MR. DOODY: Pardon?

MR. NEARY: If they can get him at the State Banquet.

MR. DOODY: Yes, if we can get him at the State Banquet in the right -

MR. W. N. ROWE: On that point, Mr. Chairman, the minister now complains that DREE has not made a decision on it. It might have been helpful if some progress had been made on the matter before the minister and the government announced it as a fait accompli, Mr. Chairman.

MR. DOODY: As a matter of record, we had been consulting with Ottawa all the way through from the very beginning. We made no announcements until we had felt out the feeling of Ottawa on that thing and they told us that they felt very favourably toward it and that it was a very worthwhile project and we should go ahead with it. When we got the definitive plans arranged, they would look at it. Hopefully, they will look at them favourably.

MR. CHAIRMAN: On motion Head XV - Industrial Development - carried.

On motion Head XVI - Rural Development - \$1,700,000, carried.

On motion Head XVIII - Public Works and Services, \$8,100,000, carried.

On motion Head XIX - Municipal Affairs and Housing, carried.

On motion Head XX - Provincial Affairs and Environment, \$300,000, carried.

A bill, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending The Thirty-First Day Of March One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Five And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service.

On motion that the committee rise and report having passed a Resolution in relation to the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty and recommends introducing a bill to give effect to the same and ask leave to sit again, Mr. Speaker returned to the Chair.

MR. STAGG: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply have considered the matters to them referred and wish to report having passed a Resolution in relation to the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty and recommends introducing a bill to give effect to the same and ask leave to sit again.

On motion report received and adopted

On motion Resolution read a first time.

Motion, that the Resolution be read a second time:

MR. W. N. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, a token speech is in order to make sure that we do not sleep on our rights. The second reading of this Resolution is debatable. Some other time we may want to debate it but we do not wish to at the moment.

MR. SPEAKER: Those in favour "aye." Contrary "nay," carried.

On motion Resolution read a second time.

On motion, a bill, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending The Thirty-First Day Of March One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Five And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service, read a first time, ordered read a second time now by leave.

MR. W. N. ROWE: On the same point, Mr. Speaker, we will not debate it at the moment.

On motion, a bill, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending The Thirty-First Day Of March One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Five And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service, read a second time, ordered read a third time now by leave.

On motion a bill; "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending The Thirty-First Day Of March One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Five And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service." read a third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: His Honour the Lieutenant Governor has arrived.

MR. SPEAKER: Admit His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor took the Chair:

MR. SPEAKER: It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, Her Faithful Commis in Newfoundland. to present to Your Honour Bills for the appropriation of Supplementary Supply and Interim Supply granted in the Present Session.

HON. E. JOHN A. HARNUM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: In Her Majesty's Name I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence, and assent to these Bills.

MR. SPEAKER: May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its Present Session passed certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

A Bill; "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act."

A Bill; "An Act Further To Amend The Change Of Name Act."

A Bill; "An Act Further To Amend The Co-operative Societies Act."

A Bill; "An Act Respecting The Pension Of The Chairman Of The Board Of Commissioners Of Public Utilities."

A Bill; "An Act Further To Amend The Maintenance Act."

A Bill; "An Act Further To Amend The Adoption Of Children Act, 1972."

A Bill; "An Act Further To Amend The Department Of Education Act."

A Bill; "An Act Further To Amend The College Of Fisheries Act."

A Bill; "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters Act."

A Bill; "An Act To Amend The Maintenance Orders (Enforcement) Act."



A Bill; "An Act To Amend The Pesticides Control Act."

A Bill; "An Act To Amend The Department Of Provincial Affairs And Environment Act, 1973."

A Bill; "An Act To Empower The St. John's Municipal Council To Raise A Loan For Municipal Purposes By The Issue Of Bonds."

A Bill; "An Act Further To Amend The City Of St. John's Act."

HON. E. JOHN A. HARNUM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: In Her Majesty's Name,

I assent to these Bills.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor left the Chair:

Mr. Speaker took the Chair:

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow, Monday at 3:00 p.m. and that the place of meeting of the House of Assembly on Monday will be the Colonial Building on Military Road in the District of St. John's East.

On motion the House at its rising do stand adjourned until tomorrow, Monday, April 1, 1974, at 3:00 p.m.