

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
2:30 o'clock, Tuesday, May 21st, 1968

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions
Reading and Receiving petitions
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HON. STEWART E. McLEAN, Q.C. (Provincial Secretary)(Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I have an announcement I would like to make today. Some time ago, Mr. Vaughan Baird, who is the Governor of the Dominion Drama Festival, drew to our attention the fact that the 1970 Dominion Drama Festival was considering where it ought to hold the -- at least the Dominion Drama Festival was considering where it ought to hold the 1970 Dominion Drama Festival and suggested that the Province of Manitoba might indicate its interest in having it here as part of our centennial celebrations.

I have received a letter today from Mr. Baird enclosing a press release and informing me that the drama festival in 1970 will be held in Manitoba. There is a press release issued by the Dominion Drama Festival which I would like to read to the members. It says as follows: "Unanimous approval was given today by the Executive of the Dominion Drama Festival to accept the invitation from the Province of Manitoba that the festival join in the Spirit of '70 and hold its national finals in Manitoba during Manitoba's Centennial year. In making the announcement, Dominion Drama Festival President, Donald W. McGibbon of Toronto said, 'The Dominion Drama Festival is proud to know that our 1970 finals will help to honour Manitoba as the oldest daughter of Confederation.' In making the invitation on behalf of the Manitoba region of DDF, Vaughan L. Baird, Q.C., said: 'The Government of Manitoba realizes that the Dominion Drama Festival has contributed so much to the cultural life of Canada that all of us in Manitoba want to plan on the national finals as an artistic highlight of our centennial year.' "

Mr. Baird continued: "'In adopting the by-word Spirit of '70, we are recognizing the fact that the true spirit of all Manitobans is a wish for progress, not only for Manitoba but for the Confederation of Canada as a whole, and that we can best salute our hopes for the future with such guests as the Dominion Drama Festival.' D.D.F. President McGibbon said: 'It is really fitting that we should accept because in 1964 the DDF helped to open The Fathers of Confederation Memorial Theatre in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; in 1967 we raised our curtain on the national finals to officially open the Confederation Memorial Theatre in St. John's, Newfoundland; and now in 1970 we have the honour to participate as Manitoba celebrates her centennial'."

And in addition to that, a telegram from Mr. McGibbon expressing -- he says: "The Dominion Drama Festival assembled this week in Windsor, Ontario, for our 1968 festival, says thank you to the Province of Manitoba for your gracious invitation to help you celebrate Manitoba's Centennial. The National Executive welcomes the honour of making contributions to the cultural progress of your wonderful province by the holding of our 1970 final festival in your capital city. May our efforts together mature in rich rewards for the progress of Manitoba as you in turn add the Spirit of '70 to our own enthusiasm for Canada's thrilling theatrical future. Donald W. McGibbon, President, Dominion Drama Festival."

MR. LAURENT DESJARDINS (St. Boniface): I'd like to move that nominations be closed now, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: I wonder if I may take a moment and direct the attention of the honourable members to the gallery where we have 50 students of Grade 10 standing of the Nelson McIntyre School. These students are under the direction of Mrs. C. Walleghan. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources.

There are also 30 students of Grade 5 standing of the Victoria Albert School. These students are under the direction of Mr. R. Suderman. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre.

And by far the largest number and the youngest, 84 students of Grades 4, 5 and 6 standing of the Ramah School. These students are under the direction of Mrs. D. Kaufman. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

On behalf of all the Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, I welcome you all

(MR. SPEAKER cont'd.) here today.

Orders of the Day. The Honourable Member for Selkirk.

MR. T. P. HILLHOUSE, Q.C. (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, before asking this question, I would like to have the leave of the House to read a small news item which appears in the Selkirk Enterprise because my question is based upon this item. I have already notified the Minister of Health and the Attorney-General of this particular news item, but I think for the benefit of the House I should be given permission to read it.

Have I the permission of the House? -- (Interjection) -- Well, part of that item was in this paper too, but I won't read that. This is from the Selkirk Enterprise of Wednesday, May 15, 1968, and the heading is "Denture Clinic Opening in Selkirk. Mr. Alex Spinak and Mr. George Vandore have incorporated into a partnership" - and I'm reading directly from the paper - "whom are proprietors of a newly established business named the Selkirk Denture Clinic which will officially be opened in Selkirk at 451 Main Street, next door to the bus depot on Saturday, June 1, 1968. Mr. Spinak operates Alex Dental Laboratory and Denture Clinic in Winnipeg and brings with him 36 years' of experience in the denture business. Mr. Vandore with 10 years' experience will manage the Selkirk Denture Clinic. They are both members of the Denturists Association of Manitoba. Mr. Vandore will be residing in Selkirk in the very near future. Mr. Spinak said, 'The reason for locating in Selkirk is to service the public in Selkirk and district with quick guaranteed service and satisfaction at reasonable prices.' He also mentioned that rather than have his customers now travelling to Winnipeg for service, they can now drive into Selkirk, maintaining the business trade in town, thus benefiting the community in all levels of business." That's the end of the article.

Now the question which I wish to ask, Mr. Speaker, of the Honourable Minister of Health is this, has there been any change in the law of Manitoba relating to the practice of dentistry? Is it still controlled by the Dentists Act, and if your answer is in the affirmative, is it incumbent upon the dentists of Manitoba to police and prosecute under their own Act?

HON. CHARLES H. WITNEY (Minister of Health)(Flin Flon): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the question, the law has not been changed, and that makes the second question, the answer is yes.

MR. HILLHOUSE: A supplementary question. Does the Honourable Minister of Health consider that the practice of dentistry is a matter of public health or not?

MR. WITNEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. HILLHOUSE: Second supplementary question. Is there any prospect of the Government of Manitoba taking over the policing of the Dentists Act in Manitoba?

MR. WITNEY: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Leader of the Opposition)(Ste. Rose): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might ask the Minister of Health a question on the same subject. Is it correct that he will be cutting the ribbon at the official opening, or is that being done by the Minister of Industry and Commerce?

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

MR. NELSON SHOEMAKER (Gladstone): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to my honoured and respected friend the Minister of Health. The discussion that has gone on has established that there is an interest in this subject, and in consideration of that interest, can my honourable friend table the recommendations of the denturists committee - for lack of a better name - that was set up and move concurrence in it? I've asked this question dozens of times now and I think it deserves an answer. Are we going to concur in that report? Is the House going to know of our findings and are we going to have that report made public? -- (Interjection) -- It was never concurred in.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Inkster.

MR. SIDNEY GREEN (Inkster): Mr. Speaker, I recall reading in Friday's paper about a substantial donation of money that was made by the Carpenters Union to one of the Winnipeg Hospitals. I believe it was the General but I can't recall exactly. This money was raised by the men working during a period when normally there was a strike. In view of the type of gift, does the Minister of Health have anything to say about the gift that was given by the Carpenters Union?

MR. WITNEY: No, Mr. Speaker, the gift was not drawn to my attention at all until today. Naturally, the gift is welcome in any quarters, but I would imagine that the Winnipeg General Hospital will be the people who would want to express their gratitude in a public

(MR. WITNEY cont'd.) manner. I haven't heard them doing so yet, but I would imagine that they would.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, it's not my practice to make corrections in Hansard but this one was brought to my attention as it has some importance in the meaning. I'd like to suggest the correction - it's on Page 2037, Hansard of May 15. I'm speaking about the Centennial Corporation and I'm referring to what the plans are in case there are losses - "losses" and it shows up as "law suits". Now, I think it should be corrected and put in there as losses, because I think it was the point that the Minister was answering subsequently.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day.

MR. LYON: I wonder if we could now ask you, Sir, to retire from the Chair while we move into Law Amendments Committee, and we would ask you, Sir, if you would agree to it, to return to the Chair on call. We're not certain as to how long our business will be in the Law Amendments Committee but we will notify you when we're ready to return.

MR. SPEAKER: I'm now leaving the Chair; the House will be recalled subject to the Speaker.

Resumed sitting at 5:30.

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Provincial Treasurer, that the House do now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House adjourned until 8:00 Tuesday evening.