

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA  
8:00 o'clock, Tuesday, April 21, 1970

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

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

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Department of Government Services. (Resolutions 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50 were read and passed.) Resolution No. 51 -- pass -- The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. JAMES R. BILTON (Swan River): I wonder if the Minister would be good enough to indicate to the House the details regarding the increase in this item.

MR. PAULLEY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. There's an increase of \$46,000. Basically it is due to the under-estimating of last year of \$90,000. If my honourable friend will recall, changes were made insofar as assessments or payments to widows and orphans at the session in the fall, and that's now reflected in the new estimates for Workmen's Compensation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 51 -- passed. Resolution 52, 11 (a) -- passed. The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. BILTON: There is an increase here, too, in Salaries - indicates possibly more employees. Would the Minister be good enough to relate that to us?

MR. PAULLEY: No, Mr. Chairman, it is not due to increases in the number of employees, but rather due to their salary adjustment increases in the terms of the Civil Service Agreement between the government and the Employees Association, coupled with a few increments as a result of service.

MR. BILTON: I wonder if the Minister could tell us how many employees there are in that particular section now.

MR. PAULLEY: There are provisions, Mr. Chairman, for 16 and there are two vacancies there's been no increase provided for in the estimates.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (Resolution 52 was read and passed.) Resolution 53 -- passed -- The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: On the last item, I'm wondering if the Minister is celebrating the victory in Ireland. He's wearing his green tie and his green scarf tonight, or the handkerchief.

MR. PAULLEY: I don't know what victory my honourable friend is referring to but if the wearing of a green tie refers to victory, then I agree with him I have been victorious in now processing the estimates of two departments in the Legislature.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. BILTON: I just have one more item, Mr. Minister, and that is under Furnishings. For several years now I have attempted to have the portraits of Premiers and Speakers in the halls in order that they may be on public exhibition, and I wondered if, this being Centennial Year, if this might not be a good year to make an effort in order to do this. I believe the space is there and there are many valuable paintings of past participants in this House, that are in the basement or hidden away in places that are not doing them too good, and I wondered if they couldn't, once and for all, be put on exhibition.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Chairman, I indicated in the House some little while ago that I was going to hang a few of the old Premiers or ex-Premiers and Speakers. As a matter of fact, I met one of the former Premiers the other day and he had noted a report in the paper that I had said that I was going to be glad to hang some of them, and he said he would be very pleased to be hung by the likes of the present Minister of Government Services. However, in all seriousness to my honourable friend, I believe that there are three portraits that should be displayed. I have requested the department to make provision for them. The three that I refer to would be the Honourable D. L. Campbell, who was Premier of the Province of Manitoba just prior to the takeover of the Conservative administration; the Honourable Dufferin Roblin who was Premier for ten years. I believe the only other one that's eligible at the present

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd.) . . . . time to be placed on display would be that of the former Speaker of this Assembly, Mrs. Forbes. There are one or two others, but it has been a custom, as I understand it, Mr. Chairman, not to hang the pictures of anyone who is presently engaged in the political life, such as my honourable friend the Member for Swan River who was, of course, as we're also aware, a Speaker; and also the Leader of the Opposition, the Member for Minnedosa. I think that all the three, arrangements are being taken under way to have their portraits placed. I might say it is our intention to start using the Speaker's Gallery with these three for now, and then as we can get the pictures out of some of the rooms where the public hasn't free access, we will progressively use the corridors, and while we may not at this particular time, Mr. Chairman, just use the Speaker's Wing, as we will call it, for former Speakers, we will start there with these three and then move, to remove them from the various offices or rooms, as I say, and have them on public display or readily accessible to the public.

MR. BILTON: I thank the Minister. I understand him to say that that will be done for this summer's . . .

MR. PAULLEY: Yes, I hope, and may I be a little dictatorial in my instructions to the department to make sure that it is done before the influx of the tourists into Manitoba.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 53--passed. That completes the Department of Government Services.

The next, the Department . . . The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, I was just going to indicate, Mr. Chairman, that the next department, I believe it's understood, is the Department of Tourism and Recreation.

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

MR. BURTNIAK: Mr. Chairman, before outlining some of the department's objectives and programs, I would first of all like to take this opportunity to note the department's good fortune in the recent appointment of Mr. Stan Eagleton as our Deputy Minister, following Mr. Guy Moore's appointment as Deputy Minister of Cultural Affairs. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the enthusiasm and the guidance that Mr. Moore has given this department since it was founded back in 1966. In addition, I would like to thank my directors and the staff for the fine work that they have done in the past year.

The impact of the many events and attractions planned for Manitoba's Centennial upon the tourist industry will be spectacular, I feel. Many Manitobans who might normally travel outside the province will stay at home to enjoy the Centennial celebrations. Many more visitors than usual will come to Manitoba to help us celebrate our Centennial year. I feel that one of the real benefits that will come out of Centennial will be that our Manitobans will be encouraged to travel to all parts of the province and thus get better acquainted with the cultural and physical mosaics that make up this province of ours.

To begin with, I would like to outline the broad objectives of our department. It is a long-term objective of this department to ensure that the residents of the province have the skills, the facilities and the space to enable them to utilize their leisure time in various forms of recreation. At the same time, it is our objective that Manitoba remain an attractive place in which to live, as well as an attractive place for non-residents to visit. I would like to outline for you some of the programs being carried on by the branches in our department.

The Research and Planning Branch, since its inception in July of 1968, has been developing research capability to provide the data collection, data analysis and synthesis necessary for development of short and long range departmental planning. During this year the branch will be engaged in preparation of a provisional master plan for tourist and recreation development. I feel that this is definitely a very important thing to do. This plan is the first step toward the preparation of a more complex plan which should be presented during fiscal years of 1972 and 1973. Many of the branch's specific programs in '70 and '71 are designed to provide data required for the 1972 plan.

A major project is this province's participation in the Canadian Outdoor Recreation Demands Study. This project is designed to measure and forecast the demands for outdoor recreation that can be expected in Manitoba and to guide development towards the best possible way of meeting these demands. As part of this program, the branch undertook studies at ten parks and recreation areas in 1969; continued compilation of an inventory of recreational facilities in the province, and completed the first report of a Study of the Whiteshell Provincial Park. In the current fiscal year the information collecting program at parks and recreation

(MR. BURTNIAK cont'd) . . . . . areas will be continued and analysis for the 1969 . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: May I ask the honourable members to give the Minister an opportunity of making his comments. I think he's being drowned out at the moment.

MR. BURTNIAK: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. In the current fiscal year, the information collecting program at parks and recreation areas will be continued, an analysis of the 1969 surveys will be undertaken to produce the models of recreation behaviour essential to the planning process. Branch activities to measure the tourist flow into the province, which began in 1968, were continued in 1969 and will be carried on during the present fiscal year. In order to gain an appreciation and understanding of the impact tourism has on regional economy, the branch undertook in 1969 a survey of the visitors to the government tourist reception centres. This survey program will be continued. In addition, the branch, in cooperation with the Parks and Regional Development Corporation and the citizens of Dauphin, completed a study of tourism in that town. During this fiscal year it is planned to continue to study the value of tourism to other regions of this province. The Research and Planning Branch is working closely with the Tourist Branch in a program to measure the effectiveness of the province's tourist advertising and promotion campaigns and to note changes in visitor markets in order that these campaigns can be oriented as sharply as possible.

A study of the numbers and kinds of people that visit Manitoba from, say, Minnesota is planned for this year, as is further study of this province's penetration into Canadian markets with a special interest in Centennial activities as tourist generators. Detailed work is planned to probe the image that Manitoba has in our tourist markets to the south. When we know what that image is, advertising and promotion strategies can be developed to correct the image if necessary, and to enhance our position as a tourist destination.

The branch will continue to conduct studies of the feasibility of proposed developments such as those on Hecla Island. Provision has been made within the branch for special projects that may arise out of requests for regional development corporations and recreation commissions. Current studies underway include work on a proposed Ukrainian Arts and Crafts Centre, an Art Centre at Bissett, and a plan for the development of tourist and recreation facilities for Grand Rapids.

The Community Recreation Branch is dedicated to making an impact on recreation in the province. The staff devotes its time to helping people to help themselves, enabling municipalities and community groups to expand and develop recreation programs.

Many Centennial grants in 1967 and again in 1970 were awarded for the construction and improvement of recreation facilities. These facilities must be used in a meaningful way so that local people will be able to take full advantage of them. It is the role of the Community Recreation Branch to consult with and to advise communities in the development of programs which will utilize these facilities to the greatest possible extent. The most effective way to coordinate action at the local level was through the appointment of recreation commissions by municipal councils. In 1967 there were only 21 such commissions. Today there are 138 throughout the province of Manitoba.

Leadership training is an important function of this particular branch. A wide variety of courses are offered either in the local communities or at the residential facilities provided at a Brandon agricultural centre, the Frontier College, and the Gimli Leadership Training Centre. These courses have as their objectives the training of people to be effective leaders in their particular community.

Through the Manpower Corps training program, we have continued to upgrade the facilities at the Gimli Leadership Training Centre. At present 80 people can be accommodated during the winter and 140 in the summer. In 1969, 84 courses were offered at Gimli and these courses, often held on week-ends, covered many activities. Excellent cooperation between this department, agencies concerned with recreation, and the local communities make these courses possible.

Two federations of agencies concerned with recreation were formed last year. The Manitoba Sports Federation consists of 42 sports bodies, while the Federation of Associate Arts cover a wide range of artistic and cultural interests. These federations will provide an important stimulus in a development of sports and artistic skills and leadership in our province. We don't want to destroy the initiative of the people of the communities. We don't want them to become dependent on Provincial Government resources. We want them to recognize that they in their community are responsible for the activities and the facilities and for the programs

(MR. BURTNAK cont'd) . . . . and for the development of people to serve their own needs. We are presently studying how the provincial recreational service can best continue to serve and to improve the present services.

Further, I would like to make a comment on youth involvement. We become directly involved in youth program through leadership training at the Gimli course. In these courses, we find that most sports and cultural organizations are prepared to visit the centre at no expense and to provide demonstrations and to operate clinics. Many of you, I'm sure, have heard of the Canada summer and winter games. Our branch was responsible for the co-ordination and the management of Manitoba's participation in the first Canadian summer games in Halifax, when 246 Manitobans representing 15 different sports participated. Similarly, our branch will be offering the same co-ordinating services for the second winter games which will be held in Saskatoon come next February. There will be 215 athletes representing 16 different sports. In studying the information, I find that a large percentage of these athletes will be under the age of 21 and will have this exciting experience of meeting other Canadians from every province for the ten-day event.

It is interesting to note that there are now 22 communities that hire full-time recreation directors. In 1964, for example, there were only ten. Although we are getting excellent mileage from a small staff and a relatively low budget, our efforts in community recreation must be boosted in order to get the kinds of programs needed in this province. I can safely say, Mr. Chairman, that for every dollar invested in our budget there are many dollars contributed to recreation in the form of volunteers performing services everywhere; professionals freely contributing their time and effort; community recreation commissions providing for new and expanded programs, and the wealth of resources that are now being utilized to improve and enrich the lives of Manitobans.

The objective of the Tourist Branch is the development of one of the highest earners of export dollars for the province, the Manitoba Tourist Industry. Promotion includes our advertising budget as well as public relations and publicity efforts. The highlight of 1969 was an in-store mall promotion in Minneapolis in cooperation with the Canadian Government Travel Bureau. In addition, following up the survey which indicated a large potential of possible visitors from the Twin City area, the branch advertised Manitoba on television, on radio, on billboards and in the various newspapers. Also, in 1969 our promotion and advertising efforts bore fruit as the number of visitors entering into the province increased sharply over 1968. For the year, the total number of United States vehicles entering Manitoba increased by 10.4 percent over 1968. The growth for all Canada was only 1.5 percent. A total of 2,700,000 non-residents visited Manitoba in '69, and while in the province spent something like \$120 million. In addition, border crossings in the month of January 1970 increased by 43.5 percent over January of 1969.

A new travel film entitled "Manitoba Festival Country" is the best film that this department has ever produced, according to the comments that we've had so far. Our film program is another area where we receive excellent co-operation from the Canadian Government Travel Bureau and the National Film Board. These agencies have ordered more prints of this film at one time than for any of our previous ones. This film will be seen by millions of Americans, and we understand further exposure will be achieved as the National Film Board may have it blown up to the 35 millimeter size for theatrical distribution.

The Branch receives thousands of enquiries for detailed information which is sent out in the form of literature packets. Our travel counsellors often write an accompanying personal letter. A first last year, was a direct mail campaign which covered over 40,000 households in our prime market area.

When visitors come to Manitoba, as they do, they must not be disappointed with what they find or how they are treated. Our Development Officers have a responsibility to provide training and advice to persons in the hospitality industry, to help ensure that guests receive first-class treatment. Accommodations are inspected on a regular basis and rated in such a way that visitors, by checking our vacation handbook, may decide for themselves what budget range various establishments fit into and choose their stopping places accordingly. Development Officers in community training seminars also emphasize the natural and historical features to members of that community and encourage people dealing with the public to know about the areas so that they may be friendly guides to local places of particular interest.

It is estimated that if tourists who visit our province could be enticed to remain one day



(MR. BURTONIAK cont'd) . . . . longer, the additional revenue generated would amount to between 20 and 25 million dollars. As the tourist industry grows, so does the demand for new and better tourist establishments. Development Officers interview prospective lodge operators on a consultative and advisory basis. A new booklet which has just been published, called "Getting Started in the Tourist Industry", has been prepared as a further aid to people interested in starting a tourist business. Expansion and improvement plans are first filtered through the branch's office to keep operators abreast of at least the development in materials and methods.

Another point we must emphasize is the employment generated by tourism. This service industry is responsible for thousands of jobs for both part-time and full-time workers.

Looking ahead to 1970-71, Mr. Chairman, I want to outline some of the highlights of the programs we have proposed. Our advertising program will be continued with a step-up in emphasis directed at our major market area to ensure that the province receives its full share of the potential tourist business. We will also maintain our advertising program in other regions of the United States. Sports shows in the United States will again be a major undertaking, as they provide an unsurpassed vehicle for personal contact with thousands of people who are prospective visitors to our province. At the same time, by means of coupons signed by visitors to the show booths, we are able to build and keep our mailing lists up-to-date and thus keep more people informed as to what Manitoba has to offer them as a vacation destination.

You may be interested in seeing one of the recent publications of the Department, one that Manitobans can be proud of, which we are mailing now to prospective visitors to this province, a booklet entitled "Manitoba Centennial 1870-1970". An innovation in 1970-71 will be a week-long major in-store mall promotion of Manitoba in the Fargo-Moorhead area. This type of promotion we feel is practical in the smaller cities of the United States.

Another major step proposed for 1970-71 is the planned establishment of a Festivals Grants program. Festivals have a very distinctive role in the life of the people of Manitoba, and as such are a major tourist attraction and can add to the average length of stay of visitors to our province. The grants will be utilized to assist and support those festivals which are of an ethnic nature or sufficiently unique in their field to be classed as a special visitor attraction.

In the field of tourist development, we plan to continue our program of training seminars designed to upgrade and improve tourist reception in the province and to make all residents aware of their role in promoting the tourist industry. Continued emphasis will be placed upon personalized travel counselling and reception offices in the Legislative Building and at the border crossing points. The provincial Parks Branch has the responsibility for the planning, development, operation and maintenance of some 87 highway wayside parks, 41 recreation areas and ten provincial parks. These park-planned units provide Manitobans and visitors to the province a broad array of outdoor leisure time opportunities. The parks system, now encompassing some 2,685 square miles, attempts to set aside the unique and distinctive features of our province. Through careful development and management these features are protected while at the same time made accessible and convenient for public recreational uses. The public acceptance of this program is indicated by park visitation, which over the years has shown an annual growth of eight to twelve percent. The 1969 season was the best on record, with some 44 percent more vehicles carrying 36 percent more people entering our parks. Total visitation was 2.4 millions of people.

Some 70,000 camping permits were issued last year for the 5,000 camping sites, an increase of over 15,000 permits from the previous year. Overflow campsites had to be used to accommodate visitors on most weekends and during the week for the period mid-July to mid-August. August provided the busiest month the branch has experienced because of the almost continually warm and pleasant weather with little rainfall.

This strong outdoor recreational interest is not entirely confined to the summer months. This past season over 10,500 skiers used the Falcon ski slopes, an increase of 30 percent over the same period last year. Power tobogganing, a relatively new sport, is also making its presence felt in many parts and it is becoming necessary, for the protection of the user and the resources of the park, to locate and mark trails over which these machines may be operated. These are a few of the examples of growth and the use of our park facilities and I predict that this growth will definitely continue.

The Parks Branch Development Program continued to focus on the new Centennial parks and the upgrading of older and out-dated sites. During 1969-70, development programs were

(MR. BURTNIK cont'd) . . . . . carried out at Birds Hill, Sprucewoods, Whiteshell and Assesippi Provincial Park, and at St. Malo, Manipogo, Rainbow Beach and Bakers Narrows recreation areas. The FRED program involves the development of several sites along the west shore of Lake Winnipeg - Winnipeg Beach, Camp Morton, and a provincial park encompassing Hecla, Black Deer and a number of other nearby islands. Development efforts in 1969-70 were confined to Winnipeg Beach mostly. For the other sites, land acquisition is proceeding and it is our hope that much of these negotiations will be completed by late summer of this year. We will be unable to use Assesippi Park to any extent this summer as the Shellmouth Reservoir water levels will be maintained too low for beach use. The low levels are the result of a bridge construction across the Assiniboine River in Saskatchewan. The Department of Transportation has studied the most economic means of providing access to Hecla Island and it now has been decided that this will be done by a causeway incorporating provision for small craft navigation through the Grassy Narrows area.

All the parks operating budget has been increased somewhat. Our 1970-71 development program will be reserved for cost-sharing projects. This procedure will allow us time to prepare development plans for further new parks and recreation areas. Work at Hecla Island provincial park and Winnipeg Beach recreation area will be done under the FRED agreement, while projects at Sprucewoods, Assesippi and Turtle Mountain provincial parks and the Oak Lake recreation area will come under the ARDA program. As always, emphasis will continue to be placed on high standards of maintenance and management in our operation.

With the large crowds handled in many of our key locations, few complaints have been registered on questions of maintenance, and is a record of which we are proud. There has been a growing number of cases of vandalism and rowdiness that has necessitated the use of special security arrangements. The Department will be watchful of this growing problem and will make every effort to keep it from getting out of hand.

I would like to inform the House that the municipal grants contained in the estimates are conditional upon the Federal Government continuing their contribution. I have written, I might say, to the Honourable John Munro shortly after his speech in Winnipeg on March 20th, which contained some indication that the Federal Government might discontinue these grants. So far I have not received a reply from Mr. Munro.

I would like to say a word at this time about the sport fishing here in Manitoba and, of course, as we have been informed in this House a day or two ago, about the mercury contamination of our fish in our waters, some of our lakes and streams. Of course we are concerned about the recent developments whereby mercury contamination was discovered in fish in Manitoba waters, resulting in the closure of commercial fishing during the summer and fall season in the Saskatchewan River, Cedar Lake and Lake Winnipeg. However, we are pleased, Mr. Chairman, that the situation was not serious enough that sport fishing had to be banned in these areas. It is our intention to immediately make press releases for distribution throughout the United States stressing the positive aspect of the situation; namely, that there is indeed a sport fishing season in Manitoba and that only a limited area has fish that are known to be contaminated with mercury. We will stress the fact that even in these areas sport fishermen can still have the pleasure of angling for a good catch without consuming it, and that this in no way affects the taking of trophy fish, the presence of which in Manitoba waters is a considerable enticement to fishing enthusiasts. Also, it is our intention to print a brochure fully explaining the situation to people who enquire about fishing from the Tourist Branch. While both the press release and the brochure will in no way attempt to cancel the contamination situation, they will state to the best advantage the positive aspects of the situation. We are fortunate, Mr. Chairman, that the contamination in Manitoba is at a minimum level and I understand there is some possibility that with the source of the contamination already being dealt with the condition may improve as early as this coming summer or fall to the point where contamination is no longer a hazard. Thank you.

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

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's indeed gratifying to hear the report of the Minister of Tourism and Recreation where he stated that Manitoba received \$120 million from the tourist industry last year and with our Centennial year well advanced now I think it would be only right that we should hope that this year that figure could be doubled or even tripled, so we would hope that Manitoba should this year receive in the neighbourhood of a third of a billion dollars from the tourist industry.

(MR. GRAHAM cont'd) . . . . .

The question of mercury pollution which the Minister mentioned last I will deal with first, Mr. Chairman. It is a concern to everyone. I sincerely hope that it does not affect the tourist industry to any appreciable effect this year. Contamination is always a problem, but I was rather disappointed that the Minister didn't mention anything about other forms of contamination which also affect the tourist industry and in this particular matter, Mr. Chairman, I'm referring to the condition in the various provincial parks, the garbage collection, the waste disposal, the papers that are quite often left lying around and also the problem of broken glass on beaches and swimming areas. This is becoming quite a serious problem, Mr. Chairman, and I sincerely hope that the Minister will urge his department to take additional precautions in this our Centennial year when we expect more people than normal to be using the facilities of our various parks.

Going back - and I'll maybe follow this in reverse order to what the Minister did. He talked about conditional municipal grants for recreation, conditional in this respect that the condition rests on additional federal money in this field. This causes some concern to me, Mr. Chairman, because we know what happened last year with the Sprucewoods Park where money was transferred from the ARDA Program to the Asessippi and Turtle Mountain and other parks, without any further grants from the Federal Government. It was indeed welcome that there were some additional funds went to these other parks but it's most unfortunate that it was done at the expense of the Sprucewoods Park.

In the matter of the FRED Program and the beaches on Lake Winnipeg it was most interesting to note that there will be cooperation between this department and the Department of Transportation when the Minister announced that there will be a causeway built to Hecla Island. This will I think be an added tourist attraction once the park is fully developed. The Minister made some mention of 70,000 camping permits this past year and when we're dealing with camping permits I can recall a statement the Minister made last fall when there was a one-man commission set up to study the issuing of camping permits in the Whiteshell area and I asked or presented an Order for Return approximately two weeks ago. I had hoped that we would get the results of -- there was two Orders actually -- I had hoped that we would have had those results before we dealt with the estimates; however, we have not got the Return yet so we do not know just what the findings of that committee was. I was hoping the Minister might announce what the findings were here but he has not mentioned it tonight.

The other Order for Return dealt with the world hockey tournament which we had hoped would have taken place a month ago but due to unforeseen circumstances fell through and the \$58,000 grant to that tournament from last year, \$17,000 of which was for promotion and ticket sales, \$31,000 was for the six hockey teams and \$9,500 was for hospitality. Seeing as how the tournament was not held, it would be most interesting to know if the money was returned or if a portion of it was returned to the Provincial Government. These things I hope the Order for Return will show.

There was an item in Research and Planning which at first caused some concern to me when the amount was doubled, but with the program that the Minister has announced, the greatly expanded program, I'm sure that the amount will be well spent. However, it does concern some of us in other parts of Manitoba when research programs are carried on in the Dauphin area. He didn't mention anything about a research program in the Whiteshell area or other areas of the province. He did say that this was a test program, but I sometimes wonder, Mr. Minister, if the results of the test in the Dauphin area will actually reflect the true tourist pattern in the Province of Manitoba. As you know, Dauphin is very fortunate in that it's in close proximity to our national park in Manitoba, it's the only national park in Manitoba and it in itself is a great tourist attraction, drawing tourists from one coast to the other in Canada and also from one coast to the other in the United States. So I just wonder whether a tourist study done in close proximity to that park will truly reflect the tourist patterns for the whole of the Province of Manitoba.

It's indeed gratifying to know that the Centennial program together with the Department of Tourism and Recreation has got many functions for Manitobans this year. This is a once in a lifetime deal for you and I, maybe our generations to come will see another Centennial, which I sincerely hope will be better than this because our province has to continue to grow from year to year and a hundred years from now I sincerely hope that Manitoba will have continued to make as many more strides as she has made in the past hundred years.



(MR. GRAHAM cont'd) . . . . .

The Minister has stated previously today that he would make an announcement tonight about other provincial parks in the province, other than the ten mentioned. I was hoping he would have made that in his opening remarks. There is concern about a possible provincial park in the Paint Lake area. I'm sure there are other areas in the province that would also like to see provincial parks established and I would hope that the program of provincial parks is continued because with our ever increasing industrial world these areas of greenery and relaxation for the recreation of our people are becoming increasingly important. I was a little disappointed to hear the Minister make no mention of one of the greatest parks that Manitoba has. Unfortunately Manitoba does not own the park entirely, it's a joint park. This is the International Peace Garden which symbolizes the close affinity that we in Manitoba have with our friends and neighbours to the south. He mentioned the use of Gimli as a leadership course base and on that question I have no quarrel at all. However, there have been disturbing reports that the use of the International Peace Garden by other organizations for leadership training might very well be phased out -- and here I'm referring to the program that has been in operation for several years by the Canadian Legion. I would urge the Minister that if the use of that International Peace Garden as a leadership site for the youth of our province is discontinued by the Canadian Legion I would sincerely hope that the province would carry on where the Canadian Legion left off. The training of our youth in their intellectual capacity has to be matched by a program of recreational activity which leads to the development of a healthy mind and body both. So I would urge the Minister to pursue or at least give close attention to the full utilization of the International Peace Garden.

Mr. Chairman, I said my remarks would be brief and I believe they are. Thank you very much.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, I listened to the Honourable Minister and he certainly introduced his estimates with great enthusiasm and optimism. I'm sure that it is a challenging department and I wish to thank him for his introductory remarks. He was quite lengthy and I'm sure he must find this department a very challenging one as well as his deputy minister would and I'm sure the staff in his department. It's a very interesting one. But before I get into the remarks, I have not been able to just catch everything that I was able to write down so perhaps I'll be asking him some questions and I hope he would be able to answer if he has not answered in certain areas. I wouldn't want him to repeat it because I could read it in Hansard.

Before I get into my remarks I wish to take the opportunity at this time to express our gratitude and appreciation to two former people who were responsible for establishing the provincial park system, the Whiteshell Park system; and I'm of course referring to the former Premier of this province, D. L. Campbell and Charlie Greenlay, and as a result of establishing the provincial park system today we have Falcon Lake Park which is probably one of the most beautiful setups in the Province of Manitoba. I know that the Minister has made reference to it, it certainly could be a pattern and example for the rest of our parks in this province. I think it's almost a unique type of a provincial park not only in the Province of Manitoba but as well in the North American continent. I know that the Minister has made reference to the ski course at our Falcon Lake, that there has been a 30 percent increase in use of facilities. I would agree with him and I think it would be another 30 percent increase next winter if he would take the advice and install a T-bar at this place, because as you know there's many cabins in the area that are winterized, a lot of people go there and spend some nights and we also have the motel now that has been expanded to accommodate more people which has an indoor swimming pool which I know will be utilized to a great extent during the wintertime. And many older people I would say are reluctant to use the tow rope, I don't feel the younger people do but the older people who are skiers as well, this age group, and I think we could keep them in Manitoba and have them ski right here instead of travelling to perhaps Sugar Hills or some of the other parts out of the province because there is a T-bar. I'm not saying that he should think of a chair lift or anything of that nature which is I know expensive, but I'm sure there are some good slides at Falcon and I'm sure that a T-bar would be quite feasible in that area.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I know that tourism in Manitoba has the potential to be one of the fastest growing industries because today people are travelling more, people have more leisure time and naturally many of these people are taking advantage of spots to go to. I think all the



(MR. PATRICK cont'd) . . . . areas of Manitoba have a good potential for development of tourist attractions such as camping facilities, parks and development of some lakes in different parts of Manitoba. I feel that the leadership must be provided to the private sector through promotion and public information as well as the government undertaking many of the projects themselves. I think that Manitobans should be encouraged to take at least a portion of their holidays in Manitoba instead of travelling outside the province. At present, tourists visiting our province, I understand 90 percent of the total arrive by automobile. These account for 50 percent of the tourist business. The remainder of the tourists come to this province by air, bus or railway.

Only one-third of the American tourists spend one day or more in the province. The rest return to their homes the same day as they arrive, and I think this is unfortunate. Perhaps we can use that old phrase that the former Member for Gladstone used to use in this House, "Linger longer", or "While you're in Manitoba, linger a little longer," because I feel the key to tourism is to convince people to come to Manitoba for their holidays. We have more sunshine than probably many of the other provinces, and surely this is a good place to take their holidays when we have many of the beauty spots in here.

I know that the Honourable Minister has made reference to many areas and, as I mentioned, I don't know if I was able to write down everything that he touched on. Briefly, I would have been interested to hear a little more about the Paint Lake at Thompson, Manitoba. I wish he would have elaborated on it, to what extent the development will take place this year. He also made reference to some concern of his that the grants for recreation, the grants from Physical Fitness and Amateur Sport, may be cut down by the Federal Government and I feel this is a great concern, not only of his but is of concern to all members of this House. And I'm concerned about it as well. I would like to ask the Minister at this time if this does happen, or if this does take place, I hope that the Minister doesn't do likewise and cut the grants from the Province of Manitoba. I think, in fact, the Minister should pick up the slack if in case the Federal Government does to some extent reduce their grants in this respect, because I think it's only in the last few years that people have really got concerned about recreation programs to the extent that we should have. I know that some members would say perhaps we're spending a certain amount of money, or too much. I don't think this is the case. I know some of the people that have been transferred out of this province and their first concern was, well, my boys will not be able to play hockey in Ontario because we're transferred to a smaller town and there may not be an opportunity for them to participate. On the other hand, I had some contact with many of these people. In almost any centre over 25,000 population in Ontario, not do they have one rink with artificial ice, they have two or three in some instances. So I think the Province of Ontario is so far ahead from the western provinces in respect to some of their recreation facilities; much much further ahead than we are.

I was glad to hear the Minister mention about the Travel Bureau in Minneapolis. I had taken part in the Tourism estimates in the last two sessions or three sessions, and I had strongly appealed to the Minister on those occasions that we have some facilities or offices established in other parts across the line close to the Winnipeg area in midwest United States to try and promote the tourism business, and I see that there has been an office established by the Federal Government and I'm sure there could be some arrangements made with the Province of Manitoba in conjunction that we can promote a good campaign for at least this year, Manitoba's Centennial year.

I think that one point that the Minister did not stress or elaborate too much, on pollution control and phosphates in many of our parks and lakes, and I think this is an area that the Minister will have to take some action on. He did mention about the camping permits and that 70,000 were taken last year. With the facilities that we have at Birds Hill Park which can accommodate, I understand, up to 10,000 small trailers, I think this should be increased. I think we have one of the probably finest parks in the Birds Hill Park, adjacent or so close to such a large metropolitan city as Winnipeg. I doubt very much that there is any other city in Canada or even in the States that would have a park that size that would accommodate as many camper-trailers in that area and this is an area where I feel that the Minister can do a great job in promoting tourism by telling the people that we have the facilities for camper-trailers because the mode of travel today, as many of us must appreciate, is by camper-trailers, and which many people have taken advantage of.

Mr. Chairman, I also feel that Duck Mountain Provincial Park can be developed into a

(MR. PATRICK Cont'd) . . . . year-round tourist attraction. This park offers many many lakes. I understand there's some 70 lakes in that park; 490 square miles of wooded and beautiful scenic area, which I feel could be developed into a real good attraction for many of our tourists. I understand that also it's one of the high points in the Province of Manitoba, and perhaps a ski attraction or ski lift could be developed in that area. If it cannot be developed by the government, I feel tenders could be called for private money and see if the Minister can find anyone to develop this area, because I think it would be a real good tourist attraction in that part of the province.

I feel that there must be better roads and better connections with that park to what we have at the present time. I understand that -- and I've been told by many people who at the present time have taken the advantage of getting away from the city, travelling by car and taking their camper-trailers and spending two weeks and three weeks at Duck Mountain Provincial Park and they said there is no nicer place in Manitoba - and I'm sure it is, but perhaps the Minister can improve some of the facilities in there in respect to even -- I feel that there should be some facilities developed that could be an all-winter attraction, for instance a motel with indoor pools and so on, because I feel it is an ideal for this type of a recreation development, similar to Wendigo or now what we have at Falcon Lake. I know that the Minister will say, well it all costs money, but I'm sure if he would ask for tenders or have a plan of development for that area and ask for some private money, I'm sure that he would find some people very much interested to develop this area.

I also feel that opportunities in tourism are probably greater than many of the other industries, and perhaps proper research should be done at the present time to determine what impact tourism can have on this province's economy as a whole. I think it's very important. I know that we haven't got probably the tourist resources that they have in British Columbia, but I know that the money that tourists bring to that province is of great economic benefit to the Province of British Columbia. I think that money spent in Manitoba by visitors represent export services and represent wages in this province, because many of these people buy products right here. They need accommodation and they need restaurant facilities and so on, and they do some of their shopping because we have today probably as nice shopping centres as any centre in Canada. In fact, I think our Polo Park Shopping Centre in square foot area is one of the largest, if not the largest, in Canada at the present time. -- (Interjection) -- No, it isn't. The member says it's not in Assiniboia. No, but we have two large shopping centres in Assiniboia as well.

Mr. Chairman, I think that we also should stress regional attractions and I feel that we have some good regional attractions in this province which can draw many tourists if properly promoted, if properly advertised. And I think some of these have to be probably assisted by the government by way of publicity and some other means. Naturally, I'm referring to such regional attractions as the Morris Stampede, which I think is really good. I've had the opportunity to attend it and I personally feel that we do not have to take a back seat to the Calgary Stampede; the Morris Stampede is really -- I see the Member is not in his seat but he would agree with me it certainly is good. The Altona Sunflower; the Northwest Stampede in Swan River; the Icelandic Festival in Gimli; the Ukrainian Festival at Dauphin; you've got your Trout Festival at Flin Flon; Trappers Festival at The Pas; and Brandon Fair at Brandon, Manitoba; Manisphere in Winnipeg and -- (Interjection) -- Which one was that? The Mennonite Village Museum at Steinbach Manitoba. And I feel that these are certainly real good regional attractions. I think that the Chamber of Commerce and service clubs, as well as the government, should support some of these attractions.

Mr. Chairman, I know that usually the tourists are interested to see things in the province and what there is to see. I think Manitoba has many things to see. Manitoba is not a stretch of flat land as one would believe it is. I think there are many attractions deserving attention of many of our visitors. I don't know if the Honourable Minister has -- he mentioned as far as the pollution and mercury pollution in respect to sport fishing, and I agree with him that something has to be done immediately, and I feel that perhaps he should spend more on the advertising budget in this respect this year than ever before, because many tourists that come to Manitoba are people who are interested in fishing, they bring out their families and take their kids out for fishing excursions that only may be for a couple of hours, and the reason they come so they can take their families to go fishing, and with the publicity that we had in respect to the pollution of our lakes and rivers we may find that our tourists are nowhere near what

(MR. PATRICK cont'd) . . . . they used to be in numbers, say last year or the year before, and I think that the Minister has a big job in this respect to see that proper advertising is done and to tell the people that all our lakes are not polluted and they are not dangerous in that respect.

A MEMBER: Hear, hear.

MR. PATRICK: I think that it should also be possible for a tourist to see many of our historic sites, our churches. I know that there are many historic sites in this province; for instance, St. Boniface at one time had really many points of historic lore. I know that since the fire of the Cathedral it has changed to some extent but there are many others like the Lower Fort Garry, which has been rebuilt, rehabilitated to a certain extent, and is attracting every year more and more visitors. I think we're also fortunate in this historical information because Manitoba was one of the first areas in the development of Western Canada, and the people had to go through this province or through Winnipeg moving further west. For example, the record of the buffalo hunts. In 1840 the hunters on the Red River carts and so, could be expanded on in some of our pamphlets or stories because this is factual; this is true; this is what has taken place in this province.

A MEMBER: Wasn't that in '39?

MR. PATRICK: No, it wasn't. I think that it's the responsibility perhaps of all the members here to try and sell Manitoba during this year and tell the story of Manitoba, and perhaps some of us maybe should learn some of this history of Manitoba. I think that we are also fortunate in this province that by nature Manitobans are friendly people and more hospitable than perhaps anywhere else, and I think that's another good point that attracts tourists to this province.

A MEMBER: Good looking girls.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, I know that the Minister has talked about highwayside parks, and I know that this has been brought to my attention on quite a few occasions, that many of the tourists coming to this province travelling, say, on No. 1 Highway East, they pass by many lakes but there's no signs where it says where boats can be launched, and even when you go past Falcon Lake all there is is signs that say Falcon Lake but there's nothing else where any of the travellers or tourists driving by can launch their boats, and I feel that really in many areas in the States or some other jurisdictions, even if you travel on a busy highway there's a small sign that says "half a mile boat launching" and I think that this is a good point. I haven't noticed anywhere in our province that there are signs of such type, and I would recommend to the Minister to see that perhaps he can undertake to put some of these signs up.

Also he mentioned about the Tourist Information Bureau at the Legislative Building, and yesterday I was quite concerned and I asked the Minister of Government Services, with all the repairing going on in the building and renovation I thought perhaps that office will be done away with or moved somewhere else, and I think it's an ideal location right here in the building because we have so many people coming to these buildings, and even if it's just a small, very small office, I think it really serves a good purpose for many of our tourists in that location.

Mr. Chairman, I don't think I have stressed strong enough to the Minister in respect to Birds Hill Park that can accommodate so many small trailers and there's so many people today travel by this means and I think that when they come to the city they have no place to park their trailers. I think that we should not only advertise here but advertise in a lot of our business promotions or tourist promotion advertising that we have facilities for so many thousands of trailers within 15 miles or so from Winnipeg. The facilities are there, we might as well utilize them and use them and I don't think up to the present time that this has been properly advertised. I know that millions of campers are sold each year in North America and this is one of the most popular ways of travelling for many of the tourists.

Mr. Chairman, these are a few of the points that I wish to make at this time. There was also that inference made, I understand that the Minister or the Department was considering establishing or granting a license for a campground adjacent to the Alf Hole goose sanctuary in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. I think this has concerned a considerable amount of people because this sanctuary does attract many people; I understand it attracts anywhere in the neighborhood of 10,000 people a year, and I feel that if -- I'm not sure at what stage, has the minister granted a license at this time or not -- and if he does establish a campground in that area, perhaps this sanctuary would probably be destroyed. I'm not just sure if the geese would be coming back with all the noise that you would have from a campground.



(MR. PATRICK cont'd.)

The other area that I wish to touch briefly on is in respect to recreation and physical education. I know that in the last three years many studies have revealed about disturbing deficiencies in the fitness of our youth and I think that all governments are quite concerned about this. I know the Minister in Ottawa is certainly concerned and I think rightly so. I think that the youth of our nation is one of the greatest assets that we have and I think it's imperative that the fitness of our youth be improved to the greatest possible extent. I think it is the responsibility of the government at all levels, the family and as well the school. Perhaps the school is the most important place where proper attention should be given in respect to physical education because this is where I think our children acquire certain habits for practicing physical fitness which they would continue in later years in life. If they don't acquire it at that age I think it is a little more difficult for grown-up people to start this. -- (Interjection) -- I would like to.

We also know that children today are perhaps not getting the same amount of exercise that they used to many years ago. They are driven to school, to play, to our shops and in fact, maybe a quarter of a mile to the YMCA, YWCA, they still are driven to those places, they don't necessarily walk, our habits have been changed completely. I feel that physical training perhaps should not be overlooked, it should be encouraged. I know that the Minister has put some emphasis in this area with respect to recreation commissions, or 21 recreation commissions have been established at the present time, if I'm not mistaken. Of all the towns in Manitoba or municipalities, 21 commissions doesn't seem like very many. Perhaps it's an area that he can explain to us as well.

I think that a complete program of physical education should include a variety of activities such as, not only perhaps playgrounds and equipment, but I think it should be participation required of all people or of all children. I know that in school more attention is usually paid to the ones who compete in a competitive sense sort of and who make certain teams even in the schools, the children or the girls or boys that make the volleyball team or the basketball team, and if you take for a certain school this represents a small number of the whole class, so I think that we should stress more and more on participation instead of strictly the competitive aspect of the whole thing.

Oh yes, there's another point that I wish to make reference to at the present time. It has been mentioned by somebody else and I know this has concerned me to a great extent, and that was in respect to hockey. I do have something to say on it but I think I will reserve my remarks for later on, and if I don't get an opportunity I will perhaps introduce a private member's resolution because I think it is an important subject. I think that the National Hockey League has not treated us properly. I think that since we produce all the raw material in Canada, give all the training to our youngsters, we provide hockey sticks, pucks and everything else, equipment which costs millions and millions of dollars, and what we get in the way of return from the National Hockey League in my estimation is peanuts, is very little and I think the time has come that -- I'm not also happy with the kind of arrangement we had with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and the Canadian National Hockey League where we couldn't even dress the best players, the best prospects for the Canadian National Hockey team, because the contract didn't specify that we can. This is an area that concerns me a lot, but I will be speaking on that later during this session, so I'm just touching on it briefly.

The other point, perhaps the Minister can tell the House to what extent the program has been developed with Winnipeg Beach; has it been completed, how much money has been spent, what is there left to do before that resort is completed? We must appreciate it's in very close proximity to Winnipeg, it has tremendous potential; what is happening, how much money are we spending in that area and when it will be completed?

I would also like to know what progress has been made on Hecla Island and in what stages does the government propose to develop this resort; how much money is going to be expended each year for the next so many years. Perhaps the Minister can give us some information in these areas.

There is one more point before I sit down, and that is in respect to -- I know that there is great demand for lakeshore lots in many of these lakes which is not expensive to develop and even at Falcon Lake I know that probably half the lake there's potential of selling or tendering on lakeshore lots which are not developed. I wonder what the reasons are for not developing or tendering these lakeshore lots because the back part on the east, south and north side could

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(MR. PATRICK cont'd.). . . . be developed. I have many people ask me why, travelling in a boat on the lake, how come the government doesn't sell some of these lots, you know lake-shore lots on that lake. I'm sure this probably applies to some of the other areas as well. Perhaps the Minister can give us some indication if he has any plans in looking into the situation and will be having some lots for sale.

These are the points that I wish to make at this time, and perhaps I'll have more questions later on.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. GORDON W. BEARD (Churchill): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I promise you not to be too long. I think that we should have a medal though for those of us who sat through the second period of the hockey game tonight. I understand it's 2-0 for Boston, Mr. Minister. It must be between periods because we have a fairly good number of members in the House which weren't here when you gave your opening remarks. -- (Interjection) -- I promise not to. I don't think I'll be too long.

The Member for Assiniboia is always quite concerned about the pollution of the recreation waters in this part of the province and I would suggest that he need not be too concerned, if he goes far enough north the water is very pure and he won't need to bother about detergents and that would look after that problem. -- (Interjection) -- Fishing is very good and the water is quite cool. The province are now advertising the fact or going to be advertising the fact, I believe, that we have 100,000 lakes in Manitoba. I would like to point out, Mr. Chairman, for your benefit that there must be at least 75 or 80,000 of those in the Churchill constituency and we invite you up at any time to fish, whether it's in winter or summer.

I would like to . . . . . (not audible) . . . . . some of the fish are really not that bad. This is one of the problems that we are going to have because I can anticipate a great deal of trouble in that respect. In fact somebody this afternoon was just talking about it and said that last fall when they talked about mercury in the pheasant area of Alberta, they had gone there for years and they just forgot about it and didn't go last fall and went down to the United States instead. That rather bothered me because this was a good sportsman, he knew better, but he said it was just one of those things and how it struck him. I think that this is a problem that we are going to have to try and overcome some way or other; I don't know how it is, but if you tell the people don't worry, mercury isn't that bad, well then they start to worry and think that they are getting a snow job. But sometimes to try and defend one's self in advertising, sometimes just emphasizes it rather than helps to play it down, but I'm sure that you will use your good judgment in that respect.

There is not much new I can add to what I said last year. I note that some of the things weren't continued. I have a letter here from the Minister promising to go up to Churchill to look into the tourist centre proposed for that area and I certainly would hope that some arrangements can be made before the summer season is upon us. I don't know how he is going to do it that fast but we would hope that something could be arranged in that area.

Now in respect to wilderness area accommodation, again I bring forward that point that I feel that sometimes we set standards far too high for the people who want to go out into the wilderness areas to stay awhile, to fish awhile, hunt awhile, or whatever it may be. We are asking many, many times too much investment to start off with and again I think you should look into it. If it was well advertised that these line camps, you could call them, get a name for them, and have the advertising pointing out to the people these are not in fact modern cabins and rather than downgrade it, say here you have an area that you can go, you are back to nature, you are not going to have running water, you are not going to have the modern facilities of a community, but you can get down close to nature and such on. I think that there is a large number of people that would like to do this.

Then of course this brings me on to the assistance that could be offered to the Indian-Metis people to try and help them, through tourism and recreation, to start camps even in the reservation areas or in the areas close to Metis areas where people could have this type of camping; because I'm very sure that they would be well looked after, you have good training schemes for guides, they are just as sensible a people as anybody else and if they know that they have the lives of a number of people in their hands, they will make sure that these people get back and that they are well treated while they are out there. This to a large number of people who are outside mother nature -- in other words they are coming from urban centres, highly industrialized urban centres such as Chicago, New York or the bigger towns further south or in the province itself, where they don't get the opportunity to fish; or if they do get out to fish, they may catch one fish in a day, but up there where they could get next to living off the land. I think it would offer a great deal to the tourist industry itself to pick these people out of the large industrial areas in the States where they have no opportunity to go back 50, 75 or 100 years and follow history as it was. I suppose we are all young boys at heart, even as we get older, and we perhaps seem to think that we would like to tread somewhere where the white people hadn't been before; it's a spirit of exploring and I think that it would offer many of the Indian people the opportunity to earn a good living, particularly during the summer when



(MR. BEARD cont'd.). . . . their activities are at the lowest and they could take the opportunity of doing this without too much of an investment. I'm sure the Department of Indian Affairs would help in respect to outfitting these wilderness camps, but it would be, I think, up to Manitoba to lend their hand in assisting to advertise the fact that people can get away from the city, they can get away from the rustle and bustle of this busy life that we are at. They can get away from the telephones, they can get away from business and they can go out into the wilderness and hide for a couple of weeks and enjoy a vacation that's different altogether to what they're used to in the rest of the year.

I think that, again, as I went over and checked with the Minister, I think it was some \$120 million that the tourists left here this year; but when you divide it by the number of tourists that did come into the province really it doesn't show very much money has brushed off for the number of people that have travelled through the province if you go down to a per capita basis. I realize that many of those people would maybe be just passing through and going to another province, but we would hope that we could raise our revenues by encouraging people to stay that extra time in the province, and of course I would say the easiest way is to get them the furthest into the province and if the Minister of Transportation gets No. 6 Highway finished well then we can get them up through the heart of the province and into an area where certainly they're going to spend more than two or three dollars per capita before they have left and I believe that many many more tourist camps can take advantage, particularly in the latter part of August and September when their revenues are dropping and they could get these tourists through the heart of the province up north and then back down on No. 10 then everybody gets a crack at them. I think they would enjoy Manitoba more, they would see more different things, the different things that we have to offer in Manitoba that they don't have in their own State that they're living in, particularly if they're coming from the larger more organized, their populated states in the U. S. A.

Now then as far as the wilderness areas are concerned I think that if you could get some type of advertising to compliment these places that I've referred to, and many of the other areas, small camps started up by people that really don't have the money to go down to these southern tours that the resort operators have, if there was a way that they could get together and contribute toward a fund that would help them advertise as a community of camps. In saying this I say that the small ones that are really just a part time operation, if they could be assisted, I know the bigger ones can go down by themselves and warrant going down and spending this money, but there are the smaller ones that we want to see get off with a running start.

I don't believe I have anything more to say with it. I think that really the Tourist Branch did a good job last year; certainly the booklets that came out were complimentary to Manitoba and I would hope that you can keep up the prestige that Manitoba has. I hope that you can overcome the problems with the sports fishing. As far as northern Manitoba goes I could say that we are with you a hundred percent and trust that you will be able to assist us to help ourselves when the summer comes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, I have a few questions for the Minister that might be advisable to have now so he can reply in total.

I think my colleague, the Member for Assiniboia, did pay tribute to Mr. D. L. Campbell and Mr. Charlie Greenlay who had the foresight in the early fifties to institute the provincial park system. I'm sure that not many people now know that these men had the foresight to start thinking of protecting certain areas in the province for the good of all the people; and it's quite easy to forget as time goes on. But I think the Minister could pay a passing tribute to these people who did have the foresight at the time to set up a provincial park system which was pretty well unknown in western Canada at that time. I would like to ask the Minister, based on some reports about proposed provincial parts -- for example, about a week ago the First Minister and the Minister of Transport were up in Thompson and they were encouraged by the people of the area to take a look at the Paint Lake district and they were asked at the time if it was possible to include into the provincial park system this great natural beauty and recreational area; and I didn't hear the Minister mention any plans for either this year or the future in this regard.

Along the same lines, about three or four years ago the former Premier, Duff Roblin and Mr. Sterling Lyon who was then responsible for provincial parks, made a very assertive statement at Portage la Prairie that there would probably be a provincial park included in the forebay of the Portage Diversion; and they received a great deal of credit for their foresight and their ideas and I notice that there's been no mention made of this area. Now if there's not going to

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd.), . . . be a park in that area, in the Portage area or if the Paint Lake provincial park proposal is a long ways away, perhaps the Minister should inform the people of Manitoba that they will have to wait for some time. If these areas are in the provincial planning stage well that's fine but I think people should be told what's going to happen in their area within a reasonable length of time.

The Next item is quite unrelated but I understand that year after year the Great River Road Association which is basically an American oriented body but they have Canadian representation from northwestern Ontario and from Manitoba, the dream of this association is to have a road, a scenic roadway all the way from the Gulf of Mexico right into the Manitoba and northwestern Ontario wilderness area. I would hope that the Minister is going to support this long term dream and long term proposal by these people who are working voluntarily for this aim. I understand that they have gathered support from the various American states and from the Province of Ontario; yet I don't hear, or I don't know of any Manitoba participation whether it's only a small but still a token support or appreciation for the idea. I think that the Minister should give some publicity to this and should lend his support to it. After all being at the end of the Great River Road area we would be the main benefactors I would think. It costs very little for us to make a long term proposal for a road into the wilderness, whereas some of the American states have great difficulty in acquiring land and acquiring the scenic areas that are along the Mississippi; where it's going to cost them a great deal of money and a great deal of effort, we can participate in this proposal with very little effort. And so it has to take place over a long period of time, but I'm sure our American friends would like to know if we're actively for this proposition or not. I would like the Minister to express his government's point of view in this regard.

Another item that would come under his department I think, and it's to do with sport. The Member for Assiniboia has mentioned briefly something about it but I would like to ask the question: what financial assistance did the Manitoba Government give or commit to the proposed World Hockey Tournament that was aborted this winter by forces beyond our control? I understand that there are some commitments that will have to be kept even though the tournament was cancelled and is done with, that still there are commitments to be kept and I would like to know in dollars what our commitment was and whether or not it's being kept. Also out of the money that was set aside for this I would like to know what is the final goal for the money that is left. Has this money gone back into the general fund or is it being re-allocated in another direction?

With respect to the Birds Hill Park I understand that certain groups or a certain body has made representation to the government that they would like to carry out one or two car rallies during the summer and I don't think that I read or saw in the newspapers a reply whether or not this was being under consideration or something was going to be granted or not. My first concern is that it disturbs the natural beauty and also the recreational facilities for the family type of operation that it is. I don't think it's a good idea. But if it's on a one time basis perhaps it should be entertained and I would like to know what the Minister has to say with respect to that.

The Minister mentioned in his opening remarks that there were going to be festival grants to the various areas. Without checking my files I can think of two communities that would no doubt qualify. I'm thinking now of Dauphin and Gimli, the Ukrainian Festival at Dauphin, the Icelandic celebrations at Gimli and I don't know what others there are but I would like to know. The Member for LaVerendrye whispered to me in a loud voice "Steinbach". I would like to know what the grants are for each town and how they are based and what a community has to do to qualify for the grants. I think this is information that should be given to the public and I would like to hear the Minister when he makes the reply to the questions that have been asked.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take three minutes to congratulate the Minister on having achieved an increase in the estimates for his department over the spending allotted last year because I believe that the field of tourism and recreation is a field that is deserving of every reasonable dollar that can be provided out of provincial revenues to support its programs. Personally, I find the Minister to be very sensitive to problems in the field of sport and recreation. He's certainly an easy Minister to get along with and I think in his brief time in office has proved himself one of the most popular members of the administration and as I say, one who is very sensitive to the problems in his particular departmental area of responsibility.

(MR. SHERMAN cont'd.)

I would like to ask him to provide answers if he can to one or two questions though that I think are deserving of attention from his department without unnecessary delay. One of them is the question of a winter carnival for Winnipeg or Metropolitan Winnipeg and in fact as much of Manitoba as can be involved in winter carnival activities. I make this suggestion very cognizant of the initiative that the City of St. Boniface has already undertaken with its very excellent Festival of the Voyageur and I stress that I would hope that any winter carnival undertaken in the Metropolitan Winnipeg area or in other parts of Manitoba would not be run in competition with but very definitely in conjunction with a festival like the St. Boniface Festival du Voyageur. It seems to me that in this particular part of Canada and North America we are blessed with some advantages which we don't exploit fully, which we tend to view as disadvantages, and the Minister and I have discussed this in the past. One of those of course is our winter season and the facilities in terms of weather and topography that is provided for winter sport and winter festivals. I think we have neglected opportunities in the past to turn this condition into a tourist attraction and a major advantage for our part of the country. I know there are a great many people working on the question of a winter carnival at the present time. I know that the Manisphere officials are involved and I know that the Minister has been involved in discussions with those persons; but I think that the members of this Chamber would be interested in hearing from the Minister as to the state of those discussions at the present time.

A second point has already been touched on by the Members for Assiniboia and Portage la Prairie, and that is the question of the Canadian National Hockey Team whose temporary demise, or whose demise we hope was only temporary, and which was a severe blow to the sports community and the sports culture of Winnipeg and Manitoba. I wonder if the Minister is in a position while presenting his estimates to advise members as to the possible future of Canada's National Hockey Team where Winnipeg and Manitoba are concerned, to advise members whether all the time and toil and agony and effort that went into constructing and creating an effective international representative for Canada in the sport of hockey has all been for naught, had all gone down the drain, or can we look forward to a resurrection of the team and of the representation and to some successful and worthwhile conclusion to the efforts that so many people have made in that respect.

I am interested in the field of sports clinics too, Mr. Chairman, because it's here I think that sport can have it's most salutary effect on our young people. The value of sport for young people, the value of sport in combating some of the harmful and degenerative factors and pressures in society today, cannot be over-emphasized and I think the Minister would be the first to agree that sport teaches a discipline, it teaches a respect, and it teaches a scale of values that is perhaps unfortunately lacking in some aspects of our lives today and it's not available in many other activities, on many other levels of society. There is something to be said for defeat in life, just as there is much to be said for victory, and it is in sport, and particularly in competitive sport, that people, young people and old, are taught how to lose as well as how to win, and taught the value of accepting and living with both those conditions.

The education of competition is an important ingredient in the building of character, and it's through sports clinics taken to all communities of the province and made available to all sectors and levels of the population, that some of these values can be inculcated in society. Does our government, for example, have any plans or any policy for assisting sports bodies that want to promote clinics in their particular field, and for assisting sports bodies that want to bring national and international championships to the province of Manitoba? It's my understanding, and I have had some experience in the field of sport having long ago been a sports writer, that many provinces, particularly Ontario and Alberta, have grants programs administered through the government and naturally based on provincial revenues available, that make it possible for individual sports bodies to invite and attract national and international championships because some of the expense involved will be defrayed out of these provincial government grants programs, and I wonder if our government through the present Minister has any plans for that kind of a program in the immediate future in Manitoba.

May I just also, with reference to a comment passed to me at this moment, Mr. Chairman, ask the Minister if Canada is planning to participate in the next Olympic Hockey competitions and whether he has any information on the role that Hockey Canada will play in the future of the Canadian National Hockey team, the team to which I referred a few moments ago.

If the Minister can provide some information and shed some light on those areas in the



(MR. SHERMAN cont'd.), . . . . field of sport and recreation, I'd be most grateful, Mr. Chairman, and I reiterate that I for one have been particularly impressed by the awareness of the Minister to the problems that exist in this field, and to the values and the achievements to be gained from an enlightened and progressive government involvement in the whole field of amateur sport.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rhineland,

MR. FROESE: Mr. Chairman, . . . .

MR. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, I gather from just the look in my honourable friend's face that he probably wants to spend more than four minutes, so perhaps it would be a convenient time to move that the Committee rise,

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee Rise. Call in the Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your Committee has passed several resolutions and begs leave to sit again.

#### IN SESSION

MR. RUSSELL DOERN (Elmwood): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kildonan, that the report of the Committee be received.

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

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I just want to remind honourable members of Law Amendments Committee tomorrow at 10:00. Since scheduling the committee meeting, I have been asked from two sources -- the Minister of Agriculture has a bill which relates to Credit Unions which everybody appears to be wanting to pass with unanimity, and there is the Member for Brandon who had a bill involving Brandon boundaries. Now I wonder whether without notice that these bills can be proceeded with at Law Amendments Committee tomorrow.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Speaker, I think that, speaking to the point raised by the House Leader, that we would be happy. My understanding, while it doesn't show that way, is that normally speaking it's the bill with the first number and other bills referred, and from our point of view we would be prepared to operate on that basis.

MR. PATRICK: We have no objections, Mr. Speaker.

MR. FROESE: As far as the Credit Unions are concerned, we will be only too happy to get it passed. I don't know about the Brandon one, . . .

MR. GREEN: That one just relates to boundaries. Well perhaps we will have the bills there, and the committee consists of every member of the House in any event, but we will proceed on that basis unless there is objection at the meeting.

Mr. Speaker, I would move, seconded by the Honourable Minister for Cultural Affairs, that the House be now adjourned.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried, and the House adjourned until 2:30 Wednesday afternoon.