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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

2:30 o'clock, Thursday, February 16th, 1961.

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions
Reading and Receiving Petitions
Presenting Reports by Standing & Special Committees

MR. R. G. SMELLIE (Birtle-Russell): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the report of the Special Committee on the Elections Act.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your Special Committee appointed on the 23rd of March, 1960, to consider The Election Act with the view to recommending such amendments as may be deemed to be necessary to bring the said Act into conformity with present date electoral practices and to provide a more orderly and efficient conduct of the elections in the Province of Manitoba, beg leave to present the following as their final report.

MR. SMELLIE: Mr. Speaker, the report is rather lengthy, and as it has already been distributed to every member of the House, may I suggest that the reading of this report be dispensed with.

MR. SPEAKER: May the reading of the report be dispensed with? Agreed?

MR. D. L. CAMPBELL (Leader of the Opposition) (Lakeside): On the understanding I presume, Mr. Speaker, that a concurrence in it would be moved at a later date when any member who wishes to would have an opportunity of debating it.

MR. SMELLIE: That is my understanding, Mr. Speaker. We will move that the report be received this afternoon and there will be a motion for concurrence later.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed?

MR. SMELLIE: I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Roblin, that the report of the Special Committee on The Elections Act be received.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Notice of Motion.

Introduction of Bills.

HON. GEO. JOHNSON (Minister of Health and Public Welfare) (Gimli) introduced Bill No. 3, An Act to facilitate Cornea Transplants from the Bodies of Deceased Persons to Living Persons.

MR. JOHNSON (Gimli) introduced Bill No. 10, An Act to amend The Marriage Act.

HON. GEORGE HUTTON (Minister of Agriculture) (Rockwood-Iberville) introduced Bill No. 4, An Act to amend The Water Supply Districts Act.

MR. R. SEABORN (Wellington) introduced Bill No. 20, An Act to amend The Margarine Act.

MR. W. B. SCARTH, Q. C. (River Heights) introduced Bill No. 12, An Act to amend The Winnipeg Foundation Act, 1943.

MR. J. COWAN, Q. C. (Winnipeg Centre) introduced Bill No. 13, An Act to amend An Act to Incorporate the Town of Tuxedo.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day.

HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Premier) (Wolseley): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I would like to make some reference to three former members of this House who have died since the last time this House was assembled. It is our custom as you know, Sir, at some early date in our proceedings on the opening of each session of the Legislature, that we should remember the names and the lives of those members of this House and servants of the public who have passed away in the interval since we last met.

The name that I wish to mention first, Mr. Speaker, is that of the late Honourable Maurice E. Ridley who was a member of this House from 1957 and a member of the front bench from 1959. To reflect upon his passing is to direct our attention indeed to the chances and changes of this mortal life because he was a man who, in terms of service to this House

(Mr. Roblin, cont'd.) and indeed by his years what we call a young man, who had, I feel certain, not yet made his full contribution to public life in this province. And yet he has left us much to remember him by. There is his record as a citizen in his own community of Manitou where he was mayor for 10 years. There is his record as a well-liked, highly respected member of this House, and I believe I may say Minister, in this administration. But all of us will really remember him for his happy personality, for his homespun, direct character and yet for the common sense and good nature and service that he brought to all the province with which he had to deal. And I may say, speaking personally, it is indeed a sad thing to lose a colleague of his character and his ability. And I know that when I move this resolution this afternoon that I'm speaking for all when I say that we extend to his wife, to his children, to his neighbours and to his friends in the constituency of Pembina, the deep sympathy and condolence of all of us here and indeed of many hundreds outside this chamber.

So, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Pembina, that this House convey to the family of the late Maurice E. Ridley, who served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service, and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

Mr. Speaker read the motion.

MRS. C. MORRISON (Pembina): Mr. Speaker, I am deeply grateful to the Honourable the First Member for giving me the opportunity of seconding this resolution of condolence because for many years the Ridley family and myself were very close personal friends, and I know very well that Maurice was a friend of every member in this House because he was so possessed with such a deep, genuine, friendly interest for people and especially for those with whom he was so closely associated with. Maurice loved his home town of Manitou and Manitou loved Maurice, and it was here that he spent almost his entire life except for the four years when he was overseas serving his country in the Second World War. Then back home serving the Town of Manitou later for ten years as mayor prior to becoming the first member of the newly-formed constituency of Pembina and, as we all know, in this capacity he served with such ability it seemed as if surely a great future was in store for him. However, there are some things over which human power has no control and the untimely passing of the honourable the late Maurice Ridley was a tremendous loss to Manitou, to the constituency of Pembina, to the Province of Manitoba, and most certainly to his bereaved family whom we, the members of this House, do now join in deepest sympathy.

MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker, it is one of the traditions of this House that early in the session we pay tribute to the former members who have passed away in the interval and, although it's a sad occasion, it's one that I think is proper for us to observe. And part of that tradition is that the resolution, regardless of the party to which the member who is being spoken about belonged, the resolution is always moved by the Leader of the House. It has become a tradition, I think a proper one too, that the successor in the seat, regardless of political affiliation, is the seconder. Then it's another tradition that the resolution itself has for years and years been couched in identical terms -- just a plain recitation of the fact of this member or former member having served his province and his community, and just a few words simple in their import and always the same because otherwise, Mr. Speaker, there would be a tendency at times to put more flattering resolutions or flattering statements on record with regard to some members than others. I think it's better for it to be this way.

If there is any member in recent years who certainly would have received very flattering tributes it would be the Honourable Maurice Ridley. The First Minister and Mr. Ridley's successor in this House have both mentioned his capacity for friendship -- that extended very definitely to the Opposition as well as to the government members, and the Opposition were just as good friends, I think, of Maurice Ridley as were his colleagues. Not as close, of course, but just as good friends because everybody appreciated the qualities of this very fine gentleman. And I agree with the First Minister that Mr. Ridley's service was far from being ended. He had had a fine record and he would have gone on to still greater things. So it's a big loss and we certainly join those in the expressions of appreciation that have been voiced and also in the condolences to the family. We don't have many Maurice Ridelys. He was able to be forthright, direct, and at times quite emphatic, but he always remained a good sport and

(Mr. Campbell, cont'd.) exhibited a lot of common sense. We really enjoyed him and we thought highly of him. And as well as expressing our condolences to the family, we can certainly express to his party on this occasion our sense of appreciation of the loss that they have suffered. It's a pleasure for me, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of this Party, to associate ourselves with the tributes that have been paid to Mr. Ridley and the condolences to his family.

MR. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Leader of the CCF) (Radisson): Mr. Speaker, we of the CCF Party join in the expression of condolence to the family of our late friend. I can say "friend", Mr. Speaker, in all sincerity, because we found in Maurice one of those very high-principled individuals who could argue violently against your ideologies or thoughts; who could accept abuse, at least verbal abuse, across the floor of the chamber, and at the cessation of the sitting, be it afternoon or evening, Maurice would be the first one to greet you at the door and say, "You did pretty good today, friend, I'll be back at you again some other day". I had the opportunity on a couple of occasions to visit Maurice while he was in the hospital, and while I remember his determination that he was going to carry on the job, he never gave in. So I say, Mr. Speaker, and I join with those who have spoken before me, we suffer a personal loss of a good friend; the province, indeed Canada itself, has lost one of those wee little cogs that has helped to make this nation as great as it is. We regret very, very deeply that he could not have fulfilled the time-honoured and proclaimed span of life. Again, Mr. Speaker, we of my party join in the sincere appreciation of the short time that Maurice was with us in this House. We regret his passing and know that somewhere on High he is still looking toward us in a circle of friendship.

MR. SPEAKER: Members please rise. A moment of silence.

MR. ROBLIN: Now, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say something about another man who is a friend of all of us here in the person of the late Roy Brown, a former member for the Constituency of Rupertsland. I think it fair to say that one would call Roy Brown a colourful personality. To begin with, he was one of the pioneers of perhaps the great technical breakthrough in this century, one of them certainly, as a flyer in the field of aviation. He served in the First World War in the old Royal Flying Corps. He was wounded and came back to civilian life, and not too long after that resumed his career as a flyer. It's pretty difficult for us these days, flying jet aircraft, to imagine what a daring and adventurous nature it took to be a flyer in this country in the 1920's. Roy Brown was that kind of a person. He pioneered in many new transportation routes; he was a bush pilot; he was a mail pilot; he was an officer of aviation companies; he actually flew again in the Second World War as a test pilot, which is a remarkable thing in itself; and in the course of this adventurous life of his he became very well acquainted with northern Manitoba, particularly his own constituency of Rupertsland, which he represented in this House from 1953 to 1958. We will remember him here as a true spokesman of his constituency -- a man who understood the North and its people; who loved the North and its people; and who had high hopes and great vision respecting the development of that country; and his contributions in this House were always looked on with expectation and with pleasure. He was indeed that kind of pioneering soul that we like to think of as being among the builders of our province and of our country.

It is with these thoughts in mind, Sir, that I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Rupertsland, that this House convey to the family of the late Roy Brown who served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service, and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

Mr. Speaker read the motion.

MR. J. E. JEANNOTTE (Rupertsland): Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of humility that I second the motion of condolence to the family of the late Roy Brown. It was a shock for me to hear of his passing away last fall. The late Mr. Brown was a very capable man, a fine pilot, a great bush pilot. A man who was amongst, I would say, the pioneers who pioneered the bush flying of the North -- the aviation of the North as we see it today. Although I learned to fly here in Winnipeg in the early '40s, strange as it may seem, we never met until my first election. He served in this House, in fact sat in the seat that I now occupy. He served the Constituency of Rupertsland for quite some time and served it well. As I said, it was a deep shock to me to hear of his passing away and wish at this time to extend to his family my deepest sympathy.

MR. T. P. HILLHOUSE, Q. C. (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I arise to address myself to this resolution, not only as a member of this House, but as an old comrade-in-arms of the late Roy Brown. Roy Brown and I both served in the same unit of the Canadian Army and I very early discovered that he had four characteristics. One, he was a man of indomitable courage; two, he was a big as that north country which he loved so dearly; three, he had a sense of humour. He had that ability in tense and serious situations of being able to do or say the right thing which helped to relieve that tenseness. And fourthly, he loved all people and that was the reason why he was so loved by all his constituents and all his friends. Roy left the unit in which we both served very early in the First War to become a member of the Royal Flying Corps, and during the time that he served in the Royal Flying Corps, he had a very distinguished career. As a matter of fact, he flew in the same squadron as another Brown who was responsible for bringing down the greatest German war ace, Baron Richtofen, and when the news reached our Unit of Baron Richtofen's death and we heard that it was a Brown that brought him down, naturally we expected that it was our own Roy that had done the job.

Now Roy was not a politician in the sense of that word in which it is commonly used. I think that Roy came into this House out of a sense of duty and out of a love for that north country, and feeling that he could do something for it. As the First Minister has so aptly said, Roy was a pioneer in aviation. And I think to Roy must go a great deal of credit for the opening up and the developing of our northern country. Those of us who served in the House with Roy can recall one occasion when he took us on a trip through his constituency. I never enjoyed a speech by any member in this House as much as I enjoyed that speech that night. It was absolutely vivid. You could close your eyes and you could see the people to whom he was talking -- you can imagine the type of people they were -- but that was Roy. Roy had that ability of expressing himself. Then, as I have said before, he also had a sense of humour. The members who were in the House at that time will remember the incident of Calico Brown -- or Jones, when it turned out that the quintuplets were born of a cat. I therefore feel it a sad privilege to associate myself with this resolution and I do hope that the people of the north and Mrs. Brown and her family will realize that we suffer with them in missing Roy as a comrade and as a friend.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, again we rise to pay tribute to a great servant of this province. We are deeply grateful for the fact of his living. When the Honourable Member for Selkirk was speaking and made reference to Roy's "Cook's Tour" of his constituency in this House, I could visualize Roy sitting across there giving vent to his innermost feelings of his constituency and his people. I agree with the honourable member who has just spoken that it was a privilege for all of us who were in the House at that time to have heard him. There are only about a dozen or so of us left that had that opportunity. I don't think any one of us for the rest of our days will forget that tour of the north that Roy took us on. When that was coupled with the humorous incident, first of all with the announcement that Mrs. Calico Jones had given birth to quintuplets, the stories that were told in the press of it and then the reversal that it wasn't Mrs. Jones but her cat, is one of those memorable incidents which will live in our memory. On behalf of our group, Mr. Speaker, and with due reverence and appreciation for the service that Roy gave to us, we join in these messages of sympathy to those he has left behind.

MR. SPEAKER: Please rise for a moment's silence.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, the last resolution of this character that I shall move this afternoon concerns the late Henry L. Mabb who was elected to this House at the election of 1920. I must say, Sir, that I did not have the privilege of being acquainted personally with Mr. Mabb, and it may be that none of the members of this House knew him in that way except perhaps the Leader of the Opposition, who may have been acquainted with him in those early days. And although the biography of this gentleman is scanty as to detail, I think reading between the lines one can discern a career of a pioneer. Mr. Mabb came to this country in 1888, which is a very long time ago, right at the very beginning of our growth of the province. He was 16 years of age at the time -- a boy -- out to make his name and his fortune in the new world. And before he had been here very long he joined the Northwest Mounted Police, as it was known in those days, and served in that remarkable corps for a number of years. He then went up to the Fisher Branch area where it appears he spent the remainder of his life taking

(Mr. Roblin, cont'd.) his part in the building of that community, being elected to this House and serving for awhile in the early part of the 1920's. That recital of facts, Sir, may be a plain one, but reading between those facts and bringing the eye of imagination to the time through which he lived and his record of raising himself from an immigrant boy, one might say, to a servant of the public in this House is something of which I think he could well take some satisfaction and in which his family -- and he leaves a numerous connection -- can take a great deal of pride. And so it is, Sir, on this occasion that I would like to offer our resolution of condolence in connection with the passing of the late Henry L. Mabb and to express our understanding and sympathy to his family who remain.

I have the honour to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Fisher, that this House convey to the family of the late Henry L. Mabb who served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service, that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

Mr. Speaker read the motion.

MR. PETER WAGNER (Fisher): Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Honourable First Minister for giving me this opportunity of seconding the motion. As the late Mr. Mabb was the member for the constituency of Fisher -- that was at one time, but now it has been redistributed -- he lived for awhile in St. George but then back in Fisher. However, I was just a small fry when the late Mr. Mabb was in the House here and personally I would venture to say that I shook his hand when he was already in his elderly stage. But nevertheless, I had people telling me -- enquiring about Mr. Mabb and all sort of things, and I was told by the people, expressing their opinions, that he was one of the finest members in this House in those early days. And the constituency of Fisher at that time, I don't need to tell you, was just a pioneering constituency. I am also told that the late Mr. Mabb struggled to open the area and there was nothing except wilderness, and no doubt, members, you can imagine what wilderness means. At that time there were no roads, cars, drainages, or schools. But I am told by the people there that to the late Mr. Mabb can be attributed the road that is now -- of course it was reconstructed afterwards -- the first road from Fisher Branch west on to Fisherton area goes to Mr. Mabb's efforts. Also the first school that was built in that area between Fisher Branch and Fisherton -- even the school was named after him. They called it the Mabb School. The family I know very well. They are a very aggressive people. They contributed themselves just as equally to the community as the late Mr. Mabb. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I am not going to speak too long because personally I don't know Mr. Mabb very closely. However, I wish to add my condolence to the family of the late Mr. Mabb, also from our group.

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Ste. Rose): Mr. Speaker, as the mover and the seconder of this resolution have indicated, the late Henry L. Mabb is not well known to any members of the Legislature now. There is no one left in the House today who sat with him. He was originally elected in the general election of 1920 and sat here until the general election of 1922 as an Independent. There are no members now who sat prior to that. Our group has an indirect association through the Honourable Member from Ethelbert Plains whose father was sitting in that period. Mr. Mabb was, like many other Manitobans, an immigrant. He came here from Hull, England; made his mark here in Manitoba; served, as many others have since that time; did his utmost to bolster the Province of Manitoba. He was, as the First Minister indicated, a pioneer. Amongst one of his records, that at the time of his death he was one of the oldest living members of the Northwest Mounted Police. Mr. Mabb served Manitoba and the west well. We in our group wish to be associated at this time in this motion of condolence to the members of his family, several of whom are still residents here in Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: Members please rise for a moment of silence.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, with your permission I would like to lay certain documents on the table of the House -- the Public Accounts for the last fiscal year: the report of the Treasury Board on the statement of Public Accounts for the Province of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1960; a regulation respecting the examination of applicants for Insurance Agent's licenses made pursuant to The Insurance Act; a report of any overdrafts or lines of credit arranged since the last session of the legislature; a detailed statement of all remissions made under the authority of Section 50 of Chapter 272 of the Revised Statutes of

(Mr. Roblin, cont'd.) Manitoba, 1954; statements prepared pursuant to Section 20 of The Public Officer's Act; and a report on the annual examination of accounts as required by The Lunacy Act, Chapter 149 of the Statutes of 1954.

HON. GURNEY EVANS (Provincial Secretary) (Fort Rouge): Mr. Speaker, with your permission I would like to lay on the table of the House the report of the Department of the Provincial Secretary and the 21st Annual Report of the Manitoba Civil Service Superannuation Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1960.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. Adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Honourable Member for Arthur for an address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to his Speech at the opening of the session. The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker, I would like my first word on this occasion to be along the same lines as those of the mover and seconder who have paid their respects to you, Sir. I am afraid that I am not of the temperament to indulge in the same congratulations and tributes to you that both of them have done, and I think I would not agree with them in wishing you too long a tenure of office, but I certainly do agree with them in congratulating you on the fact that you are back in this important and responsible office. And I would say, and I think members of the House know, that though there's a little bit of difference of opinion about the matter of your election -- there sometimes are you know about election matters -- that I reiterate what I have said from time to time, there was nothing personal in that regard and I can say quite sincerely that I consider you to be one who makes a sincere effort to be fair, and fairness is one of the chief qualifications, in my opinion, of a speaker.

And I would like to congratulate the mover of the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. I talked a little bit about him last year, mentioning him as a new member at that time. I'm afraid I shall just about repeat what I said then because these are the things that I know about him, not having the opportunity of knowing him well personally, but I did know his father well and I had a very high regard for his father. His father served the community well there as councillor and reeve for a great many years -- one of the well-known and highly respected municipal men of this province. And from what I see of the Honourable Member for Arthur, I really believe that he is a worthy successor to a very fine gentleman who was his dad, because I think he's a modest man. Modest men are so rare in this House that I think it deserves comment and I'm always glad to point them out. I really believe that the Honourable Member for Arthur is a modest man. He speaks with modesty -- also somewhat unique in this House -- and he speaks good common sense. Even when he was criticizing the government a little bit the other day he gave some advice I thought, if I heard him correctly -- haven't had the time to check the record yet -- but I thought he was giving some advice to my good friend the Honourable the Minister of Health and Public Welfare. But he does talk good common sense. I think he's a good representative of a very fine group of people in that constituency.

And certainly even though up to date I haven't made much yardage with the Honourable Member for Cypress, I still am going to keep on trying, and I do want to compliment her on a very excellent address yesterday. She's very articulate. I have the impression that she is used to speaking and she does very well at it. She marshals her thoughts well and she can certainly express them well as both my honourable friend the Member for Carillon and myself have found out on occasion. I quite marvel at the fact that we two acknowledged ladies' men here have up to date failed to make any impression whatsoever on the -- I'm not surprised in the case of my honourable friend from Carillon, he's getting a bit old to be taken seriously, but in my own case I must say that to date I have been disappointed, but I'm hoping for better things.

I was interested in the fact that the Honourable Member for Cypress in a brief and excellent address took occasion to congratulate the government pretty emphatically on several occasions, and I think that's good policy at this time, because there is going to be another cabinet seat open, at least one -- rumor is there might be two, possibly even three. The Honourable the First Minister neither nods his head nor shakes it, so I can't get any help from him but -- (Interjection) -- I'll soon be over there, on invitation from others than my honourable friend -- but I thought that the Honourable the Member for Cypress, if preaching for a call, made one little slip because she did admit that after almost three years of this wonderful government that we've had in office that there still are telephone lines in her constituency that have ten or

(Mr. Campbell, cont'd.) eleven, or twelve people on them. Well now, surely not after this government having been in charge for two or three or four years -- oh no, I don't think so -- but I don't think that's going to disqualify her because, like the Honourable Member for Arthur, she's entitled once in a while -- of course she should slip around and speak to the Minister privately, or the First Minister, and get them to deal with it instead of bringing it up in the House here. Don't do that again. But for once I think it's all right and certainly I agree with the mover and seconder that the front row could benefit from some advice, so keep on giving it and I don't think it will make any difference to that cabinet seat after all.

And I really would like to say a cordial word of congratulation and welcome to the new Member for Pembina. I'm sure that she was just as sorry as all the rest of us were of the occasion that brought her here. I would like to compliment her on the way she rose to the occasion just a few minutes ago in seconding the motion of the First Minister. It isn't easy for a new member to stand up in this House. I've seen a lot of them come and go in my time and most of them, no matter what training they've had, don't stand up here on their first appearance and seem as perfectly at home and sure of what they're saying as the Honourable Member for Pembina. I think she did excellently. She's made a fine start in this House and I'm sure she'll carry on as a good member. She's had good training. I'm sure also that we can congratulate her in a very personal way. She mentioned that Maurice Ridley was dearly loved by the community down there. He was -- and I think that his successor is very highly thought of because I'm sure that she won the contest on her own personality rather than on the record of this government. It's good that the government had a good candidate. I think they've got a good member and I think she's going to do a good job for the time that she's here.

Now, Mr. Speaker, you will be pleased to hear that I do not intend to do as I did last year, go through the Speech from the Throne clause by clause. I approve of that too because I certainly was pretty long last year. I've quite a bit to say now and I'm not going to take the time to comment on all the matters in the Speech from the Throne, and that doesn't mean that I think those matters are unimportant, Mr. Speaker. I notice that one of the press reports said that I had described the Speech from the Throne as "paltry". That's not what I said. We spend a lot of time in the House explaining that we didn't say something or other. I didn't say "paltry". I don't consider it to be paltry. What I said was -- and what I repeat is -- that it spent a good bit of time patting the government on the back, and that's not an unusual performance -- that's happened before -- but I didn't call it paltry. Because I fail to mention certain of the sections does not mean that I think them unimportant. It's rather the fact that we will get an opportunity to discuss them later on and I am somewhat conscious of the fact that a chap should not take too much of the time of this House in explaining his views on the government's program to the exclusion of other people who may wish to do the same thing, but I must -- I must comment on a few of the proposals that are contained in the Speech from the Throne. I can assure you there will not be many.

Mr. Speaker, the matter that first caught my attention was the fact that we have the admission, for the first time I think from this Government, that we are now in the middle of a period of economic uncertainty. That's quite a thing for the government to admit. I don't think that we're in the middle of it yet; I think we're maybe just well started into it. I doubt if we've got to the middle, but we're certainly in a period of economic uncertainty. And there is uncertainty, and to quite an extent, economic. And one of the main reasons, Mr. Speaker, for it is high taxes. That's a familiar subject for me to be dealing with you'll say, but it's a mighty important subject and one of the reasons for the economic uncertainty is high taxes, and the high taxes are brought about directly by policies of the Federal Government and the Provincial Government, and they have filtered along to where they are affecting very greatly the municipalities as well. Extravagant spending on the part of both the Federal Government and the Government of the Province of Manitoba has resulted in extremely high taxes and taxes that, unfortunately, are still going to grow. And what effect is this having on the municipalities of the province? I'm sure that the Honourable the Acting Minister of Municipal Affairs is not unaware of the fact that the municipalities of this province have found it necessary to advertise very large numbers of lands for tax sale. Have you noticed, Mr. Speaker, the huge lists that have appeared in the Manitoba Gazette? Now I'm well aware of the fact that not all of these properties are sold for taxes. I quite understand that. But the fact that they appear in the tax

(Mr. Campbell, cont'd.) sale notice, Mr. Speaker, underlines the fact that they are two years in arrears and two years is a pretty serious position for any farmer to be in, or any other property as well. Why are they in that position? Because of economic uncertainty; because the economic climate is not good in the Province of Manitoba. And one of the things that is keeping it from being good is the high taxes that are the responsibility of this government and of the Federal Government that it supports.

We're told a little further down that the industrial output, retail sales, bank clearings and the like are holding up well. But then comes the sentence, "But the difficulties in our situation are dramatized by a serious problem of unemployment". That's right -- a very serious problem of unemployment. And then, "Though Manitoba appears to be less seriously affected by this problem than almost any other province". Is that correct? I don't know that it is. I've had a look at the figures that have been available to me and I understand that the unemployment figures in Canada now are just on the verge of 700,000 -- well on the way toward three-quarters of a million in Canada. And what are they in Manitoba? More than 35,000 -- pretty nearly 36,000. If you compare that to the population of Canada I think you'll find that Manitoba is just as bad as the average -- perhaps worse.

Then I'm interested in the next paragraph -- "My Ministers tell me that the scope for Provincial Government action is limited both by the constitution and by our financial resources." What does that mean, Mr. Speaker? Do you know? The scope for Provincial Government action is limited both by the constitution and by our financial resources. Well, I can understand the financial resources part. It certainly is limited by the financial resources. After this government has been spending money the way it has spent it and is now scraping the bottom of the barrel pretty well, and having a tough time to get money even at exorbitant rates of interest, the financial resources part is all right. But what's this thing about the constitution? I am sure that the Honourable the Attorney-General would advise his colleagues if they had asked him, especially now that he has been down to a constitutional conference in the East, and is, no doubt, an authority. He would advise them that in its own sphere the province has all the authority that the Federal Government has -- just as much. And if the Province of Manitoba wants to spend money on works in order to relieve unemployment it has full authority to do so. I don't know of any other construction to put on that particular statement. I can go along with the financial resources part but the constitutional limitation -- No! When my honourable friend the First Minister used to speak from this side of the House he delighted in telling we folk who then sat over there that we had a favorite pastime of blaming all the troubles that we were in on the Federal Government, and saying that they had the responsibility for all of the programs. We didn't of course say that, but we did try always to point out the fact that so far as agriculture was concerned, and some other things, that the Federal Government had the most important things in their jurisdiction, if indeed they weren't even in the international sphere. But we never tried to pretend that we didn't have authority in our own province. Here are our friends, now that they sit over there, raising the constitutional issue as a reason for not taking some action that is urgently required.

Now on the next page we have the question of the Winter Works Program. I mentioned the unemployment figures -- almost 700,000 now in Canada; almost 36,000 in the Province of Manitoba. When you compare those figures with the 8,200 men that this Speech mentions as having been given employment, you can see how small is the contribution that is made by what my honourable friends call a "record winter works program". Because not only is that less than one person in four who is given work, but the fact is that on the rolls that make up the 8,200 people that there will be many, many, many people who receive only a day or two's work or a very few days work. They're all counted in the 8,200. It is a serious, a very serious, situation, Mr. Speaker, and I certainly agree that there is economic difficulty and this government has to take its full measure of responsibility therefor.

I skip some paragraphs to come down to the one recognizing this important problem -- "My Ministers will recommend the establishment of a Committee on Manitoba's economic future to study and report on measures necessary to maximize economic development", etc. Now you don't need to tell me who wrote that one out -- my honourable friend the Minister of Industry and Commerce. Here he is studying again -- (Interjection) -- Well, what, Mr. Speaker, in the name of common sense has his department been doing for the last few years?

(Mr. Campbell, cont'd.).... Isn't this exactly -- yes, and all the years before when we were there too -- isn't this exactly what they were supposed to be doing? Hasn't my honourable friend had enough study on the way yet? That's the work of the Department of Industry and Commerce and they've had their advisory committees. They're going to have one now with leaders in the field of labour, primary production, industry, university, government and the general community. That that's the job of the Honourable the Minister of Industry and Commerce.

I have a very few comments on the question of freight rates. I think that in general the presentation of the Government of Manitoba in the freight rates issue has been very good. I had the opportunity of hearing part of both the actual brief presented by the First Minister and the cross-examination in connection with it, and certainly he did an excellent job. That didn't surprise me because he is very capable of doing it. But the question that I ask, Mr. Speaker, is that when there's some comment made on the Crow's Nest Pass rate agreement here, why is the Crow's Nest Pass rate question before the Royal Commission at all? Why is it? Why was it put into the terms of reference of that Commission? Because hasn't the Prime Minister of Canada told the people of Canada on more than one occasion that those statutory rates will be maintained. If they're going to be maintained what are they having all the discussion about them for in front of the Commission? They're statutory rates. Why didn't the Prime Minister stay by his convictions and leave them out of the terms of reference completely? The very fact that they are being debated is exactly what the railways want. However, I'm in agreement with the position that the Manitoba Government takes on it so I have no comment on their participation so far as I am concerned.

I have already mentioned the fact that on Page 3, about the middle of the page, provision is made for the appointment of a new Minister. I'll be sorry to see my honourable friend the Minister of Health and Welfare relieved of part of that department. I'll be glad in one way, because I think he has worked very hard, very diligently; and I'll rejoice with him if he has a little less pressure in that regard. But I think he has done a wonderful job according to his like and has really given wholeheartedly of his time and efforts. I don't know of anybody who would try harder in either one of those portfolios. Mr. Speaker, my regard for the integrity and ability and personality and dedication of the Minister of Health and Public Welfare is so high that I have never been able to bring myself to question his good intentions in these regards, though I must confess that I have frequently shuddered at the financial implications of them. I have felt that, with all the regard I have for him, that along with his colleague who sits immediately to his right that he is in the process of adding to the financial embarrassment of this government, but certainly he is doing it through the very best of motives. I would tender to him even greater -- even more emphatic advice than the Honourable Member for Arthur did and say to him, take it easy, but I still think so highly of him that I can believe only that he was pressured by his colleagues to whom those same remarks don't apply -- or to many of whom they don't apply -- let me put it that way. I won't make it a blanket coverage -- to many of whom those remarks definitely do not apply. But he was pressured by them into putting on that unconscionable increase in the premiums of hospitalization. Well, I guess that's what this paragraph means about "the report of the Manitoba Hospital Services Plan on hospital financing costs and premiums be laid before you for your consideration". We'll get an opportunity to discuss that further but you can't make me to believe, unless the Honourable Minister himself stands up and says so, that he did a thing like that of his own volition. You can't make me believe that, unless he was pressured by those colleagues with whom he is burdened, that he would have delayed the announcement until after the session had closed last year. The Honourable the Minister is too straight-forward, too interested in his work for that. But somebody, some people sold him a nefarious bill of goods there -- (Interjection) -- It certainly is shame -- certainly is shame.

MR. ROBLIN: That's imputing motives -- you know better than to do that.

MR. CAMPBELL: I have every right in the world to do it. And I think the guilty one was my honourable friend who just hollered "shame". If my honourable friend wants me to be a little more definite -- because I think my honourable friend is the one who is starting to get worried about the financial position. He has reason to be. And I -- further, I believe that some press report mentioned that the Honourable the First Minister had said that he's going to

(Mr. Campbell, cont'd.) cut them down again. Didn't he make that statement? -- (Interjection) -- Well I suppose so. Well, I wouldn't want to impute motives -- I wouldn't want to impute motives but I can state the facts.

MR. ROBLIN: It's not a fact.

MR. CAMPBELL: Now I must say that I have also a high regard for my honourable friend the Minister of Agriculture and Conservation. And the paragraph that he has contributed here I can certainly find some logic in. He's a logical man. "Greater marketing opportunities are urgently required. It is the opinion of my Ministers that this is one of the most serious problems facing Canadian agriculture today." That's right, Mr. Speaker, that's correct. No doubt about that, but when the -- not the honourable gentleman because he wasn't here -- but when some of his colleagues stood over here they used to ask us, "Why aren't you doing something about agriculture?" Of course they'll say that they have done something, but when we tried to tell them that it was the marketing situation that was of most importance to the farmers of Manitoba -- no, no, no, that was just trying to evade responsibility. But my honourable friend is catching on. He regards this as one of the most serious problems facing Canadian agriculture today. It's not one of the most serious, it is the most serious. That's the serious one. The farmers can run the gauntlet of all these hazards that they have to run, Mr. Speaker. They can run them all, even without crop insurance or the excuse we have for crop insurance. They can run them all -- they can face drought or too much rain or frost or grasshoppers or rust or any of the rest of them and come through if, at the end, they have a market at a reasonable price. But if they haven't the market then they are in serious trouble and I commend my honourable friend for that statement. But how are we going to get the markets, Mr. Speaker, unless we are prepared in Canada to trade with the rest of the world? How are we going to relieve ourselves of these burdensome surpluses that my honourable friend calls them? Burdensome surpluses are food when pretty nearly half of the world's population are still hungry. It's not something that this government can cure and I'm certainly not blaming them for that situation. But I say that the statesmen of the world some place have got to work that problem out -- and I'm not blaming this government -- so that we can move those surplus foods over to where they are needed and that's the thing that will do more than all the diplomatic conferences to relieve the threat of war too -- if we can do that. But we've got to have trade, Mr. Speaker. We've got to have two-way trade, and what I want to ask this government, what representations have they made to the Federal Government of this country regarding the restrictive trade practices that they are indulging in. And I'd like to ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce what is the sense of him convening a great conference on trade matters and allied subjects if his counterparts down in Ottawa are going to strangle trade by seeing that the countries that are willing to trade with us can't get their imports -- their exports into this country. Mr. Speaker, as long as that situation exists in Canada we will have the situation in agriculture that the Honourable Minister rightly complains of. And as long as it exists, it is futile, completely futile for my honourable friend the Minister of Industry and Commerce to think that he can, by convening conferences here, affect the overall situation. Ottawa has to take those steps. Ottawa has to free its position in this matter. And what representations has this government made to Ottawa in that regard? The Federal Government policies are the ones right now that are making it difficult for Canadian agriculture. And my friend simply has to stand up to the Federal Government and tell them no matter what your friends down in Quebec and Ontario may tell you on these matters, this is Manitoba. They've got to protest against those restrictive trade policies.

Now I'm not going to spend any time at all, my honourable friend the Minister will be glad to hear, on the question of crop insurance. We'll get a chance to talk about that later on. But in passing -- oh yes, perhaps I should mention that the Honourable the First Minister just on the very eve of the election in Pembina took occasion to announce that the crop insurance premium rates were going to be reduced. That was quite a coincidence. I'm not imputing any motives -- I'm not imputing any motives. I don't know -- the honourable member made the speech, I didn't. I don't know why you told them that. Why did he tell them that? -- (Interjection) -- I don't know, they're not in the area -- but the statement was made, just a night or two before the election, that the premium rates on crop insurance were going to be reduced. Well I would like to ask the Minister, because he is a practical gentleman and a logical one, a

(Mr. Campbell, cont'd.) sensible one, a businesslike one, I'd like to ask him, does he really think that the crop insurance test areas have been well received by farmers? When the fact is, according to the figures that we have seen published, that for every dollar that was paid to the farmers as insurance that the farmers themselves and the taxpayers of Manitoba and the taxpayers of Canada combined paid out \$5.00. Does he really think that's satisfactory? Does he really think -- well my honourable friend says certainly -- does he really think that the farmers in Manitoba will think that a program like that will last? Well I don't have that opinion. And I'd like to ask the Minister, or the First Minister, how can Manitoba expect the Federal Government to be more interested in the welfare of Manitoba farmers than the Manitoba Government is. Surely to goodness I'm not noted as being a great booster for the present Federal Government, but surely to goodness if they can make a contribution toward the premium for crop insurance for Manitoba farmers, wouldn't you think the Manitoba Government could? We certainly -- (Interjection) -- what did we do? But we didn't promise this like my honourable friends did -- (Interjection) -- that's the difference. We were honest enough -- we were honest enough to tell the people at that time that this would not be financially sound unless the Federal Government would make at least a 33 1/3 percent contribution and the Provincial Government the same. My honourable friends will find out that that's true. Now I give the present Federal Government credit for the fact that they didn't make a very good one but still they are making some kind of a contribution. But what have these folks made? And these are the fellows who promised it. Well I'll leave my honourable friend to answer that in due course.

And then a couple of paragraphs down we find, of all things, Mr. Speaker, that progress is being made in respect to the Greater Winnipeg floodway. Now that's what was told us two and a half years ago. Here is the government -- here is the gentleman who would brook no delay on these matters. Get going -- Manitoba can't wait. Same story that we had two and a half years ago. It's true, some investigations have been made -- now getting some land and progress is being made. Well it's mighty slow progress for folks that showed so much steam a little while ago. I wonder if we're even as far ahead as we were two and a half years ago, because at that time the Honourable the First Minister was convinced that he was going to get a lot of money, a large proportion of the money from the Federal Government. He was sure he was going to get it. Wonder if he's so sure now. Says that cost sharing negotiations with the Federal Government are now approaching completion. Well they're approaching. They've been approaching for a long time. It must have been a long ways apart to start with. Do you know why this thing went wrong, Mr. Speaker? This went wrong when my honourable friend the First Minister was so ill-advised as to say that Manitoba would go it alone if they didn't get assistance from the Federal Government. His then colleague, the then Minister of Public Works, saw through that; he knew that was a dangerous statement, but my honourable friend made it, and he's going to have difficulty, and I warn my honourable friend with all his declared intention of going fast on so many things, be careful about this one because this one is so big financially that if you don't get federal assistance you'll rue the day that you ever started it on Manitoba's financing alone. Mr. Speaker, that was a colossal blunder of my honourable friend the First Minister to make that statement and I'm sure that it is haunting him greatly now. But if he can get some financial help that's one thing; he's got to have a lot of financial help before he tackles this matter. So can we ask the First Minister, Mr. Speaker, to give us an explanation of just what has happened so far as negotiations with the Federal Government are concerned and what does he now expect in the light of his sad experience of having told us a couple of years ago that he was quite confident that he was going to get substantial assistance from the Federal Government.

Now Mr. Speaker, I move on without comment on a couple of paragraphs to talk about highways, and there I am delighted to address a few remarks to my honourable and esteemed friend the Minister of Public Works, 'cause last year I called the road program the worst performance ever and I'm prepared to give my honourable friend a compliment this time. I don't think it's quite as bad as it used to be -- not quite -- but it's still pretty bad. And Mr. Speaker, I want to be very definite about this, the road program of Manitoba is still being used for political purposes -- (Interjection) -- still being used, that's right. That's a question that I raised last year. I raise it again -- still being used. It was used for the first time to my knowledge --

(Mr. Campbell, cont'd.) . . . still being used. Mr. Speaker, it's still being used for patronage. It's still being used for election bribes and threats. Mr. Speaker, those are strong words, very strong words, and I mean them, and anybody who makes charges as serious as that should be prepared to back them up, and I am, and I invite my honourable friend the Minister to ask me to back them up. I'm prepared to. I'm anxious to.

MR. ROBLIN: You'll get your chance.

MR. CAMPBELL: We'll take the chance. I'll repeat them any place, any time. Please ask us to do so.

MR. ROBLIN: Go ahead right now. Go ahead.

MR. CAMPBELL: We'll do it. We can tell them. Shall I mention some particular one?

MR. ROBLIN: Let's have it.

MR. CAMPBELL: I can mention the road from Notre Dame to Manitou. The statement was made to people in the Pembina by-election that that road would not be completed unless the Conservative candidate was elected.

MR. ROBLIN: Let's get all the facts.

MR. CAMPBELL: We'll tell you who made it. We'll have the facts at the proper place.

MR. ROBLIN: All right.

MR. CAMPBELL: There are other ones as well, but I'll repeat every assertion that I have made and I'll be glad to go into them. We'll bring plenty of facts. I want to return with my honourable friend the Minister of Public Works to the question of the flagmen on the road down on No. 12. My honourable friend thought that he had a fine answer when he told us during the Pembina election campaign that I must have very little to criticize when I mention something like that which has no foundation in fact. He went on to say that the people who were on there were employees of the contractor. Well, there were a couple of discrepancies in my honourable friend's statement because first and foremost the department, his department, was the contractor. It wasn't the contractor, it was his department that was doing the work that I was speaking of. It was not this past year, which was the case that he mentioned, it was the very first road program that this government took part in, and there were the flagmen on there that I said there were. They were there around the clock where plain detour signs would have been sufficient. And there again I welcome an opportunity to discuss this question in front of Public Accounts Committee, or any other question, and we'll bring the proof. I'm not talking about the contract that my honourable friend referred to, I gave the location. It was the Piney corner to the South Junction corner. My honourable friend knew that. Let him find out.

Then what about No. 6 highway? This is the road program that these people talk so much about. What about No. 6 highway? My honourable friend the First Minister used to criticize No. 6 highway as being a terrible highway. Every time he went up, I think, into that north country when he was Leader of the Opposition he complained about that road and how quickly he would move to see that it was improved. He promised even after he was the First Minister of this province that they would do something about it and there's been nothing done so far as I am aware on No. 6 but a bit of patching. No, absolutely no surfacing done on that road whatever. Where's this program that has been promised to the people of Manitoba? Then in connection with the opening of the stretch of the highway from Gladstone to Neepawa. I simply must have a look at the press report in that connection. See that the Age - Press of Gladstone reports in its issue of Wednesday, October 19th, how there was a great ceremony held up there. There was a cavalcade out to where the ribbon was cut. Flag-bedecked rostrum from which the Honourable the First Minister spoke. The Honourable the First Minister told them it wasn't customary to have an official opening of just one stretch of a highway, just one contract, but on this occasion there'd been so much criticism about the road they thought they'd make a special occasion out of it and they sure did. A great special occasion and there sure had been criticism because the performance with regard to that road was unbelievable and once again I want to say what I've said on other occasions when I've been criticizing the road program, I do not blame the Deputy Minister and the other officials and staff who work there because this is not a criticism of them. It's because this government, in an effort to make

(Mr. Campbell, cont'd.) some of their big promises before the election come true simply loaded the departments up with impossible contracts. Like the impossible commitments, like the one that my honourable friend and I discussed about the bog. Yes. To be done in a year. Speech from the Throne said it really is done. It's a

Well, anyway, to get back to this flag-bedecked program and the First Minister. He made quite a speech, told them a lot of things, but then, then they made the mistake of calling on the Honourable the Minister. The Honourable John Thompson, Minister of Public Works gave some of the details and statistics of construction. This 22.1 mile stretch cost 1.7 million dollars. Wonder it didn't cost more than that with the way they fooled around on it, the drainage problems they got into. This is the first highway to be built to a new standard of construction. This is the first one and here is the government that was going to reorganize all the road building program and they've been building roads ever since they went in. Now I've told you before that you weren't building roads a bit better than they were done before but this is the first time we ever got the Minister to admit it. This is the first one. Well, if this was the first one -- (Interjection) -- oh, I think the paper would report my honourable friends quite accurately. The difficulty is not in the reporting. It's that my honourable friend got a bit too frank on that occasion and admitted that this was the first one. Well, such a cost, but what did he say after all that cost? The life expectancy of this stretch should be 15 to 20 years. 15 to 20 years for a highway that costs that amount of money, and here was the government that was going to build roads that would last for so long! Surely my honourable friend doesn't mean 15 to 20 years. Maybe he had noticed that there were already some weak spots in that road. Maybe he knows that there are a couple of really bad bumps in it already. Does he know that? He certainly knows about the difficulties that they had with drainage up there. And once again I welcome the opportunity of talking road business with this government that was going to revolutionize the road building industry in Manitoba. They've done nothing, Mr. Speaker, except carry on the program that was underway before, modernized of course, modernized, of course, with the improvements that come along year by year. -- (Interjection) -- No, no. No slip. We were doing the same thing. We will do the same thing when we go back in again. Of course there's modernization but as far as my honourable friend building the super highways that they were telling about, as far as them building all good roads and never building them again of this so-called light construction, Mr. Speaker, that is nonsense. It is, as it was before, bluff and bluster, there's nothing to it and my honourable friends don't need to pretend there is. And we'll have something more to say about that question when the estimates come up.

Mr. Chairman, I'm going to resist the impulse to say anything more on several of these paragraphs that I had mentioned because I do not want to take much longer.

I notice on page 6 that it is expected that the report of Mr. Justice George Tritschler respecting the dispute at Brandon Packers will be submitted for your information during the course of the session. Mr. Speaker, when they are talking about this question, important as it is from the point of view of labour relations - and it is, I have no doubt about that - it's well worth considering. But there were other issues involved there besides just the labour relations and I hope that Mr. Justice Tritschler includes a report on those other matters too. And if he includes a report on those matters I don't know just what position we'll be in as far as discussing them because of the fact of a case being before the Courts in connection with some of the negotiations in Brandon Packers. Perhaps there'll be some area that we can't fully discuss. But I'd like to see this House get the opportunity of going into that question very fully. But if it happens that we can't go into it as fully as we would like, I understand that my honourable friend, the Minister of Industry and Commerce had some dealings also with Messrs. Patton and Cox. Perhaps we can at least go into those discussions. One thing that we want to do immediately is to ask for a return of all correspondence in that regard, because I think it would be quite worthwhile for us to investigate just what happened in connection with my honourable friend's dealings with Patton and Cox.

Then, we are told that we will be asked to make provision for a general increase in the pay of the Civil Servants of the province. I thought I noticed a press clipping just recently where the First Minister had told the Civil Service Association that they were not going to get a pay increase. The press report was incorrect, was it? Well, if the press report was

(Mr. Campbell, cont'd.) incorrect I can't blame my honourable friend for that. I notice that my honourable friend has had some trouble with the press at times. They reported him wrongly about what he said about the Prime Minister and Mr. Fleming, didn't they, and I think that I read a press report there -- I'm sorry that my honourable friend gets led astray by the press. It seems that somebody counselled him, that seeing that he was just a young fellow trying to get along in the world that he'd better be careful in talking to the press. Well, we can't blame him for that.

And then we have the statement on the Federal-Provincial financial arrangements. Here again, Mr. Speaker, it's very similar to the statement that we had two and a half years ago, proceeding toward the conclusion of the agreement. Now are we even where we were two and a half years ago, in this case too, because two and a half years ago my honourable friend, the First Minister as Treasurer of the province was very hopeful of the treatment that he was going to get at Ottawa? But what has happened since that time? If the press reports can be believed in this regard, the Prime Minister of Canada threatened -- if that's the right word -- I don't suppose we should say that about him -- but he certainly suggested that perhaps they would give back the taxing powers to the provinces themselves. My honourable friend, I believe, is going to be leaving for a conference fairly soon again. I don't think I need to advise him as to what should be done, but I would advise him that if he comes out of this conference without getting more than he has out of the former ones, when you say something about Messrs. Diefenbaker and Fleming, stay with it! Don't take it back. Don't back up on it! And where my honourable friend always acts like a lion in this House -- and I'm not referring to the Honourable the Attorney-General -- stands up and acts like a lion when he's talking to we small fry in here or to the people of Manitoba, but for some reason when he gets down there with those people with a vision in Ottawa, he has a difficult time even getting his point of view over. And then when he criticizes them, after he comes out, he find that, well, they mightn't like that, and so he retracts it and says that the press misquoted him.

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(Mr. Campbell, cont'd)....Now so far as the government savings bonds are concerned--Manitoba Savings Bonds--I think I would prefer to wait for more details. I wouldn't want to advise the government and they don't seek my advice on a proposal of this kind. But I think that the potential investors, even though they know that the Province of Manitoba itself is sound, I think they'd be inclined to take a pretty careful look at the financial record of the government of the day before they invest very heavily, and if they take that look, I'm not too hopeful of my honourable friends securing very much money in this regard to bail them out of their present financial difficulties. But that, time will tell as far as that's concerned. I'm sure the Honourable the Provincial Treasurer is aware that the Province of Manitoba at one time had a savings bank. I think he knows something of the history of that bank and perhaps he should consider that experience before he goes any further with this matter.

Now, Mr. Speaker, you will be delighted to hear that I'm almost finished. But having completed the few matters that I--and I had intended to discuss a few more, but having done with the Speech from the Throne, I would like to comment on a few matters that are not covered by the Speech from the Throne because this one, like others, is rather remarkable for what it leaves out as well as for what it puts in. There are some matters of public interest and concern that I think we should spend a little bit of time on. First with regard to the Metropolitan Development. Surely this development, Mr. Speaker, is important enough to have a report on it included in the Speech from the Throne. I'm sure that there were comments on matters of lesser importance there. The government certainly thought this important last year--very important! Why didn't they report on its progress? I'm wondering who it was, less than a year ago - I've forgotten - somebody said, and I'm not accusing the government of this, that the establishment of Metro and its operation would not result in much of an increase in taxation. No, I'm not saying it was the Honourable the First Minister. But this was reported. In fact the figure of a half a mill was freely discussed, and inasmuch as they were taking over services that were going to be done anyway, that were already being done anyway, there wouldn't be much added cost. Mr. Speaker, it appears that the cost is in the neighbourhood of \$5 million and we don't yet have the figures, so far as I know, as to what the saving to other municipalities will be. My guess is that you will find that it's very little, if anything. I notice that the City of Winnipeg is of the opinion that because of the increase in the cost of education, which my honourable friend the Minister is reported to be willing to help them out, that their costs are going to be higher, not lower. And I think they're the chief beneficiaries under this system.

Now, when the Honourable Member for St. Vital last year made his additions to the Speech from the Throne, he declared the government policy as being one of total amalgamation re Metro. And I'm beginning to think that as in other instances, perhaps he was right. I would like to ask the Honourable the First Minister, is that the policy? The government has taken a pretty keen interest in this matter. Are they really pushing for total amalgamation? Is that the ultimate end and aim? If it is, I think that the government should be frank enough to say so and tell the people exactly what they're thinking in this regard. This is a pretty important development. Let's have a statement made with regard to it.

Then one of the matters that was mentioned in the Speech from the Throne last year that I didn't see repeated was the program of my honourable friend, the Minister of Agriculture with regard to water supply and sewage disposal for farms. Well how is it going? If it's going well at all, judging from other matters mentioned in the Throne Speech, if it were going well at all I think we would have been told about it. But, I'm wondering! My honourable friend was very enthused about this program last year. He got quite eloquent in telling us about it, but this year it has dropped out of sight. What happened to the program? I'd like to know! There was a long paragraph in about telephones, even though the Honourable Member for Cypress hasn't got the telephone situation fixed up down in that constituency, there's a long paragraph about progress in the telephone business. But we know about the telephone business. That's another place where there's modernization taking place, naturally, not because of any action of this government. It's not really a thing that they can pat themselves on the back about. There's an established commission and capable people to look after the telephone system. But this program is new. In fact it's so new I wonder if my honourable friend has anything to report on it. (Interjection) At least we should hear about it and I'm wondering how it worked out--how many

(Mr. Campbell, cont'd). . . . of these instruction schools were held? How many farmers enrolled in them? I'd be interested to know. And above all, how many farm homes and buildings had installations made under this program for which the program is responsible? Will my honourable friend give us that information? I'm sure he will. And will he tell us at the same time, did the Province of Manitoba in this regard do better than the Province of Saskatchewan? Because we had some suggestions last year. Somebody said that here I was boosting the Province of Saskatchewan, and I, with all modesty, I couldn't claim any credit for this but I wanted to let the Honourable the Minister know what others were doing in this regard and I have noticed the same publication that I have referred to on other occasions-- this is the one of August 16th, 1960, I notice that speaking to 400 farmers and their families in the farming community of Qu'Appelle River, Mr. Nollet said he felt that this program would fill a great need in bringing farm living conditions up to the level of those enjoyed in most urban communities. My honourable friend was ahead of him there because he said that last winter in the legislature here--same thing. He's ahead of him there. But during the last session of the legislature a million and a half dollars was made available to help Saskatchewan farmers buy primary materials for farm sewage and water systems. I'm afraid Mr. Nollet got a little ahead of my honourable friend there. Quite a bit ahead. You're not a good advertiser for the CCF party. Fifteen hundred farmers. Fifteen hundred, yes--get up to date you fellows-- before the end of the year--and this isn't 1960--before the end of the year, close to 1500 Saskatchewan farms will benefit from the installation of modern sewage and water systems under the scheme. And I have been told by authorities in Saskatchewan that they plan on several thousand this coming year. I want to know. I'd like to know from my honourable friend how his program compares with Saskatchewan's.

Now, Mr. Speaker, there's another question that is of great concern to a lot of the farm people in Manitoba these times, and that is the question of a recent regulation of the Canadian Wheat Board dealing with deliveries to feed mills. I'm interested to know the position that the Department of Agriculture and the government take in this regard. I have before me a page of the publication of the Manitoba Farmers' Union called "The Voice of the Farmer", this paper published in Minnedosa, Manitoba and this is the January issue this year. It's very interesting, Mr. Speaker. It tells about the meeting that the Farmers' Union representatives had with the representatives of the government of the Province of Manitoba. Why, because nothing is said in the Speech from the Throne on this vital matter, I thought that I would do what I could to give the House some information as to what's going on in this connection. (Interjection.) Yes, I'd be very glad to. I already know my honourable friends from this press report. "This was the most satisfactory meeting yet held with the present Manitoba Government," commented Rudy Usick, President of the Manitoba Farmers' Union, after a recent three hour meeting with Premier Roblin and his cabinet." (Interjection.) I think that's right. Farm union delegates were encouraged to find Agricultural Minister, Honourable George Hutton, talking about the price problem in agriculture. The main point of the MFU submission, said Mr. Usick. Then this poignant sentence, "There was complete unanimity that Federal agricultural policies to date have been inadequate." Complete unanimity. The Honourable the Minister of Agriculture was there, the Honourable the First Minister was there, no doubt some of the other ministers, and there was complete unanimity that Federal agricultural policies to date have been inadequate. Mr. Speaker, this thing of blaming other governments for your own ills--it's hardly fair when it's your own friends, is it? But there's the statement. And these--(Interjection)--well there's one place where I might agree, I might make it unanimous too. My honourable friends were you unanimous on that one? I wouldn't disagree.

Then my honourable friend the Minister gave them one of his lectures on the fact that he's going to set up a national council of independent research. Yes, well we haven't anything--any statement from the government on it so I'm availing myself of the information that is to hand. This is what the Manitoba Farmers' Union says. Then Premier Roblin is quoted,"No request from the feed mills or the Federal Government has been received to date to change Manitoba legislation regarding the operations of the Canadian Wheat Board Act." Premier Roblin's statement. Confidence was expressed by the MFU that no legislative changes in Manitoba would be made even if the province were requested to do so. Well I guess not, if

(Mr. Campbell, cont'd.)....they haven't got any confidence in those fellows down in Ottawa, why should they, why should they make changes just at their request? But Mr. Speaker, there should be a request from Ottawa. I'm sure that the Honourable the Attorney-General is aware of the fact that in Manitoba we have legislation dealing with this matter, and that Ottawa simply cannot in our own jurisdiction ride rough-shod over the Manitoba legislation. They cannot and there is legislation which I am certain is within our jurisdiction and I'd like to ask the Government of Manitoba if they really hold these beliefs, why do they let the Government at Ottawa ignore them? Why don't they stand up to the Ottawa Government? "No request for legislation" says the First Minister and yet the policy has been put into effect without even checking with the government as to the position of its legislation. Surely the Attorney-General of this province wouldn't allow them to do that. Mr. Attorney-General--I'd like to ask the Attorney-General, Mr. Speaker, is he going to let the law of Manitoba be broken in this way? That's a matter of urgent concern. If the practice now in effect is legal, if it's to be legal, in my opinion there must be legislation from this province. What does the Honourable the Attorney-General think about that? Well, I should say that after devoting a lot of publicity to the Honourable the First Minister and the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, this article mentions that the representatives of the MFU also met the Liberal caucus and they gave my honourable friend the Minister for Emerson some space as well, but I'm acquainted with his views. It's the views of the Government in Manitoba that I'm especially concerned in. The Honourable Member for Emerson can express his own position on these matters.

Now we have a report on what the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture from Ottawa said at Selkirk. He stated that he had received during his western whirlwind tour of political meetings, support from western farm leaders and provincial governments for the amended regulations. He said, "I have received official support for the government's stand from Agricultural Minister Halmrast of Alberta. Premier Douglas and Agricultural Minister Nollet in Saskatchewan, the presidents of the Wheat Pool, particularly the president of the Manitoba Pool Elevators, and the president of the United Grain Growers. Also, although I have not received anything official from the Minister of Agriculture in Manitoba, I understand Mr. Hutton is supporting our stand on the matter." The Honourable Minister says he hasn't made any statement but they still report him. Farm Union President, Rudy Usick has sent letters to these men to check the truthfulness of the statement as to the degree of support Mr. Hamilton claims for the amended regulations, and results will be carried in the next issue of this paper. Already Mr. Hutton has informed the Farm Union that he has not made to anyone any statement supporting the feed mills. It's no wonder the honourable gentleman and his colleagues have no faith in the Federal Government. If Mr. Hamilton quoted my honourable friend as supporting this move, then my honourable friend says that he made no statement to anyone, it really is a very involved situation. And I would be interested to hear the position both the Minister of Agriculture and the Honourable the Attorney-General take on this matter.

Then, Mr. Speaker, I have another matter where I'd like to refer to a paper, and that is this one that I spoke of just a minute ago with regard to the Paton and Cox deal. I shall not spend the time on this one that I would like to in the interest of the brevity that I should be observing, but the report of the Winnipeg Tribune of January 14th is so interesting that I think we should have at an early time a statement from the Minister of Industry and Commerce with regard to it. I see that on the 16th he made some statements to the papers, and here's a program, if the press report is correct, where this government was dealing with these two gentlemen Paton and Cox, and was preparing to alienate, at least for a time, to them 8 million acres of land in the Province of Manitoba. The Minister of Agriculture will tell you I think, Mr. Speaker, that that's getting well along towards the cultivated acreage in the Province of Manitoba. 8 million acres is a lot of land. These folks who are now before the courts in connection with another matter apparently enjoyed the confidence of my honourable friend the Minister of Industry and Commerce to the extent that they were negotiating with him on a project that is quoted in the paper as being in an area of \$500 million deal, "but", says the Honourable the Minister of Industry and Commerce, according to this Tribune report, "I understand the English group with Paton and Cox had capital, but we didn't negotiate long enough to see if they were qualified and competent in the pulp and paper field. They broke off negotiations,"

(Mr. Campbell, cont'd.)....explained Mr. Evans.

Mr. Speaker, we're going to ask for the correspondence in that regard because I think it's quite worthy of the attention of this House and I would be delighted to hear the Honourable the Minister's views on the whole subject.

Then, Mr. Speaker, there's another matter that certainly did not appear in His Honour's Speech. That's the question of aid to private schools. That's one of the things that has definitely been left out so far as the Speech from the Throne is concerned. Mr. Speaker, the Speech from the Throne last year said this, and I intend to quote from last year's Speech from the Throne: "My government has received a final and completed report of the Manitoba Royal Commission on Education and desires to acknowledge the faithful discharge of their duties by the members of the commission. The report makes a number of recommendations for education in Manitoba. My government is studying the extent to which and the ways and means by which the recommendations of the commission might be implemented in the public interest, and policy on all these matters will be announced in due course." That's a direct quote from last year's Speech from the Throne. I'm sure you'll recognize, Mr. Speaker, it is not out of context. At that time, speaking on behalf of our group, I made the following comment. Here I'm quoting from what I said on the Speech from the Throne debate. When the Speech from the Throne tells us, and I want to get the exact words in this regard,--I'm quoting now--"My government is studying the extent to which, and the ways and means by which, the recommendations of the commission might be implemented in the public interest, and policy on all these matters will be announced in due course", I am sure that most of us in this Chamber thought immediately of public aid to private schools as one of the main recommendations referred to. I am prepared to take at face value the statement that the government is studying this recommendation carefully and will announce its policy in due course. I will therefore reserve further comment on it until the legislation appears but in the meantime I would suggest that the importance of this question emphasizes the need for it being considered in this House on the very highest plane and with our greatest degree of statesmanship. I think that is the position that not only I personally but my group will take now and will continue to take as the debates proceed.

Mr. Speaker, we did take that statement at face value. We did recognize that the question of implementing the commission's unanimous recommendation with regard to aid to private schools was an extremely important one. We did realize that the government would require some time to decide on a policy and on administrative procedures. We were prepared and still are prepared to treat this question in a statesmanlike manner and to try and keep it completely out of the realm of partisan politics. This we have done and will continue to do. But, Mr. Speaker, what does "in due course" mean? Mr. Speaker, when a commitment was made last year that policy will be announced in due course, why after thirteen months is there neither a policy announcement nor an explanation? Why is it that a government which assures the public that it abounds in qualities of leadership, decisiveness and initiative finds it impossible after more than a year to make up its mind on this question and to fulfill its promise? This lack of decision is in striking contrast to the prompt, not to say precipitous action, which the government took in implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission regarding school divisions and teachers' salaries. On these the government acted so quickly that it caused many people to believe that political motives were combined with educational policy.

It is true that the government went through the motions of a reference to the people, but the issue as submitted was so financially biased that the result was a foregone conclusion except in a few divisions in which cases the government has seen fit to penalize the taxpayers ever since for daring to express their independence. Also in contrast to the present indecision, Mr. Speaker, was the case of Metro. Another example of the government rushing in to prove its alleged qualities of leadership and initiative. On this important issue the government refused to allow a referendum notwithstanding the fact that the legislation deprived metro citizens of a time-honoured right to decide by ballot whether or not specific debts were to be incurred. Are we to infer, Mr. Speaker, that on policies which provide this government with an opportunity of implementing its belief that it can make itself popular by spending more and ever more of the taxpayers' money, it has no problem in making up its mind, but when it comes to a question where principle is paramount and where added expenditures are incidental to that central issue

(Mr. Campbell, cont'd.)....the government flounders in doubt and lacking the courage to announce a policy ignores the subject entirely in the Speech from the Throne? Last year the government decided that aid to private schools deserved not only mention, but a promise on the policy announcement in due course. This year it is ignored. Is this leadership and action and initiative and decisiveness, Mr. Speaker, or is it an abdication of responsibility and dereliction of duty?

Mr. Speaker, you will probably have noted that I find this government lacking in many regards. I think we should not express confidence in them. They broke faith with the people of Manitoba in saying that they could increase services without increasing taxes. They broke faith with the municipalities of the province in telling them that the implementation of the new legislation regarding school districts, etc., school divisions, would not result in increased municipal taxes. They failed to provide the business-like government which they promised. Instead they have been extravagant and improvident. They have drastically increased the debt of this province during their term of management of its affairs.

Mr. Speaker, on the record, I believe that they are not entitled to a vote of confidence. I therefore move, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Carillon, that the following words be added to the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne: "That this House regrets that your Honour's Government with many of its pre-election promises unfulfilled, has added greatly to the burden of Manitoba taxpayers, both provincial and municipal, and at the same time, has drastically increased the provincial debt."

Mr. Speaker read the motion.

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

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and following a voice vote, declared the motion carried.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce, that the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and following a voice vote declared the motion carried, and the House adjourned until 2:30 Friday afternoon.