

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

2:30 o'clock, Tuesday, May 22, 1973

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: Before we proceed I should like to direct the attention of the honourable members to the gallery where we have 120 students of Grade 6 standing of the Salisbury School. These students are under the direction of Mr. F. Betker, Mr. K. Dyck, Mr. J. Farmer and Mr. J. James. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Elmwood, the Minister of Public Works. The students are from the constituency of Kildonan and Elmwood, Kildonan being my own constituency. On behalf of all the honourable members I welcome you here today.

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

TABLING OF REPORTS - ORDER FOR RETURN

HON. RENE E. TOUPIN (Minister of Health and Social Development)(Springfield): Mr. Speaker, I would like to retable a report for an Order for Return asked by the Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. SPEAKER: Any other Ministerial Statements or Tabling of Reports? Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills; Oral Questions. The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MRS. INEZ TRUEMAN (Fort Rouge): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development. Has the government offered any grants or other inducements to the Browndale group who are considering purchasing Ninette Sanatorium?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: No, Mr. Speaker.

MRS. TRUEMAN: A further question for the same Minister, Mr. Speaker, When does the Provincial Government expect to be taking over Deer Lodge Hospital?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, the honourable member prefaced her question with an assumption. We don't expect to take over Deer Lodge Hospital. There has been negotiation over the last few years pertaining to Deer Lodge Hospital. No proposal to date is satisfactory to the Provincial Government and/or the Royal Canadian Legion.

MRS. TRUEMAN: Mr. Speaker, a further question then to the same Minister. When Mr. Macdonald spoke in the Federal House last February 15th I believe to the effect that negotiations were under way . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question please, question please.

MRS. TRUEMAN: . . . was this a figment of his imagination?

MR. TOUPIN: No, Mr. Speaker, there has been over the last few years different proposals made by the Federal Department responsible for Deer Lodge Hospital being a veterans hospital. I indicated a few minutes ago that none of those were acceptable to the government to date.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Education. Is there any move within the Department of Education to return to the exam system in our high schools for Grade 10, 11 and 12?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. BEN HANUSCHAK (Minister of Education)(Burrows): If the honourable member means the exam system which had prevailed in the province for many years from which we've moved away from, the answer is no.

MR. PATRICK: I have a question, Mr. Speaker, for the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services. Has the sale of the Ninette Sanatorium, has it been completed and finalized to the, I believe the agency that was announced by the Minister to this House?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: The second comment first. It wasn't announced by myself, it was reported in the papers, but the comment, the information did not come from myself. And to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker, the deal has not been completed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. JOSEPH P. BOROWSKI (Thompson): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Health. I wonder if he could indicate why there has been no prosecutions of illegal abortions in Manitoba in the last two years?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member for Thompson is aware that prosecution would actually be directed to two sources. One, could be directed to the Attorney General I believe; and the other one to the College of Physicians and Surgeons. I was informed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons that no prosecutions had taken place, no information had been laid before them that would lead to a prosecution.

MR. BOROWSKI: A question for the Attorney-General. I wonder if he could indicate to the House whether his department who apparently is responsible for the prosecution of illegal abortionists, whether his department is pursuing in the same vigorous manner the illegal abortionists as they did prior to the change in law?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

HON. A. H. MACKLING, Q. C. (Attorney-General)(St. James): I don't know what the honourable member is talking about "the same vigorous manner." I know that according to the statistics there have not been reports of unlawful abortions having been committed and this obviously is related to the fact that now abortions are lawful under the limited circumstances provided under the code.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. I wonder if he can confirm that housing starts in Manitoba for the first three months, January to March, end of March, have dropped from 3,517 in 1972 as to 1,037 for '73, which is almost a 70 percent decrease?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. HOWARD R. PAWLEY (Minister of Municipal Affairs)(Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member for Assiniboia must not have been in the House last week when I answered the same question to his Leader and at that time gave the figures to the House for the first four months of this year compared to the first four months of last year. If the honourable member would make reference to Hansard he'll find those figures to the end of April.

MR. PARTICK: A supplementary. Was your statistics based on housing permits or was it on the CMHC loan figures?

MR. PAWLEY: If the honourable member will refer to Hansard he'll find the reference. It's in respect to, I believe it was to permits issued.

MR. PATRICK: A last supplementary. I wonder if the Minister would confirm according to the CMHC loans placed in Manitoba, the figures that I give him - 3,517 in '72 as compared to 1,037 this year?

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would imagine that permits issued would be a more accurate reflection of housing starts than CMHC loan figures. There's many means and ways by which homes are constructed not just CMHC, so I would think that the information that was given a little over a week ago in the House would be more accurate, if the honourable member would make reference to those calculations.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Attorney-General. I wonder if he's going to take any action against the Minister of Health or the Superintendents of the various provincial penal institutions who are interfering in a massive way with the judgment of the judiciary by allowing criminals out prior to the expiration of the sentence?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Really I reject the supposition that's the basis of the honourable member's question.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GABRIEL GIRARD (Emerson): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Education and ask him if a decision has been reached with regards to how much assistance above the Foundation Grant will be given to Sprague in the coming year?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. HANUSCHAK: As I'd indicated to the honourable member a couple of weeks ago, my department is presently dealing with this matter. It received a report back from one of the branches within the last few days indicating their budget position for the forthcoming - well for this year. As I had also indicated then I promised the Sprague School District the assistance of other branches in the review of their entire teaching program - I shouldn't say their entire teaching program - I shouldn't say their entire teaching program but those ways and means in which some efficiencies could be affected. This is still continuing and I cannot report beyond that at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. WARNER H. JORGENSEN (Morris): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Mines and Resources and Environmental Management in his capacity as Minister reporting for the Clean Environment Commission - I'm sorry, the Manitoba Development Fund - and ask him if a decision has been made as to the sale of the facility of Flyer Coach Industries in Morris?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q. C. (Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management)(Inkster): No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct my question to the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Resources. Has the amount that the province is going to contribute to the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation been established and will this be a practice that will be carried forward?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I answered that question on Saturday.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOUGLAS WATT (Arthur): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I'd like to ask the Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources if he has an answer to the question that I posed the other day regarding resolution that he received from Arthur Municipality in regard to the Snider Dam on the Souris River? I think the Minister took the question as notice that day.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: I don't have an answer to it at this point, Mr. Speaker, I hope to have one soon. The question is automatically referred to the department, it just hasn't come back to me yet.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think that by consent of the House we would like you to now leave the Chair while Law Amendments Committee is meeting to return when you're notified that the Committee has concluded its deliberations, or in the alternative, at 5:30.

MR. SPEAKER: I am now leaving the Chair and shall return at the call of the members.

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Session Resumed

MR. SPEAKER: The hour being 5:30, the House is now adjourned and stands adjourned until 8:00 p. m. tonight.