

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

8:00 o'clock, Tuesday, March 18, 1969.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if you'd be good enough to call the Supply motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Motion that the House resolve itself into Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, perhaps for the record I should put the motion on the table. I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Transportation, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

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

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

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

MR. CARROLL: Possibly I could make some further brief comments on some of the questions that have been raised by members of the House. I believe at adjournment time I was discussing the contribution of the member for Assiniboia who dealt with a large number of topics, one of which included the question as to whether the Department of Tourism and Recreation should be involved in Grey Cup Parade, particularly this year in view of our centennial celebration. All I can say at this time is that we would certainly have to consider that in the light of our total appropriation and I would think that likely there are other ways in which we could spend the kind of money that would be required that would bring greater returns to the province than in a contribution of that kind. However, we would certainly be prepared to keep that in mind and consider it at the time.

The question was asked as to what tourists do when they come to our province, what is it they come here to see, and I'm very happy to be able to report on some statistical facts in connection with this question. There was a study done of Americans visiting Canada and the questions were asked what their primary reason was for coming to this country. The majority of them felt that their main reason for coming was sightseeing, primarily away from cities and towns; second in order of importance was sightseeing and doing things in our urban areas; third in order of importance was visiting friends and relatives; fourth - fishing, boating and other outdoor activities; and in fifth place was attending sports events, festivals and other special events. This was the result of a fairly broad survey done of all Americans who were leaving at our ports of exit from Canada. It was a cross-section of those leaving that made reports.

Then there was another study done by our own department in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, and it was found in that survey that the interests of people on holidays were pretty well evenly divided between those who were interested in outdoor activities and those that were interested in history and cultural pursuits. And the breakdown for those who were interested in outdoor activities -- the majority looked for swimming, followed by fishing, followed by boating and water skiing, fourth came hunting, fifth skiing and last was snowmobiling. In terms of interest on the historic and cultural side, the majority liked visiting historical sites, second was visiting museums, third was sporting events, fourth was musical events and fifth was plays and live theatre. So there's a great deal of interest and it seems to be equally divided between those who are looking for outdoor active kind of recreation and those who are interested in the cultural pursuits of various kinds. I think we can very substantially fulfill both of these requirements for people who come to our province, because I think we are unexcelled in terms of our natural beauty and all of the advantages of our outdoor recreation facilities as well as the developing arts and cultural centre in the Metropolitan area as well as in many other parts of the province as well.

The next comment that was made by the member for Assiniboia was in relation to our history of the buffalo hunters and the importance of this activity, and I would like to pay tribute to the former government who actually I believe initiated the Order of the Buffalo Hunt as a means by which they acknowledged first of all the value of the buffalo in our early history and at the same time paid tribute to distinguished visitors who were visiting our province. And I think the same thing can be said about the ox carts that are being presented by members of government and others on various occasions. So this is some way in which we not only

(MR. CARROLL cont'd) . . . acknowledge our history but make it live, because on each occasion when presentations of this kind are made there is an acknowledgement of our history and a creation of interest in it. One of the things about people visiting our country, they like to have confirmed their views of the history as they understand it. This is one of the things that people like to do who visit away from home.

The Member for Roblin was interested in some acknowledgement of some special qualities that are available in some of the natural attributes of his constituency. We're happy to acknowledge that people in Roblin constituency can get "higher" than anybody else in the Province of Manitoba, and we acknowledge that formally in our Manitoba Vacation Handbook on Page 5. Is the Member for Roblin here? In any case, we acknowledge that fact on Page 5 of our Manitoba Vacation Handbook and I hope that someone will draw that to his attention when he returns to the House.

The Member for Selkirk discussed the wonderful old buildings in that part of Manitoba that he's most familiar with. He mentioned a good many of the old buildings still intact that should be preserved for posterity and we would certainly agree with that. I think we're doing a great many things in trying to pinpoint much of our early fur trade history and historic sites in the province. We do this in co-operation with our various advisory committees. I'd like to report to the House that the Manitoba Historic Society has just done a study of architecture in the Province of Manitoba. They've studied all of rural Manitoba and have presented in a handbook form a pictorial account of many of the unique architectural features that have historic value, and we would certainly want to encourage the preservation of those sites by the local people of these various communities and by others who have an interest in our history as well. We do not have a program by which we as a province contribute to the capital cost of such preservation. We did, as you may know, help to purchase the Riel House which was subsequently turned over to the Federal Government who will be preserving it and restoring it for its historic value and for the people who are interested in that as an historic site within our province.

Now the Member for Brokenhead was suggesting that our maps should show our trailer parks and sites and other tourist attractions, picnic sites and so on. I would like to refer him to much valuable information on the Manitoba Highway Road Map. It's too bad that the Minister of Highways didn't draw all the tremendous volume of information that is available on this map. It does have on the reverse side of it a list of public recreation areas within the province. It lists all of the provincial parks and many other points of interest as well. There's a wealth of information on the map and every wayside park, every picnic site, every provincial park in the Province of Manitoba is shown, and if you want I could refer you to the legend on the front side of the map and this again provides for our visitors a pretty full description of the recreation potential of the province along our many highways. There are also of course regional maps showing the four different regions of the province, and again I would draw attention to the Manitoba Vacation Handbook which is another source of valuable information. I'm told that this is one of the finest publications of its kind in Canada. I would refer all of those to the Member for Brokenhead.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Honourable Minister would permit a question. Can he show us where the map indicates trailer parks and the type of accommodation available in terms of classification? That was the reference I made, Mr. Chairman, in my remarks last night.

MR. CARROLL: On the back of the map it describes in detail the various provincial and national parks, etc. It describes where they are and describes the kind of facilities that are available at all of these places.

MR. USKIW: Does it describe trailer parks? This is the point, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CARROLL: It will describe the provincial parks that have trailer facilities. It doesn't provide the information with respect to the private parks, as I understand it. It's just the provincial parks, but in this other handbook here we have a full description of all of the private trailer parks as well as the public ones that are available, and I would like to commend that book to anyone for study. I would be glad to get views of members of all parties and from all sides as to how these things can be improved. If there's more information that should go on, we'd be glad to know about it and try to accommodate the views of the members.

There was some question about the provision of public trailer and tent camping sites. We have developed a great many in the last ten years. We're developing them as quickly as we

(MR. CARROLL cont'd) can. We have 4,396 provincial accommodations for this purpose. Private entrepreneurs have 5,000 and they are, as I say, being developed very quickly. I'd like to point out that the number of non-commercial trailer licences issued in the province has grown from 16,700 in 1957 to 41,900 in 1967, so there's a very rapid growth in the use of this kind of facility and certainly we hope that our provincial facilities will be developing quickly enough to be able to provide suitable accommodation for people who require that kind of facility.

The other question that was asked was will our centennial grants enable municipalities to provide roads into points of historic interest, buildings that are being developed for centennial purposes and that are a tourist attraction in local areas. I think this is something you would want to take up with either my colleague the Minister of Municipal Affairs or the Centennial Corporation. I suspect that this kind of thing was contemplated at the time that the grants were announced.

Now the Member for Burrows asked some questions, one about the number of tourist promotion offices, and he mentioned the facility on Highway 75 at Emerson. I would also like to point out that we have one at the Peace Garden that's operated by the Province of Manitoba; we also have a temporary, or at least a portable accommodation at the Ontario border. We've had some discussions with the Province of Saskatchewan with respect to sharing a joint facility near the border so that we can mutually derive benefit from this kind of a setup and we have not been successful in negotiating that kind of an arrangement. We think it would be desirable at some time in the future.

There was some suggestion of local cultural events, and I think you mentioned specifically plays of some local historic significance. I think we would very much agree with you that this is the kind of thing we would like to see developed. We, in our Gimli Recreation Leadership Training Centre, are trying to develop leaders in drama and the arts to help local communities to develop this sort of thing. We would certainly share your enthusiasm for this kind of effort and particularly in our centennial year. We would also like to point out that the Manitoba Arts Council will be interested in this kind of endeavour as well.

Winnipeg Beach -- there was some question as to what was in prospect for that area. -- (Interjection) -- "Queen of the North" the Member from Gimli says. Well work has been under way for the past two seasons comprising land reclamation to provide more usable area and give beach erosion protection, preparation of parking lots, entrance road to the beach area and landscaping. This work will continue with landscaping, tree planting and walkways, and construction of three beach facilities during the coming year. It's a service, a beach service building, a beach restaurant and public washrooms, and some preliminary work on development for ultimately a marina and a sports facility.

Now with respect to Hecla Island, we're considering a major park development in this area. Plans are in the state of preparation at the present time and we expect that an announcement may be made in this area at some time in the future.

Some suggestion about maybe eliminating park entrance fee? I would think that the Manitoba Tourist Association would certainly not agree with that suggestion. They feel that the public are subsidizing campers at the present time to their detriment, and they have very large capital investment. As I mentioned last night, they've invested very close to \$90 million in the last ten years and they will be continuing to do so, and they feel that the public facilities should not be out of line with the kind of service that is being offered. We think it's a good source of funds and that park users should pay at least part of the cost of the operations and maintenance of these facilities rather than to have it completely subsidized by the provincial taxpayer. We also have to keep in mind that we are in competition with our neighboring provinces and we have to keep our park fees reasonably in line with what other provinces are doing as well as with a view to what our private entrepreneurs are doing as well.

There was some question about why we should have school taxes in some parts and not in others. Some parts happen to be located within school districts and therefore are required to pay the regular school taxes with respect to the improvements that they have made in that area.

The other suggestion of the member for Burrows had to do with Camp Shilo, and the question is whether the province should be negotiating with the Department of National Defence to try to acquire an area of some particular significance. We would agree that it is an unusual area and one that should be preserved, one that would certainly be very interesting to

(MR. CARROLL cont'd) . . . people who want to see something unusual and different that was in the Province of Manitoba. There have been some discussions in the past with the Department of National Defence. We understand they have no interest in giving up that particular land at the present time, but you may rest assured that we will continue to keep this in mind if the time ever comes that this land becomes available for other use.

Some suggestion that there should be greater use of the Winnipeg Floodway, and we think this is one of the real advantages that we have in the metropolitan area, that we have a very large tract of land that can be used for green belt purposes and that can provide very substantial recreation potential right on our doorstep. I understand that one winter opportunity was tendered some time ago and that a private developer came forward and was not able to proceed this year, but we understand there will be some winter recreation facilities installed next year. There are some four areas in which we have particular interest. One is the inlet structure in the St. Norbert area. The proposed development there includes a marina, interpretive facilities, picnic area, group and sports activities at the St. Norbert end of the Floodway. The Trans Canada Perimeter Highway and the Floodway junction is another potential recreation area. We're looking there to a development which would consist of visitor orientation centre and wayside park facilities. At the outlet structure at the Lockport end we're looking to certain recreation developments for walking and driving, picnicking, tobogganing, skating, snowmobiling and boating. Other recreation developments such as a sculptured garden, a small village complex, perhaps even a carnival area is all possible at this site. And then at the Provincial Trunk Highway 59 at the Floodway near Birds Hill Park, there are great potential there for recreation development, provide opportunities for winter sports' activities, access for snowmobiles and also large-scale sports-oriented park.

So these are some of the things that are in line for the Floodway. It's intended that much of the above recreational development will be accomplished by private investment, and to date one area near PTH 59 and the Floodway has been assigned for winter sports development as a concession. These of course are part of long-range planning. Certainly it will have to be preceded by these development plans, by tree plantings and landscaping, but there is great potential there and hopefully it will be exploited to the full by this government in the next five or 10 years or as long as it takes to put all of the facilities in place that we hope to see there.

MR. PAULLEY: Hopefully, we look forward to the future of Manitoba.

MR. CARROLL: Oh yes, there was one other suggestion here. There was some talk about the tourist promotion offices and that the government maybe should be doing more about it. I would like to say that we also have in these estimates here some \$34,000 to assist in the promotion of tourism by others than the government of Manitoba. This would go to the Golden Boys, the Manitoba Travel Association, also support to Chambers of Commerce who run tourist bureaus throughout the Province of Manitoba -- and there are large numbers of them engaged in this field, and we are providing some financial support for that purpose.

I think that's just about it all. The Member for Turtle Mountain gave us some real good advice about promoting Manitoba. We believe in that; we agree with him that the tourist potential of this province is fantastic. It will be one of our most valuable industries in the future. He also mentioned the possibility of hatcheries being used to stock some of our small lakes as well as some of the commercial fishing areas. The hatcheries do in fact provide a great many sport fish for a large number of lakes throughout the province and there could be some lakes of course that have not been able to get a reasonable supply of fish for stocking purposes. I'm quite sure the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources would be glad to hear any advice you may have on that at the time of his estimates. We would like to say, however, that the department is doing a fine job in stocking our lakes and keeping us in the forefront with the finest fishing in North America.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member for St. George.

MR. GUTTORMSON: Mr. Chairman, I was rather disappointed at the cool reception that the Minister gave to the suggestion made by the Member for Assiniboia that they assist a float in the Grey Cup parade. Here's an opportunity where Manitoba can get exposure to millions of people and I think it's one of the easiest ways to publicize the province on that particular day because everyone is watching the television set on that occasion. As a matter of fact, I was going to go even further and suggest to the government that they explore the possibility of a float in the Rose Bowl parade which is held on New Year's Day in California. Calgary does this, I've noticed, at least in the last two years, and the number of people

(MR. GUTTORMSON cont'd) . . . watching the Rose Bowl parade on that occasion numbers in the countless millions.

Now I'm not in a position to say what it would cost to have a float in that parade but I would think it would certainly be worth exploring because the potential is so great, and when I see the way some of the money is spent, particularly in the Department of Industry and Commerce on the supplement in one of the New York papers which cost thousand of dollars and the amateur way that it was done, I would certainly think we could find better ways to spend our dollar to give Manitoba publicity, and I would suggest the Minister give a second thought to the Grey Cup and the Rose Bowl because there's no better way to get exposure for the Province of Manitoba.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Chairman, I didn't have an opportunity the other night to address myself to the estimates of the Department of Tourism and Recreation. I followed the Minister's statement though with interest. I know that the total amount to be spent in this department is up very slightly from the year before, so I guess more or less the same program will be followed in the year to come as what was done in the previous year.

My particular constituency does not have any lakes or parks, as some of the other members have told us about their particular ridings. The closest lake we have is a small lake called the Minnewasta Lake up at Morden. This is in the riding of the Honourable Member for Pembina and this was man-made too. A dam was built by the PFRA quite a number of years ago and later was turned over to the town of Morden. This is being used quite extensively. However, I'm sure we're in need of more recreational facilities up in our part of the country and I do hope that the Minister of Tourism will confer with the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources and do his best to get the Pembillier Dam developed so that we can have more facilities up in our part of the country. I think this is something that is valuable and that we should hurry in this matter. It has been dragging now for quite some time and the cost is certainly not prohibitive. It certainly is something that we can tackle, especially when all three levels of government such as the federal, and the United States government as well as the Manitoba government will be taking part in this venture.

However, I wouldn't say that we haven't any points of interest in the constituency of Rhineland. I'm sure we do have. With all the special crops that we have up in our area, once summer comes along you will find one day that our fields are just in bloom with blue with the number of flax fields; a little later you will probably see bright yellow fields when the sunflowers are in bloom; likewise rape fields are also in bloom and with yellow color. This is quite different from a remark that apparently was made by a city lady travelling on a train going west and she saw a field of sowthistle in bloom, bright yellow, and she remarked, "The golden west." However, I'm sure that the crops that we have in our particular riding are worth more than the sowthistle fields that were so prevalent at one time. These are no longer a problem because of the spraying of herbicides and so on, so that we do not have the weed problem that the farmers in Manitoba faced at one time.

Mr. Chairman, I note from the remarks made by the Minister, he commented on the Manitoba Arts Council and I would like to question him on a few points. When I take a look at the Act as it was first passed in 1965, an Act to establish the Manitoba Arts Council, I read in the preamble -- and I would like to quote two paragraphs: "Whereas it is desirable that every citizen of Manitoba have the opportunity to achieve his fullest potential and the right to enjoy and enrich the cultural heritage of Canada and the province; and Whereas the operation and achievements of cultural organizations which strive to meet the needs of the province increase, improve and enhance the prestige, education, economic standards and general well-being of the citizens of Manitoba." There are some further "whereases" but then they come to the point for the purpose of establishing the Act. I would like to know from the Minister -- he stated that the Council was in the stage of being appointed, and could he tell us who is being appointed at this time if it is already established? If not, will all the ethnic groups be represented in this Arts Council? Because I feel that in a council of this type, and we also have a federal council, Canada Council, which he states with which they will be co-operating. I don't know exactly how far co-operating goes. Are we to expect that any funds from the Federal Government will be handed over to the provincial section here in Manitoba and is this part of the over-all Canada Council? I think these are matters that we would like to know more about.

(MR. FROESE cont'd)

Then too in supporting the various cultures in Manitoba, I feel that language is a very important part of any culture and that once your language disappears a part of your culture disappears as well. Therefore, I feel that some support should be given to the matter of language instruction to the various groups in the province. Presently this is more or less confined to two languages in Manitoba and I feel that there is need that the languages of the other races or origins be maintained as well, and certainly I would like to hear from the Minister just what projects does he have in mind for the Manitoba Council once it's appointed and starts its work.

Another matter which is not mentioned and nothing is set aside for in the estimates I would like to refer to is the Pan Am Games. Has final settlement been made in this respect? If I remember correctly, last year when this House met the matter hadn't been finalized completely and I would like to know just what is the situation. Have all the debts been cleared off and what proportion did we pay in the final analysis?

Mr. Chairman, on past occasions I've also mentioned other matters, and referring to the Centennial year that we will be celebrating next year, I did mention last year whether we should not, and whether a nickel dollar could not be minted to commemorate Manitoba's centennial next year. I still feel that this is something we should do. After all, we have large nickel deposits up in the north; we have the largest nickel mines; and certainly this is something that people would get and buy and keep as souvenirs for years to come because so many people are interested these days in the saving of coins and coin collecting, so that this is something that we should take a look at. I had mentioned this last year. I would like to hear from the Minister whether something of this type is contemplated and whether any contacts have been made in this regard. If it's not within the jurisdiction of this particular department, I would like to hear from him anyway.

These were some of the points that I wanted to raise at this particular time. I notice from the Trade and Commerce Journal, the last one that came out, that on Page 12 we find a picture of the Man of the Month and he happens to be a resident of the town of Winkler, Mr. P. W. Enns. He is owner and proprietor of an industry manufacturing trailers, which I am sure many of you people have seen on the highways and are being used by the tourists in Manitoba, and not only in Manitoba but in Western Canada, and he is now proposing to sell these units in Eastern Canada and United States as well. This is a new venture that was started I think two years ago and already it's a booming business and something that we in Manitoba do appreciate. I think we appreciate the industriousness of these people in bringing these industries about and keeping our smaller centers alive and flourishing. Since that time we have had two more industries coming in to that particular town somewhere along the same line and certainly this is a boost to Manitoba and many people will see the trailers on the highways in this coming year as in years before.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Chairman, there are a few questions that I would like to ask the Minister. Some of them do have reference to questions which I put to the Minister last night. A couple of them he did not answer. Now it may well be that he had overlooked them. I would like to remind him of them again and I hope that he would take the opportunity to answer them. If he does not wish to do so, then I will take it that it is not the policy or the intention of the government to do anything in connection with these matters.

One of the questions I put to the Minister, Mr. Chairman, dealt with the question of greater provincial financial assistance to parks. I indicated to the Honourable Minister that the benefits from parks are enjoyed not only by the taxpayers of a municipality or the metropolitan community within which a park is located but by many others. The Honourable Minister did not deal with that.

Another question which I put to the Minister last night, Mr. Chairman, and it appears to me that the Honourable Minister had misinterpreted the question. This dealt with park admission fees. Now I would like to know from the Honourable Minister, is this a revenue making operation? Does the province earn a profit from charging an admission fee at the park gate? As I indicated to the Minister last night it is my impression that it costs a tremendous amount of money to collect these admission fees. There's a tremendous number of staff that must be hired at the park gates and does the province in fact, earn a profit from this operation? Or is this simply a matter of adhering to the philosophy of the conservative party that there must be a user fee charged?

(MR. HANUSCHAK cont'd)

The other question which I put to the Minister last night which he did not deal with, and that is, dealing with the provision of public transportation to Birds Hill Park. Now the Honourable Member for Roblin dealt with that, he had asked me if I'm that interested in having people visit Birds Hill Park I should charter a bus and take them down there, and then he went on to ask the government to build a road to the highest point in Duck Mountain Park, wherever it was. I'd be very happy to inform the Honourable Member for Roblin that if he adheres to his philosophy that the government ought not pay for these services, and if he builds a road to the highest point in Duck Mountain Park, he can notify me and I'd be very happy to charter a bus and load it with constituents of mine along the way, I'd even pick up constituents from the constituency of Roblin, and take them down to visit the highest point in Duck Mountain Park. I would like the Honourable Minister to comment on the feasibility of providing transportation from Metropolitan Winnipeg to Birds Hill Park in order to make it accessible to those people who do not have automobile transportation.

My last question to the Honourable Minister. On reading his speech when he presented the Estimates, he did mention that the Manitoba Arts Council is now being established. Now, Mr. Chairman, I think that this House deserves a more definite answer than that because the Manitoba Arts Council was in the process of being established for quite some time. I believe this House was informed that at one time there was a chairman appointed and then apparently he wasn't appointed and now I believe that we do have a chairman. Well, I would like to know, Mr. Chairman, just at what stage is the Minister, in appointing the Manitoba Arts Council, I would like to know whether the Manitoba Arts Council would be appointed in sufficient time to play an effective role in assisting the Manitoba Centennial Corporation, in assisting other organizations in planning for Manitoba's Centennial which is less than a year away. Manitoba's 100th birthday is what? - 8 or 9 months away. I believe, Mr. Chairman, that we are entitled to a more definite answer than that - merely one that the Arts Council is being established, because I have indicated this was the reply some time ago and there was some indication that this was in the process of being done. I would like a more definite answer to that question than what the Minister has given.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I will end my comments and make any further ones if need be as we're proceeding with the Estimates.

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MR. SHOEMAKER: Mr. Chairman, for a number of years I have suggested to my honourable friend the Minister of Tourism - and incidentally we have a new one this year and I will make the same recommendation to him - that in order to build up a greater volume of tourist trade in Manitoba, one thing we have to do is to persuade people to linger longer in Manitoba and I said -- (Interjection) -- - yes, for my colleague, I'm speaking for both of us tonight, Mr. Chairman - for my honourable friend from St. Boniface and myself. But for about 20 years in a row the statistics showed that the out-of-province tourist spent about an average of \$33 per person. Now it is interesting to note, Mr. Chairman, that according to a propaganda publication dated February 7, 1969 that that figure has now reached \$40 per person. -- (Interjection) -- Now as my honourable friend the Member for Emerson has just suggested, that may be brought about simply by inflation and nothing else; but if you take your own figures from the Department and go back to 1947 you will find, according to your figures, that the average tourist spent roughly \$33 per person.

Now recognizing that a dollar was worth a lot more in 1947 than it is today, then the tourists are not actually spending as much money today as they were 20 years ago, and this has persuaded me to continually press the government for a program to encourage the tourists to linger longer in Manitoba. If they spent one more day instead of two days -- I think they are only spending an average of 1 or 2 days now -- that if they could convince them to spend one more day, then our revenue from the tourists would increase by 30 percent or 33 percent.

Now, Mr. Chairman, my honourable friend the Minister in his remarks last evening, on page 478 of Hansard, said that "I suppose one might get the idea that we are neglecting tourist promotion because we aren't actively promoting tourism within the Province of Manitoba, and I think we're making a mistake; I think we should be promoting here." This is a statement that was made by my honourable friend. I agree with him. In consideration of the fact that my honourable friend shows the House, by his own statistics, on page 22 of the annual report, that 90.63 percent of the tourists in Manitoba, or the tourists that frequent our park facilities, are residents of our province, then I think much more can be done to encourage residents of our own province to spend more money within our own province; and we're not spending enough in that regard.

Now, Mr. Chairman I don't think that I'm much different in character or make-up than the average individual -- and I don't want to start a debate on that subject matter. I don't want to enter into any debate on that subject matter. But I want to say this, that not because I received any encouragement from my honourable friends opposite but simply because I wanted to see my own province, on four different occasions last summer I elected to go to Winnipeg on a different route than No. 4. I had to be in Winnipeg at 8 or 9 o'clock on a Monday morning; and I'll tell you how I went. I don't suppose there are too many people in this House that has gone on this particular route, because it takes you through 5 or 6 different constituencies to do it. It is a most interesting route to travel if you have not gone on it and I commend it to the House. It took all day, I will admit, and I spent some money. And I'm one of those people that are charged with being rather conservative when it comes to spending my own money - when it comes to spending my own money; but you can't linger longer in Manitoba without spending a bit of money, and this is the theme of my message.

Now, I went from Neepawa straight south to Glenboro, and that takes you down through the constituency of Cypress, and it's a beautiful constituency. Because it takes you down through Canada's only desert - you know where that is, Mr. Chairman, surely - and it has received wide publicity in a lot of our national papers, as Canada's only desert.

MR. CHAIRMAN: ... inform him that that happens to be in my constituency.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it does indeed, part of it does. And then I proceeded down No. 2 highway to a beautiful little town that is called Cypress. I had lunch there. I made this trip four times last summer because I like it. And then I went south to the first provincial -- (Interjection) -- - my honourable friend the Member for Cypress says that I like her. I like her too. Then I went south to the first provincial trunk road No. 245 and I spent an hour or two in Bruxelles -- and I will never forget my first visit to Bruxelles, because you come along this provincial trunk road, you come around a bend and you drop right into this beautiful little town of Bruxelles. And then I proceeded to Notre Dame de Lourdes and I spent some money and had lunch there, and I was particularly enchanted, I think that's the right word to use, with the atmosphere and the warmth of the people in that friendly little town. Then I went south two or three miles to another colorful little village

(MR. SHOEMAKER Cont'd.)... called Cardinal; then I proceeded east, down through Snow Valley and St. Lupicin -- is that the correct pronunciation? You will know, Mr. Chairman, being bilingual as you are -- and proceeded then straight east through Snow Valley, the old brick yards there to Carman and then to Winnipeg.

Now I was so enchanted with that particular trip that I made that trip four different times last summer. Now why are we not encouraging people within our province to take these side trips? This is what I'm saying. And incidentally, Mr. Chairman, I know that I visited part of your constituency in making this colorful trip, but on two other occasions I made it a point to go to Ninette, down through Shilo, right down through Shilo, through the gates across the sandhills, and that's a colorful trip, across the ferry at Treesbank - isn't it? And then down to Wawanesa, the beautiful valley of Wawanesa, down to Ninette and straight east down to Snowflake, Windygates, and all down through that country. We have a great deal in this province to recommend to people, not only from outside of the province but to our residents of the province. Now someone has sent me an illustrious map here,

MR. MCKENZIE: When do we get to Thelma's bridge?

MR. SHOEMAKER: Well I don't really know where Thelma's bridge is but my guess is it was paid for not by Thelma but by the taxpayers of the province, and that it doesn't belong to Thelma but belongs to the people of the province. I know that my honourable desk mate, if he was there, I think he did agree to have a picnic lunch with Thelma one day "in the shadows of the bridge," but he can bring that subject matter up when he is here to speak for himself because I have trouble enough accounting for my own undoings as well as my doings.

Now, Mr. Chairman, a very good writer by the name of Tom Saunders who writes quite frequently on the editorial page of the Free Press, and other papers, has written a very good article that he calls Diverse Manitoba. But what he says in his article, and it's quite a lengthy one and it's an excellent one, but he says that altogether too many people from out of the province, and indeed people within the province, whip through Manitoba on No. 1 highway and see really nothing by doing so, and he recommends that in order to see Diverse Manitoba, as he says, you've got to get away from No. 1 highway. You've got to get up to the Duck Mountains or down to Canada's only desert, down to Ninette, and up to Roblin, and up to Dauphin, and up to the beautiful Swan River - and Churchill. These are the places that you've got to go and see. You haven't seen Manitoba unless you do. I'm not bragging when I say this, but I have visited, I think, nearly every town and hamlet in Manitoba -- not in my duties as a Member of the House, but for 14 years I did a certain amount of hail adjusting in the province and as my honourable friend knows, the Chairman, I adjusted a crop for him. I have been in every little hamlet from Sundown to Melita, and from Melita to Churchill and we have a lot to be proud of in our province. I think that much more should be done to encourage people within our province to see what we have to offer, because it is only by seeing these very interesting and enchanting places that you can tell the story to the people from outside of the province. Mr. Chairman, and I'm not bragging when I make this statement, but since we last met, I visited as a travel agent, Ireland, and yesterday we had a discourse on Ireland, and it is a very colorful land. I was there at the expense of the Government of Ireland and Air ... and Air Canada, because they were showing the travel agents of Canada what they had to offer in Ireland; and one of the members on this side of the House, I don't know who it was, recommended that Manitoba should be doing more in the way of instructing travel agents what we have to offer so that the travel agents -- (Interjection) -- My honourable friend the Member for Assiniboia tells me that it was him that made the suggestion. Well it's a good one. I don't care who made the suggestion it is a good one. Just two months ago I spent 17 or 18 days in South America, visiting Peru, Chile, Argentine and Brazil. And who paid the shot? Who paid the Shot? I paid a little bit of it, of course, but the countries that I have named paid a great deal of the expense, and in the case of this most recent trip, Lufthansa, the German Airlines who fly that country. And why did they spend this money on people like me? To take me down to show me what they had to offer in the way of tourist attractions so that I would go back and say to our clients, "Listen if you've been everywhere else in the world, there's one colorful place left to go in Latin America; go south of the Equator to Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago and all these other places." Now I want to endorse what my honourable friend the Member for Assiniboia has said; perhaps we should be doing more in Manitoba to educate the travel agents from out of our province, show them what we have, and I'm sure they will not be disappointed in what we have to offer in Manitoba.

(MR. SHOEMAKER Cont'd.)

Another rather interesting story, Mr. Chairman, that I would like to tell you, and I know that these things do become boring to you, but I was persuaded to spend about \$500.00 of my own money - and that called for a major decision I know. -- (Interjection) -- That's right. And do you know who convinced me to part with that money? The Tourist Board of Pennsylvania. I decided last year, or my wife did, and that's just as bad, that it was time she had a holiday and she has always - my honourable friend the Leader of the New Democratic Party thinks that I'm on a continual holiday. Well, if I am it's not at his expense.

MR. PAULLEY: Oh, I don't know.

MR. SHOEMAKER: . . . Thank heavens. Well, as a taxpayer perhaps to some extent. But in Pennsylvania and other New England states, but in particular Pennsylvania, they do feature a post-vacation holiday and -- (Interjection) -- Is that not the right verbage to use? Well, what it is, after the June, July, August holiday period is over, they encourage the remainder who have not been on a holiday to come and see their "flaming foliage" - that's what they call it in Pennsylvania - and it is indeed colorful. My honourable friend, the Minister, put out a propaganda sheet on September 13th headed: "Duck Mountain Park at Best in Autumn". I wonder if he has it in front of him or can he recall even dictating that colorful propaganda letter to the public? It's a brief one but it's a good one. And I attached this "See Pennsylvania's Flaming Foliage" to that propaganda sheet because I thought, here is something my honourable friend can do. Because what is more colorful in Manitoba than the autumn season; and what is more colorful than the Duck Mountains after our first frost or two? It's beautiful! And we're not capitalizing on it. Now, that's exactly what I'm saying. We're not capitalizing on these things and we should be. So just to show you, Mr. Chairman, that my heart is in the right place, I'm going to send over to the Minister this pamphlet that I received from the Department of Commerce from Pennsylvania, that persuaded me to spend \$500.00 or more down in the New England states, and I suggest to him that he could put out the same kind of a pamphlet here and encourage people to come and see Manitoba in the autumn season.

Now, Mr. Chairman, another thing that rather bothers me a little is the fact that my honourable friend, last evening I guess it was, told us of all the beef and eggs and butter and pork and beans that the tourists were eating in Manitoba. Well, we didn't expect that they would starve to death when they come here, but I still say they are not spending as much as they should be spending. And to support my argument, I have before me one of the commercial letters that are put out by the Canadian Bank of Commerce on Tourism in Canada, and they report that the average Canadian - I will quote, just so that I will not be misquoted. It said: "It is interesting to note" - I'm quoting from this commercial letter: "It is interesting to note that while travel receipts from United States amounted to \$589 million in 1964 in Canada, expenditures by Canadians in the United States amounted to \$483 million that same year." They go on to say that per capita, per capita, Canadians in the United States spent \$25.00 per capita; the Americans spent \$3.00 per capita. \$3.00. We spent \$25.00 per capita in the United States; the Americans spent \$3.00 in Canada per capita. Now what is the message? That they're not lingering long enough in Manitoba, they're not spending, and we've got to do something to encourage this apparent off-balance figure to come more in line.

So, Mr. Chairman, I may have more to say at a little later date, but I do hope that my honourable friend will consider quite seriously some of the recommendations that I have made to him; and if the page boy will come forward now, I will send this colorful pamphlet over to my honourable friend the Minister and hope that he will study it "in depth". That's a term that my honourable friends delight in using.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Inkster. The question of the Honourable Member for Gladstone?

MR. McKENZIE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I always like to hear the honourable member. . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Roblin. I called the Honourable Member for Inkster. You can follow him, if you're making a speech.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, if the Honourable Member for Roblin just wants to ask a question, I want to yield to him.

MR. McKENZIE: I always like to sit and listen to the Honourable Member from Gladstone and take me over Hall's Bridge and Thelma's Bridge and tonight, Mr. Chairman, he got me into Ireland and we were there yesterday afternoon with the shamrocks. He did in fact

(MR. McKENZIE Cont'd.) . . . say that he was in Ireland at the expense - the question was was he there at the expense of the northern part of Ireland or the southern part of Ireland, Mr. Chairman.

MR. SHOEMAKER: Mr. Chairman, I will be delighted to answer that question. Now it may take me five minutes to do it, but we've got more time than we have money, I hope. Or I hope I have, because I can always count my money and it's rather difficult to count your time.

Now we, and 22 travel agents from Canada - and incidentally Mr. Chairman, I was the only one from Manitoba, the only one. We spent about eight days in Ireland and we only spent one day in Ulster. Now as my honourable friend knows, if he is Irish, that there are 32 counties in Ireland, there are six in Ulster - and how many does that make in the Republic? Twenty-six. And I must confess, if my honourable friend really wants to know, that I enjoyed the Republic a little more than I did Ulster. Now, it's probably because of the fact that I spent seven out of the eight days in the Republic but - and this is no secret - I kissed the Blarney Stone at Cork, and if there are any ladies, you know, that are interested in kissing the Blarney Stone by proxy, I'm available at a very very reasonable fee. Now I don't suppose that that's answered my honourable friend's question, but if he has a further one I'll be glad to answer it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Inkster.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct the Minister's attention to a question which came up in my experience with regard to the restoration of historic sites. Now I note that the Honourable Member for Selkirk has dealt with the question and also the Honourable Member for Burrows touched on it. I agree with the Honourable Member for Selkirk that it is a provincial responsibility and I think that it would be of great value and benefit to the province if there were public funds spent on re-establishing and maintaining historic sites. But even I, Mr. Speaker, to the surprise of some perhaps, recognize that the public purse is not a bottomless pit, that there is a limit to what can be done and in that respect one has to give weight to budgetary considerations. I think certainly that this area has not been expanded nearly to the extent which it could be expanded, and I don't wish by my remarks to infer that the expenditures in this area have gone nearly as far as they should have. I think that as we mature historically, we will come to realize more and more the great value to the public of restoring and maintaining these sites.

But to get to the experience that I wish to relate, Mr. Chairman. I was involved this year in dealing with a question of a historic site in the Municipality of St. Andrews which representatives of the Historical Society and everybody who was the least bit learned in the question agreed that the site was one of the five, perhaps, one of the five most important buildings in the Province of Manitoba. It was an old house situated on the banks of the Red River. It had been purchased by a doctor. There was some publicity given to this case so some of the members may have known about it. It was purchased by a doctor who wished to operate it as a museum, and largely because, I think, of an unfortunate experience with another museum in the area, there was great public reaction to his maintenance of this home as a museum. In spite of the fact that he had gone to the Historical Society, that he had won their blessing, two people from the Society appeared on his behalf at the hearing where the consideration was being given, and the consideration to which I'm going to refer the Minister to, because this is what I think he should direct his attention to, is that there is no such thing as zoning for historic sites. And what he had to obtain in his view - and I came upon it rather late in the scene, I think perhaps it could have changed - but what he had to get in his view, and what he was told by the zoning officials was zoning which would permit the maintenance of a museum. Now, Mr. Speaker, this particular individual agrees that this site should be publicly maintained and publicly kept as a historic site. He said that the public wasn't going to do it, and he was right. He asked the public to do it; as a matter of fact he bought it with the assurance to the Historical Society and I believe to other people, he gave this assurance to everybody concerned, that if the public ever wanted to take it over he would be happy if they would take the capital expenditure off his hands and operate it as a Manitoba Historic Site. But in order to do it himself -- and this is the difficulty and the paradox which I'm putting to the Minister because I know that members on his side, such as the Honourable Member for Roblin and other members say that doing it yourself is a wonderful thing - in order to do this himself as an individual he would have to get the property zoned for the maintenance of a museum. And Mr. Speaker, everybody at that hearing, with the exception of yours truly, and possibly because I was acting, but I think objectively I feel the same way, everybody had some terrible aversion to this man making

(MR. GREEN cont'd.) money. I didn't see anything wrong with him making money, or at least enough money to maintain the site which is all that he was going to get out of it, but everybody came and said that the evil thing about him having this building retained -- and I want to remind the Minister that the Historical Society said that it was one of the five most important houses in the Province of Manitoba, it's almost 100 years old, on the banks of the Red River. It is now owned by Dr. Shaw. He is now apparently, in a casual way, asking people to come to see it and charging them a silver collection because his application was turned down, but the defect that I am trying to bring to the attention of the Minister is that there can be no such thing in the zoning laws as a zoning for historic sites, because zoning laws are intended to be the view of the Planning Authority as to where things should be placed.

Now, Mr. Chairman, the Planning Authority can't plan for what happened 100 years ago as to which places are historic and which places are not historic, and this particular gentleman ran into the problem of having this historic site, asking to be able to operate it as a museum - it was situated within I believe an Agricultural Residential Area, which paradoxically included recreation areas, and my advice to him was that he could let people come and see his house because it was a recreation area and I think that that is what he is doing - but he could not get either the Metropolitan authority, which controls zoning in the area, or the Municipal Board, to permit him to operate a museum.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I want to underline two things to the Minister. First is that I think that the public should operate that historic site if it's important; secondly, I know that the public is not going to be able in an unlimited way to invest itself into every historic site. There is going to be a time when the Minister will say to me, where will we get the money, and probably there are times when it is reasonable to ask that question. So I think that where a situation of this kind occurs, that if the public agree that this is a historic site that should be maintained, that it's not going to be able to be maintained at public expense, they are not yet at their stage of planning that they can afford to operate this historic site, that there should be some co-ordination between the planning department or else the Minister should use whatever influence he has within his cabinet and through his colleagues to see to it that the planning laws don't affect the maintenance, retention and development of a historic site, because this is the basis upon which he could not proceed.

I want to indicate once again, Mr. Speaker, that this is not my idea as to how these sites should be maintained ad infinitum. I do know that this is how they are maintained in many parts of the United States. The Member for Burrows has indicated, and I myself and I am sure many others in this room in their travels have driven through the States and have been confronted with directional signs leading them to some house, some plantation or some other place which is maintained on the basis that someone is receiving a revenue from it. It is shown to the public. If the Minister objects to an outlandish profit being made on these things, and I want to indicate as I say that at the hearing I was the only one, all the other people in the room who are professed - I hate to use the word professed - believers in capitalism, thought there was some evil in this man opening this House and having people come in and pay for it on the basis of 50 cents. I saw nothing evil about it at all. I would prefer that it was publicly done, but if it's not going to be publicly done then there should be something done in co-ordination with the zoning authorities so that adverse zoning will not prevent the retention of a genuinely important historic site.

That may be a problem some time to determine what is genuinely important. I know the Member for Seven Oaks knows that in his community there are several genuinely important historic sites. Seven Oaks House - it would be ridiculous if Seven Oaks House could not be made open to the public on the basis that it was in the wrong zone, and this is the answer that was given to this man who wished to develop this site. It may have been because of a previous museum which did create a problem, and that's one of the things that the Minister should have some control over, I agree, but that's why I am suggesting that the Minister should be able to deal with a person of this kind. And this is what he did; he went to the Historical Society, they were in all ways satisfied and came to the hearing and said so, but he couldn't retain the site because it wasn't properly zoned. Now he couldn't move that house, Mr. Minister, to a site which is referred to in the zoning maps as zoned for historical sites. Zoning doesn't deal with that kind of question and I think that the Minister should look into that problem, both from the point of view of taking some public interest in perhaps the private development and retention of a historic site, or at least the public co-ordination of zoning and the permission to use historical sites in this way.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Hamiota.

MR. EARL DAWSON (Hamiota): Mr. Chairman, if you recall last night I mentioned to the Minister the Golden Boys and the tremendous job I thought they were doing for Manitoba. I notice that last year they made a request for an increase in their grant. Actually they weren't requesting an increase, they were given \$15,000, but the year previous they had been given \$20,000 and they wanted to get back to the original grant of \$20,000. I mentioned this last night but I think the Minister misunderstood me. He said they would be given their same \$15,000 grant. Well as we all know, things cost more nowadays and these people have made a request for an increase of \$5,000. I support it wholeheartedly because I think that the cut-back defeats the purpose of the program and the progress of the Golden Boys. As we all know, they are probably the only people in Manitoba that are working so closely with municipalities to promote Manitoba and have been doing a good job. From the information I have, they find themselves strapped and they would like to go back to the original grant of \$20,000 that they had I think three years ago.

While I am on my feet, there were a couple of things I forgot to mention last night that I would like to mention to the Minister now. I feel that we have many many schools arrange tours of the Legislative Building when they come into Winnipeg. Now if the Minister's office could arrange not only for them to see the Legislative Building but have another type of tour to go along with this in conjunction with their visit to the Building here. I noted today that I had a group in, and unbeknown to me they were here, they came in on their own. The only thing that they were doing today was to drive in from Strathclair, come to the buildings, sit in the gallery for awhile and turn around and go back. Actually, this was the first time that the 20 some-odd students had ever been in the City of Winnipeg. I felt that it was a shame that they should have been lingering in the building for two or three hours other than their tour, and had I known I would have arranged something else for them. Now what I am suggesting to the Minister, particularly for the rural people that come in, that if we could have a tour - maybe visit the Pan Am Pool, our Centennial Arts Building, something like that - have it organized and printed and distributed to the schools so that if they want to take advantage of the whole day in Winnipeg it can be put to good use and they can be seeing the capital of Manitoba.

There was one other thing I forgot to mention last night and this was the fact that our International Airport here in Winnipeg has not got a tax-free store. I think that many people get on the aircraft that are making a trip overseas, and if they want to make any purchases tax-free they have to wait until they arrive and touch down in Montreal and then pick up from there. This is one of the things that could be an added attraction for the City of Winnipeg and I am sure that with the Minister working on it in conjunction with the Federal Government we could have a tax-free store at our Airport here in Winnipeg.

The last thing that I want to mention is that the people of Strathclair, Cardale, in my constituency, have been working for some time on a beach project at Salt Lake. I believe that they have met with the Minister requesting a grant to help them develop the beach, and really the beach that they are trying to develop is used for the public. There are a number of cottages situated there now on two sides of the lake. The municipality of Strathclair have put a road into there but they are strapped for money. What they would like to do is develop the beach area. It is a lovely little spot and I wish the Minister would give some consideration to them. I don't think they are requesting too large a grant, but they do need some financial assistance so that they can have their beach operating a lot sooner than the proposed time of two to three years.

MR. KAWCHUK: In our Throne Speech debate I had made mention of a certain beach with which my honourable friend the Minister of Tourism and Recreation had taken issue with me, and I was just wondering whether or not he would be prepared to make the announcement today to the people of Winnipegosis just what this government intends to do by way of giving them assistance to develop the Winnipegosis beach. It too, like the Honourable Member for Hamiota has mentioned, is a very beautiful spot, and not only for the local residents but it would be a convenient spot for the tourists going up north to stop over and make their trip through the north more enjoyable, and I am sure the Minister will take that under consideration.

However, to just avoid any future misunderstandings between myself and the Minister, I would like to draw to his attention there has also been a few promises made with respect to the further development of the resort area in the Duck Mountains; namely, the Blue Lake resort area. And just for the record, in the event I should by accident or otherwise misplace this

(MR. KAWCHUK cont'd.) letter before we convene again for another Estimates and another season go by, I would just like to read into the record from a letter dated the 29th of October, 1968, and the portion I will be quoting appears above the signature of J. B. Carroll, Minister of Tourism and Recreation. Paragraph two says, "Plans for partial rearrangement and updating of this campground have already been completed and funds have been appropriated to make a start on this work during the current fall and winter season. Included in the improvements will be the construction of approximately 15 new fireplaces and proper identification and designation of the campsite. Serious consideration is also being given to the provision of a new kitchenette at this location." -- (Interjection) --- Dated October 29, 1968, and it was in receipt by a neighbour of mine who happens to live a couple of doors down from our place. It's residence. However, that isn't the point I want to make. Certainly we would appreciate further development of this area, and as my honourable friend the Member for Gladstone has said, he probably will be encouraging more and more Manitoba people going down to the Duck Mountains and I am sure the Honourable Member for Roblin will do everything within his power to see to it that the highway north of Grandview will be paved in the not too distant future.

However, there is one problem that has been encountered this last tourist season and that is that of availability of wood in this area. I understand that the rent for the campsite, the fees for the campsite have been increased from I believe it was \$18 to \$36 last season, or whatever it happens to be. There has been a substantial increase and many of the people from my area who went down there were more than disappointed to find that although the fees had been increased tremendously they were without wood, and had they been at least prepared for it they probably would have brought their own bucksaws along and been able to provide that wood for them. However, I am sure that this could be looked into as we all know there is a minimum security camp located just a few miles north of there and there is really no particular reason I can think of why wood shouldn't be made available in that area.

MR. CARROLL: past this point, I would like to get -- this letter was written in connection with the Duck Mountain? It has nothing to do with the other question you raised about Winnipegosis? -- (Interjection) -- Right, I just wanted to make sure.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Chairman, may I first of all say how much I enjoy listening to my honourable friend the Minister of Tourism and Recreation. From time to time in this House we hear from the various Ministers how hopefully they are looking forward to having something done in the Province of Manitoba, and I enjoyed most thoroughly the Minister of Tourism and Recreation talk of how hopefully he was looking forward to the utilization of the Red River Floodway for recreational purposes. He reminded me very very much of a previous minister who sat in this House some three or four or five years ago who stood up in almost the same spot as my honourable friend when dealing with the matter of the building of the Red River Floodway and he hopefully expressed the opinion that sometime the Red River Floodway would be used for recreational purposes, that there would be toboggan slides, that there would be provision for ski jumps, there would be provision for swimming pools, and that the Red River Floodway would really be utilized to the advantage of the citizens particularly of greater Winnipeg.

So I suppose, Mr. Chairman, the longer that we are members of this House the more hopeful we become of something hopefully being done in the future by this inept government that we have in office at the present time. So I wish my honourable bearded friend the very very best and I hopefully desire for him that eventually he may get some funds to utilize the facilities that are available and only awaiting development in the Red River Floodway to provide the recreational facilities of which he spoke a few moments ago. He did indicate that hopefully private industry would develop the areas and hopefully that it would not be too long. We are hopeful this year of course, insofar as the Red River Floodway is concerned, that because of the building of the same Floodway we will not be faced with the same difficulties that we were in 1950 and 1951, but I suggest to my honourable friend that he and his colleagues on the benches opposite become a little more practical, a little more forthright, and a little less hopeful speaking and achieve some of the desires that he has.

I also would like to ask my Honourable friend - I unfortunately was not able to be present when he was presenting his estimates yesterday evening. I am sure he made a pretty good job in his presentation and I have read with a great deal of interest some of his remarks. I am intrigued with one or two of his remarks because I believe that he must have borrowed them

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd.) from the Department of Industry and Commerce, for I note reference is made to the fact that we have here in Manitoba 100,000 lakes. Now I must confess as a native-born Manitoban I didn't know that we had 100,000 lakes in Manitoba. I first read of it in one of the issues that my honourable friend the Member for Gladstone refers to as a propaganda bulletin, the issue of, I believe it was the New York Times. Quite a colorful document from the Department of Industry and Commerce. Lord knows how much it cost the taxpayer of Manitoba; goodness knows what the return may be. But that was the first reference that I had of the fact, the apparent fact, Mr. Chairman, that we had 100,000 lakes in the Province of Manitoba. It puts to shame, does it not, the 10,000 lakes in Minnesota? We have 10 times as many. I would like my honourable friend, if he could possibly get his staff engaged in a little occupation, I would like to have listed for my edification the names of the 100,000 lakes that we have in Manitoba. I realize and I appreciate that my education is sadly neglected and I do not know of them all, but I'm sure my honourable friend can help my children and my grandchildren out by supplying us the information so that when we travel the length and breadth of our province we will know the names of all of these lakes. I'm sure it wouldn't cost too much for my honourable friend to have his department sit down - and I'm sure that the Minister would make his contribution too - in compiling the list of the 100,000 lakes. But if we are to believe the epistle from the Department of Industry and Commerce, there is a sort of a conflict in the number because as we read on one page there is 100,000 and turn over two or three other pages the number is reduced considerably down to about 50,000. So if it's 50,000 or 100,000 -- it's an argumentative point I suppose -- the Minister shakes his head, then I presume he's right with his 100,000. I do -- (Interjection) -- definition?

MR. CARROLL: Just a question of definition - Just a question of definition of a lake.

MR. PAULLEY: Oh, I see. Fine, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate very much my honourable friend the hopeful Minister of Tourism and Recreation say what a lake is is just merely a definition. Now if my honourable friend can define for me what is a lake, to start with, and what is the difference between 100,000 and 50,000 lakes, I'll appreciate receiving the information.

Really, Mr. Chairman, my point is that not that I'm trying to depreciate at all this great province of ours. I think that it is a good province. I'm proud of the fact that it is my native province, but I don't think we have to sell it by guff and buffoonery. And if it's merely the difference of a definition that decides whether we have 100,000 or 50,000 I'd like my honourable friend the Minister to explain the reasons.

And then as I also read the remarks of my friend from The Pas, I note other references too. Page 451 of Hansard says: "Our lakes teem with fish and many species." I wonder if my honourable friend ever goes fishing? I wonder if my honourable friend ever looks at the net return to the fishermen of Manitoba so far as their return for their efforts are concerned. You know maybe it's just a question of definition once again, that if you're looking at it from a viewpoint of tourism and recreation, well "teeming with fish" means that if you sit out all day long and catch a five inch pickerel, you've done a goldarn good day's work. If this is what my honourable friend means with 100,000 lakes in Manitoba teeming with fish, I presume it's just a question of definition. But if he looks at the return to the fishermen of Manitoba from the lakes that are "teeming with fish," I'm sure he will get a different story.

But I'm hopeful - even with my honourable friend the Minister of Tourism and Recreation, I'm hopeful. I do disagree with him as to the tenure of office that he may have, but I do think that we should have a little more fact and a little less frivolity from his department.

There's another matter I would just like to draw to the attention of my friend dealing with the question of recreation. And I must confess, Mr. Chairman, that I haven't had an opportunity of reading all of the contributions dealing with the department that transpired yesterday, but I would like to appeal to my honourable friend in the field of recreation to get together with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and others and to take a look into the problem that is presently facing many of our curling clubs in Manitoba. More and more of our curling clubs in Manitoba are being faced with the possibility of having to close down because of the ever increasing financial burden caused through municipal taxation. I think that Manitoba here in many respects can be considered as the cradle of curling. We've had the world's largest bonspiel here for many a year. Some of our curling clubs have been faced already, so I am informed, into closing down, because of the fact that they're having to pay pretty high taxes for their operation - Caledonian was one - and I would suggest that the Minister of Recreation and

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd.) possibly the Minister of Municipal Affairs could get together to consider this, because in my opinion curling clubs are entering an opportunity for people to take part in recreation and most of them are making available to the youngsters attending school, on Saturday mornings and the likes of that, ice facilities for the pursuit of the sport.

Now there are many other avenues I think, Mr. Speaker, that have been already touched. I had noted, or thought I noted an absence of reference to this great Manitoba sport. We're hopefully looking forward next year to the Canadian Brier or British Consols being held here in Manitoba. I think that it will be. We're hopefully looking forward to the future; we're hopefully looking forward to the development and the utilization of the facilities of the Red River Floodway. But I have one other hope, Mr. Chairman. I hope we don't have to wait too long before we get cracking on those items that we've hopefully been looking forward to having, at least over the last five years that I know of, from the time that the Honourable George Hutton piloted through the legislation for the construction of the Red River Floodway here in this House.

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

MR. CARROLL: Possibly I should make some brief comment on some of the matters that have been raised this evening. Hopefully we can make some progress shortly after.

I would like at this time to bow to the undisputed champion of guff and buffoonery that we've just listened to as he played down the natural God given blessings of the Province of Manitoba. I'm not going to attempt to outline to him or name the numbers of lakes that we have in Manitoba; but I do suggest to him that if he were as familiar with parts of Manitoba as I am and many other members in this House he would certainly not dispute the numbers of lakes that we have here. I do suggest that there are some who cite the number of lakes as being 50,000 in terms of so many acres of water and we know of course that we have at least another 50,000 of smaller bodies of water, many of them unnamed. And one day, who knows, we may even name one after the Honourable the Leader of the New Democratic Party, but I would hope that he would become a lot more enthusiastic about our province than he is at the present time.

I share with him his concern for the commercial fishermen of the Province of Manitoba. I recognize that the lakes don't "teem" in sufficient abundance to make it profitable for very many of those people to make a satisfactory livelihood, and unfortunately many will have to leave the lakes and we should encourage them as best we can to make the transition from the lake to the wage economy where ultimately they will enjoy a better life in terms of economic returns than they're able to get in their present situation. I share his concern. But I don't retract from the statement that we do have lakes that teem with fish and I think one need only read the enthusiastic reports of the people who are world travellers, who are sports writers, who know what fishing is like on the North American continent, who know what fishing is like on other continents and who speak in most glowing terms about the bounty of our lakes here in Manitoba. This is one of the programs that we have pursued with some vigor. This is the kind of program that we think will do a great deal for the recreational pursuits and particularly for those who are interested in the sports fishing industry.

With respect to the Floodway, we will see some development on that Floodway during the coming year. There will be some recreational, some winter recreational activities of a commercial nature on that lake in the coming year. Unfortunately the entrepreneur that had planned to instal facilities this last winter was unable to do so but we understand his plans are advancing for a development next year. And in spite of that, the Floodway is being used for recreational purposes of various kinds at the present time and I suggest that we don't have to wait another year before we can start enjoying the benefits of hiking or skidooring or power tobogganing or riding or whatever you want in that great Floodway; or even sliding, if one isn't too concerned about the size of the hills that he travels on.

I'd like to now refer to the Member for Hamiota who spoke about Golden Boys. Since the initiation of this department the grant to that organization has always been \$15,000.00. I think it may have been higher at one time. We understand that there is some re-arrangement of responsibilities going on as between the various people who are promoting tourism in the Province of Manitoba and maybe there'll be some more narrowly defined functions for the Golden Boys and for others that are working in this field, and maybe we can get better returns with no greater investment of money than we have had in the past. Certainly we're interested in promoting organizations of this kind. We think that probably they haven't done quite as

(MR. CARROLL cont'd.) good a job as they should have in recruiting funds from other sources, from other people who are interested in the tourist promotion field. We aren't critical, we know they're doing a good job and I want to pay great tribute to those who have promoted the province in this way because I think they are performing a very valuable service.

I am very happy to receive the advice with respect to tourists coming in from the country. I know there are many summer tours that are laid on for visitors who are summer travellers to our province, the various exchanges of students where there were regular tours laid on. I know that there are some companies in that business in the city of Winnipeg at the present time that have commercial tours. If we haven't got tours of the city laid out at the present time, I would certainly suggest that we will be looking at that with a view to having something laid out and available through our tourist promotion office in this building for people who want that kind of a sightseeing trip.

Tax free port - I think probably the Minister of Industry and Commerce may be more interested in that particular topic together with the Government of Canada and I would leave that particular subject for the moment.

With respect to the Strathclair Beach, I don't know the detail of that plan at the moment but I'd be very glad to look into that privately and discuss it with the Member for Hamiota later.

With respect to the Member for Inkster, I think he's trying very hard to espouse some enthusiasm for the free enterprise system. I know he made some progress last year with respect to certain investments in northern Manitoba and I know he's trying very hard to be sympathetic to the private entrepreneurs in the tourist trade, but at the same time, of course, he thinks the public should be running them and I don't necessarily share his view with respect to this. I know that the Federal Government are running some Historic Sites and doing a wonderful job and we want to lend encouragement to them. I don't know of any other provinces that are engaged in this field. They may be, but I don't believe that this is an activity that many provinces have got into. I think maybe some day we may have to but at the present time we're not contemplating this activity. We do of course plaque sites of historic interest, we inventory them, we place them on our highway maps so that the people of Manitoba can be aware of where they are and take advantage of them when they're travelling in the area.

I know that a lot of municipalities, a lot of Chambers of Commerce, a lot of private groups are interesting themselves in developing these sort of things to attract people in their communities so they will, as the Member from Gladstone says, linger longer in their communities and spend \$40.00 per person per day while they're there. I notice that he uses a figure of \$33.00 and refers back to 1947. He obviously has a long memory. I don't recall the figures with respect to that particular date. It is said that people travelling by car spend \$40.00 per person; people travelling by air spent \$150.00 per person, per trip. There is this difference.

Incidentally, going back to 1947 there were 573,000 visitors to our province that year. They brought in \$17 million dollars. By 1957 the number of visitors had increased to 1,600,000, and the revenue, the dollars left in the province had increased to 30,900,000; and of course 1967 to two and a half million, the income or amount of money left in our province had increased to \$109,973,000.00.

I share his enthusiasm for the back trails of the province. I have taken some of the routes that he describes with extreme enthusiasm and interest for new country and new experiences. I believe that a great deal more can be done in promoting circle tours of the kind that I think the Golden Boys were engaged in; the Historic Society have run historic tours of a similar kind. There are tours that are published by the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, they are available in the Province of Manitoba to our visitors in our regional maps of Manitoba; I have here the one dealing with Western Manitoba and it has marked out many of the old historic trails. I think this is of great interest to people who may be interested in taking tours that are somewhat different than the usual.

I notice that our friend from Gladstone is taking a lot of trips south. I don't know whether he is trying to avoid the radar between Neepawa and Gladstone or not. I know that some or our other colleagues take the back roads for similar reasons but maybe it is just his interest in the scenic beauty of the province and I would share his enthusiasm for that.

With respect to the Duck Mountain, I think that anyone who is familiar with the publications of the Province of Manitoba will recognize that there are a great many extremely colorful, beautiful shots taken of our points of interest. We have, I guess, at least a dozen films showing the pictorial beauty of the province. We have these large numbers of pamphlets that I haven't

(MR. CARROLL cont'd.) even seen all of yet. I would think this will do a great deal in broad circulation to help to encourage people to come to our province. We are hoping to increase the emphasis this year in helping to train people who are receiving people from out of province - our Chambers of Commerce, our travel bureaus, people who come in contact with visitors - so that they can advise on circle tour routes, they can advise on places of historic interest and things of that kind. This is a program that we enter with enthusiasm and hope to promote more as time goes on.

The Member for Gladstone quoted some interesting figures on the per capita expenditure of Americans in Canada at \$3 per capita, with Canadians abroad spending \$25 per capita. That may well be on a per capita basis but it's a very misleading figure, because I think the Provincial Treasurer here and the Minister of Finance in Ottawa are really more interested in the balance of trade from a tourist point of view. I think that is a much more interesting and a much more important figure for us to be concerned about. He will be happy to know that Canadians travelling outside of Canada spent -- I believe it was last year, but I'm not sure, it may have been the year before -- and these are DBS figures, spent 877 million dollars. That's an awful lot of money and we want to keep more of those people back home. It's a big sum. But outsiders visiting Canada, and I suspect the majority of those will be visitors from United States, there will be some from abroad, but the bulk of them will be visitors from the United States, and they spent in Canada One Billion, three hundred and four million dollars, which is a better balance of trade in favour of Canadians and I think this is a very substantial figure; particularly when you look at it in the light of what our experience was in 1957, the year before that wonderful event in the Province of Manitoba, where Canadians spent outside of Canada 525 million dollars with outsiders spending in Canada 363 million. So it was a much more unsatisfactory situation in those days, with Canadians spending 50 percent more outside of Canada than was being spent in our province. -- (Interjection) -- Yes that was the year they came in, they hadn't had time to do anything about this unsatisfactory situation at that time. It's been corrected since then, and hopefully will continue.

I have a couple of other members' problems to deal with. Possibly we could deal with those briefly tomorrow.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee rise and report. Call in the Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Committee of Supply has made progress and asks leave to sit again.

MR. M. E. MCKELLAR (Souris-Lansdowne): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre the report of the committee be approved.

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

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

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