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to some extent is more seasonal. I understand the department is planning to have construction undertaken where it will employ people who would otherwise be unemployed.

I understand the department is building several of these smaller buildings in the Switzerland of Canada, which is Kootenay West. I am very pleased to know that the one at Castlegar is about completed. There is a good deal of local interest in this question. I have received letters from organizations and individuals as to when construction will start, what is the type of building which will be built, and so on. Could the minister inform me when it is likely that construction will be commenced in the village of New Denver and in the Elysian village of Nakusp?

**Mr. Fulton:** Mr. Chairman, I am grateful to my hon. friend for his interest in this matter and for his appreciation of the construction policy of the force. We are trying to work this out on a national basis, on the basis of a complete program, assigning to the various points where R.C.M. Police are stationed a priority with regard to their accommodation requirements. Then we can arrange to meet the requirements at a set annual rate, and by the time the program is finished we will have provided accommodation at every point, we hope, where it is needed. I make that general explanation because I want to explain why some places where police are stationed are not having buildings built this year whereas other places are. I know it does give rise to hard feelings as far as certain areas are concerned. They say that if such and such a place with perhaps a smaller population has a building built there, why cannot they have a building built where they have more people. The program of priorities being worked out is worked out having regard to all the factors properly to be taken into consideration, one of them being the state of the accommodation at each point, so that a point which has a reasonably adequate building now, although it may not be all that is desired, is likely not to be given as high a priority as an area where the building is pretty well totally inadequate.

With regard to specific points, at New Denver the site has been purchased and we will probably go ahead with preparing plans and specifications this year or early next year; but it is not intended to commence construction this year because the priority assigned to New Denver does not call for construction this year. As regards Nakusp, I believe tenders are out and construction is expected to be completed this year.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Could the minister tell me how many of these buildings are actually

[Mr. Herridge.]

under construction in Newfoundland, or projected for this year, and where they are?

**Mr. Fulton:** With respect to Newfoundland, at Corner Brook we expect to go ahead this year with the construction of a sub-division administration building and a garage, \$100,000 being provided for this in this year's estimates. Construction of detachment quarters is proceeding as follows: At Gander, now in progress and to be completed this year; at Port Saunders, now in progress and to be completed this year; Grand Banks, now completed; Channel, under construction but may not be completed this year.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Why is the hon. minister discriminating against Bonavista-Twillingate?

**Mr. Fulton:** I have no knowledge of what constituencies these quarters are in. If there is no place in Bonavista-Twillingate selected for construction it is because in accordance with the program I have outlined, it does not rate the priorities necessary. It has just been pointed out to me that a new building was completed at Twillingate in 1953, and I hope that the rigours of the Newfoundland climate have not made a new one necessary yet.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Buildings have been put up more recently than that. There was one at Glovertown more recently. In fact, the R.C.M.P. has done well in that part of the country.

Item agreed to.

**The Deputy Chairman:** That completes the estimates of the Department of Justice.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

380. Departmental administration, including fees for membership in the international organizations listed in the details of the estimates, \$2,636,084.

**Mr. Churchill:** Mr. Chairman, on Friday last I tabled the Department of Trade and Commerce annual report for 1958. Copies of the report were at the same time made available to all members of both houses of parliament. The form of the department's annual report has been considerably altered this year. The usual factual account of the trade situation has been expanded and a new section "Trade Policy Developments" has been introduced. The discussion on administrative matters has been greatly reduced. The objective is to give hon. members a clearer and more comprehensive account of the department's activities and objectives. In these remarks I will bring the material in the 1958 annual report up to date. I will deal with the various subjects in the order in which they appear in the report.

I turn now to world trading conditions. Section A of the department's annual report