

of venereal disease. I think that for us to be teaching through films all over the country and teaching in our textbooks as a fact that men are descended from apes, and then expecting them to act like men descended from God, is an absurdity. So that I should really like to know a good deal about the matter of these films.

Mr. FLEMING: My short question relates to part of this first item we are on. I think it is clear from what the minister said earlier, and I am just asking his confirmation of it, that the writing and editorial work on the magazine "Health and Welfare" and on these fillers is all done by members of the staff and that no professional assistance is retained from outside the department. Can I have the minister's confirmation of that understanding?

Mr. CLAXTON: Yes; that is correct with regard to the matters the hon. member has mentioned. If we were preparing a film, or an advertisement for the newspapers, there would be outside professional assistance.

Mr. FLEMING: By advertising advisers?

Mr. CLAXTON: That is right.

Mr. HANSELL: I am not discussing the matter, but would the minister tell us under what item or department the UNRRA discussion will come?

Mr. CLAXTON: The Department of External Affairs.

Mr. BLACKMORE: If I might impose upon the committee a minute or two more, I should like to ask the minister some further questions on films, and he can look the answers up at the time he is preparing his answers to my former questions about the films. Are any of the national films based upon the Bible and, if so, how many: do any of them give the recent findings of archaeologists like Sir Charles Marston, Sir Flinders Petrie, and others whose discoveries tend to establish the authenticity of the Bible historically and otherwise? If so, how many of such films are now available for distribution? What is the general nature and teaching of each? My reason for asking these questions is this: if it should be found that this dominion is paying over a million dollars for a service which is contributing to the destruction of the faith of the youth and is doing nothing to establish the faith of the youth throughout this country, that matter ought to be probed into and, I think, adequate measures taken.

Mr. CLAXTON: I can assure the hon. member that it is not doing that, but I would be glad to give such answers to his questions as I can when the items come up.

[Mr. Blackmore.]

Mr. BLACKMORE: I think it would be only fair to the minister to let him know that that is the purpose behind the whole thing. My opinion is that our age is rapidly becoming a godless age. Our people were never intended to be a godless people. The sooner we return to a belief in God, a simple sincere belief in God, the sooner we shall lay a foundation for the great and powerful nation that we were designed to become.

Item agreed to.

National health branch—

201. National health branch administration, including contribution of \$1,134 to the international office of public health, \$212,986.

Mr. MERRITT: In this item there is a vote of \$100,000 for publicity, which is up \$80,000 over last year. I should like the minister, if he would, to give a break-down of the expenditure last year and of the projected expenditure of this \$100,000.

Mr. CLAXTON: Yes. The expenditure for last year was \$17,179.19. I can give the hon. member the break-down of that sum: Occupational therapy films, \$4,999.14; rural health films, \$9,500; health displays, \$219.48; health reference book, \$180.99; a book on the control of communicable diseases, \$2,650.37; a book, "Healthful Living", \$532.74; and advertisements, \$110; making a total of the amount I mentioned. The proposed expenditure of \$100,000 will be as follows: on a French version of eight medical and public health films to be recorded at the request of the ministry of health of Quebec, \$10,000. We have the English films and we have to make French-speaking sound tracks. Two film libraries, about one hundred prints, \$5,000; 12 strip films to assist in classroom and health education work in the provinces, to be distributed through provincial departments of health and education, \$20,000; newsreels, to report medical research, provincial achievements in the field of public health and to provide newsclips on such subjects as immunization, \$15,000; standardized health publications, to eliminate overlapping and to fill in gaps occasioned by the present system of the federal and provincial departments of health distributing publications without reference to each other, \$12,000; films to be produced at request of the provincial departments of health in accordance with interest indicated by the dominion council of health, \$38,000; a total of \$100,000.

Mr. MERRITT: Most of those new items refer to films. Would the minister say whether they are all produced by the national film board, and whether this sum therefore