

Mr. MacNICOL: I have heard quite a good deal of talk along that line, and I am within my rights to ask for the minister's assurance that such is not possible. If he says it is not, then I am satisfied that the rumour is not correct.

One further question: A few days ago I visited a large plant to which a large addition is being erected. I presume the money to build that addition is being advanced by the government.

Mr. HOWE: What plant was that?

Mr. MacNICOL: Are contracts for such additions let by the government or by the company for whom the addition is being erected?

Mr. HOWE: Sometimes one way and sometimes the other, but the details of the contract are always subject to the approval of our construction branch. The plans and specifications are approved by that branch, and it supervises the expenditures. Sometimes tenders are called for by the company itself, especially when a contractor may have a specialized knowledge of the layout required. In such a case, however, the plans and specifications are approved by the government. The prices received are submitted to the government, and the selection of the contractor is made by the company with the joint approval of the government.

Mr. QUELCH: Would the minister give a resumé of the government's action in connection with borrowings since the declaration of war? First, I should like to know the amounts which have been borrowed from the chartered banks, the dates of maturities, the interest rates, the percentage of the loans used for refunding and the percentage used for current expenditure. I should like to know also the extent to which deposits were expended as a result of those borrowings. If possible, I should like the minister to state what the government action will be with regard to the repayment of these loans. Will it be done by further borrowings from the chartered banks, or will it be done by the payment of legal tender? I noticed a statement in the paper that these loans by the chartered banks were to be repaid by legal tender. Is that to be done, or will there be further borrowings from the chartered banks?

Mr. ILSLEY: I cannot give that information to-night because that will require the preparation of a careful statement.

Mr. QUELCH: Will the minister give that during the course of the debate?

Mr. ILSLEY: I can if it is the wish of the committee that this resolution should remain

in committee past eleven o'clock. I can give that when the committee meets again, or it could be given on the bill.

Mr. QUELCH: Would the minister include in his statement information with regard to borrowings by bonds and by savings certificates?

Mr. ILSLEY: I will give what information is available. I am not just sure that I can give all that information, but I will give what I can.

Mr. ROSS (Souris): Will any of this appropriation be used for the Department of National War Services and, if so, what amount?

Mr. ILSLEY: The estimate submitted for the Department of National War Services is \$1,948,252.

Mr. ROSS (Souris): Is that the total expenditure?

Mr. ILSLEY: That is the estimate of the amount to be taken out of this appropriation for the Department of National War Services.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Why should we not have a break-down of the estimates for these different departments?

Mr. ROSS (Souris): Will that amount take care of the department for the whole year, or will there be something later on?

Mr. ILSLEY: If this were a peace-time estimate, it would be all that the Department of National War Services could get without a governor general's warrant or another vote, but under the War Appropriations Act that is not the situation. If it is desired, we could give a break-down of that amount, but there would be nothing final about it. The final amount might be more or less.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Subject to this order in council.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: According to the Minister of Munitions and Supply, advances to these private companies during the past year amounted to \$42,297,000. I should like to know from the minister how much it is anticipated will be advanced during the next fiscal year. I should like to know the largest amount advanced to any one company last year, and the name of that company.

Mr. ILSLEY: The hon. member's questions are on *Hansard*, and I shall have to get that information.

Mr. NICHOLSON: Last year we passed a vote calling for the expenditure of \$700,000,000. Could the minister break down that vote to show how much was expended under the four paragraphs of this resolution?