

## Supply—R.C.M.P.

that main item was drawn and put before the house was not as large a program as was carried out at the request of the Department of National Defence. It was to meet needs on the part of the Department of National Defence, plus a desire to provide work so far as possible.

**Mr. Pearson:** I wonder if the minister could give us any information as to where this new defence housing construction is taking place for which this amount is required for additional administrative costs? We are cutting down on our national defence expenditure, so I wonder why this increase in national defence housing?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** It is all over the country. It is not in just one place; the program was stepped up.

**Mr. Bourget:** Surely if the minister is right in saying that the program has been enlarged he must know where it has been enlarged and where the construction is taking place.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** It is in all parts of Canada.

**Mr. Garland:** The minister gave me a sort of fast no on my question about Moosonee. I would not want him to conclude from my question, which perhaps was not too informative, that I was referring to the port project or anything of that kind. This was a proposed expenditure which the *Financial Post* reported would be made on behalf of the Department of National Defence. I wondered if the minister had had an opportunity to confer with his officials about this?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** There is nothing in this item for the construction of married quarters at Moosonee or arising out of the construction of married quarters at Moosonee.

Item agreed to.

## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Land and Air Services—

774. Operation and maintenance of divisions—further amount required, \$494,000.

**Mr. Regier:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the minister is in a position to tell us how it is that the original estimates were out by this rather large amount. I note that travelling and removal expenses, especially, were miscalculated by \$140,000. This is an item that one would expect would be fairly standard and very easily predicted ahead of time. The item for clothing was miscalculated by \$100,000, and the item for repairs and upkeep of equipment, by \$110,000. It would seem to indicate there has been a serious accident to one of the buildings or something of that nature. Is the minister in a position to offer

[Mr. Fleming (Eglinton).]

any explanation of these three items, travelling and removal expenses, clothing and repairs and upkeep of equipment?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** These several items, as indeed the entire item, are attributable broadly to increased activities on the part of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The increase in travelling and removal expenses of \$140,000 is the provision for expenses of members of the force on investigations and patrols throughout the country. There has been an increase this year in the number of investigations and that has automatically resulted in an increase in travelling expenses. There has been an increase in the strength of the force and that also has contributed to this result.

The item of \$100,000 for clothing arises from the same reason. The third item, repairs and upkeep of equipment of \$110,000, is distributed over all the equipment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and represents an increase for the supply of motor transport, inland and water transport, radio equipment and miscellaneous equipment.

**Mr. Badanai:** The minister just made a statement that there has been an increase in the force. Could the minister tell us the number of additional members in the force?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** The authorized establishment for 1958-59 was increased by 367. This does not mean that the increase resulted all at once because, as the hon. gentleman is aware, recruitment is carried on gradually.

**Mr. Cardin:** There was an increase of \$3,197,000 in the main estimates for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police introduced earlier. There is an additional \$494,000 in the supplementary estimates, making a total of over \$3.5 million increase for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Has there been any substantial increase in the force that would correspond to this rather large increase?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Yes, I just gave the figures.

**Mr. Pearson:** When the minister was on this side the things that used to arouse him most easily and bring his critical faculties to the fore most vigorously when he accused the government of waste and extravagance were items concerning informational material or what he called propaganda. We have already passed an increase under this item. The item for telephones, telegrams and other communication services was the other to arouse him. This is the third time this afternoon we have had an increase in regard