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corporation. I think the minister at that time stated that although the municipality could not constitute itself into a limited dividend corporation it could sponsor a limited dividend corporation as has been done here in Ottawa on the Lowren project and also the Bonlogis Company Limited. I am not aware that since he made that statement in the house in answer to a question asked by the hon. member for Vancouver East that the policy has been changed.

Mr. Green: It would seem that for all practical purposes it will be impossible to go ahead with this scheme on the west coast as a limited dividend project. I hope the department will take a further look at this matter to see whether the request of the city and the province cannot be met. These bodies are anxious to go ahead with this project for senior citizens and I hope the department will find some way to co-operate with them.

Mr. Bourget: I shall do that.

(Translation):

Mr. Maltais: Mr. Chairman, I should like some information about the agreement between the authorities of the city of Montreal and the Department of Public Works, regarding the Dozois plan in respect of vote No. 735. Could the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Public Works let us know the latest developments concerning the talks between the municipal authority and the department?

Mr. Bourget: Mr. Chairman, as my hon. friend was able to gather from the press, the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation received an order in council from the province of Quebec, and the federal government likewise passed an order in council of its own. We are now drawing up the agreements to be forwarded to the province of Quebec and to the city of Montreal.

(Text):

Mr. Small: There was an item last year for \$700,000 to cover plans and demolition for the post office on Adelaide street, Toronto, Ontario, and there is an item this year of \$500,000 covering the same matter. Can we be given any information as to when it is intended to tear down the old building and commence the new?

Mr. Bourget: I have not that information here, but I am told that the contract for the demolition has been let and we hope to call for tenders for steel for the new building during the present fiscal year.

Mr. Small: The new building will take in the area from Adelaide to Lombard to Victoria streets?

Mr. Bourget: Yes.

Mrs. Fairclough: How much of the \$700,000 was used last year?

Mr. Bourget: That item was carried and unfortunately the officials have left with the information.

Item agreed to.

Resolutions reported and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

Hon. W. E. Harris (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Robinson (Simcoe East) in the chair.

Mr. Harris moved:

That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1957, the sums of \$1,846,970,570.64 and \$85,181,549.25, respectively, be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

Mr. Harris thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 453, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1957.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first and second times, considered in committee, reported, read the third time and passed.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**SITTING SUSPENDED**

Mr. Speaker: This bill will have to go to the Senate in order to be considered there and perhaps we could suspend the sitting and the bells could ring to call hon. members back.

Mr. Harris: Mr. Speaker, I think we should allow sufficient time for the other place to consider the bill. I would suggest that the sitting be suspended and we be called back by the bells at a quarter to six o'clock.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

At 4.40 p.m. the sitting was suspended.