

*Supply—Northern Affairs*

I say that nothing within my province would do more to raise the hopes and aspirations of the Indian people, who are mainly Crees, either Wood Crees or Prairie Crees, than action in this regard, and I would ask that reconsideration be given to any decision which would permit this historic thing to be lost to people who there worship their Manitou, their guiding spirit; and even those who have taken Christianity as their religion look upon this stone as something possessing those qualities which made their forebears famous for their warlike prowess.

**Mr. Scott (Danforth):** On a point of order. I did not want to interrupt the Leader of the Opposition in the course of his remarks, but it appears to me it is five o'clock.

**Mr. Drury:** As we are, I think, about to conclude consideration of this particular estimate, would it be possible to ignore the clock for a moment or two?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** I would ask the minister whether he will give his views to the committee relative to the constituting of a day for the Canadian Indians during confederation year.

**Mr. Laing:** I had intended to say a word because the right hon. gentleman has intervened in the debate. I wish to thank him at once for his kind words toward me. I hope he will be able to say the same things next year, if both of us are still here.

I wish to compliment him upon his worthy and moving words in respect of the contribution the Indian people have made to Canada. I will tell him that those words will be very well received by members in every part of the committee. I wish to assure him that it is our view that we must, in 1967, have a definite Indian day. This was the subject of a private member's bill which, I am afraid, was talked out here. I think it was talked out with my assent, because we wanted to discuss the matter with the Indian people, and we thought at the time that it would bear some relationship to Expo '67 and would be declared there.

While I am on my feet I want to tell the committee that we are engaged in building an Indian pavilion, one which will, we hope, be worthy of Canada and worthy of the Indians. I may add that it had better be, the way costs

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

are going up. I am definitely concerned about this, because we started at a certain figure, and that figure is now much higher.

• (5:10 p.m.)

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** What was the former figure?

**Mr. Laing:** It was \$455,000.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** What is it now?

**Mr. Laing:** The threatened figure is \$1 million. It is not entirely a question of pressure on contractors inflation and so on. We did bring in the Indian people themselves and they have made suggestions which I think are in line with what we should have done in the first instance but which are costing us more money. I thank the right hon. gentleman for his contribution to the debate and for his pride in the Indian people of Canada which we all share.

Item agreed to.

35. Construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and equipment including construction or acquisition of works for Indian bands, the operation and control of which may be transferred to the Indian bands at the discretion of the minister, expenditures on works on other than federal property, assistance to Indians and Indian bands for the construction or acquisition of housing and other buildings and related works, land and equipment, and recoverable expenditures under agreements entered into with the approval of the Governor in Council with the governments of the provinces and the territories and with local school boards in respect of the education in Indian schools of children other than Indian children, \$23,809,400.

Item agreed to.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It being five o'clock the house will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely public bills.

### CRIMINAL CODE

#### AMENDMENT REQUIRING NOTICE TO PUBLIC SERVANT NOT REAPPOINTED

**Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth)** moved the second reading of Bill No. C-9 to amend the Criminal Code (A Purge for the King's-evil).

He said: Mr. Speaker, the bill which I am moving this afternoon is one which has been before this chamber on one or two other occasions when it was moved by one of my colleagues, who at that time was the hon. member for Port Arthur. The purpose of the bill is set out fairly fully in the explanatory