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world, under the name of the Moral Re-Armament group, the Oxford movement has reached out into the international field. I am certainly not going to enter into a discussion tonight along the lines of the subject that has been introduced here by the hon. member for Kootenay West, that is, as to whether or not the work they are doing in this field is tied up with international intrigue.

I would certainly lend my support to the principle that as a religious group they should enjoy the same privileges as all other religious organizations working for the moral enlightenment and benefit of mankind everywhere. I do not think this House of Commons is the place to indulge in intolerance of this kind and I certainly would lend my support for the continuation of the principle so far as this group is concerned.

Mr. Fisher: Just one or two comments with regard to this matter. I do not think it is a question of intolerance at all; it is a question of judging the organization by its aims and programs and claims. I would like to suggest to hon. members who are so strongly for Moral Re-Armament that they look very closely at this organization and make up their minds whether this particular privilege they have received from the department is a benefit. I think a close examination would alter their judgment.

Since this point is being brought up I would like to know from the minister a little more about how such decisions are made. I know I helped put forward the appeal of one organization, the Canadian ski patrol, for an exemption. At the time I was somewhat bothered whether this was a worth-while cause so I spent a week end out on a ski slope as an observer and I came to the conclusion that it performed a worth-while function.

I can also see that there are unlimited possibilities in trying to prove or show that an organization is of a charitable or worth-while nature and I would like to know more about how the limits are arrived at. As far as the hon. member for Brandon-Souris is concerned, I can get much more sympathetic about a genuine cause which deserves support or about the Canadian ski patrol or the Canadian Olympic association than I can about Moral Re-Armament.

I did ask a question previously of the minister on orders of the day about a big story which broke in Montreal with regard to an investigation currently going on into the question of charitable donations, and I believe this newspaper, the *Montreal Gazette*, mentioned the word "racket". I asked the minister about it and he indicated that there would be more information later about this. I did not want to address him further on

[Mr. Dinsdale.]

orders of the day because I thought I would have an opportunity here to ask for more detail about this investigation, what is involved and what kind of organization is involved. If there is very little truth to the matter I would like to know how this story was released, because the particular newspaper man who broke the story, Arthur Blakeley, has a reputation for probity and fairness, at least as far as I know. I must assume that there was something to the story and for that reason I would like an explanation from the minister as to what was behind it and where the information came from.

The Chairman: Shall the item carry?

Mr. Benidickson: No explanation?

Mr. Nowlan: I will reply later.

Mr. McIlraith: Is it the intention of the minister that we ask our questions on any item and then he will deal with them at the end?

Mr. Nowlan: Yes, on the last item.

Mr. Caron: Does that mean we can go back to the items or will we have to stick to one?

Mr. Nowlan: You can come back, of course.

Item agreed to.

263. District offices, \$29,576,139.

Mr. Caron: I have a problem which has been raised for years. It has been raised by all public bodies in western Quebec from the different counties because they want a collection office for the Quebec side separate from the Ottawa office. This has been asked for by boards of trade, by the junior chamber of commerce and the union of the chambers of commerce of western Quebec; and they have been asking for it for years.

Therefore I would ask the minister to think about this, not just to say, as he said last year, that he will look it over. I ask him to try and think how advantageous it would be for the Quebec side, and even for the Ontario side. We have the same trouble with the statistical information. It is all at Ottawa, unemployment statistics and everything, so we cannot make a difference when it is for the Quebec side or the Ontario side.

I know the minister will say, why did I not ask for this when the Liberals were in power? I did and I did not succeed then but I hope I will succeed now. If I do not I hope I will succeed with the next Liberal government in two years' time.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Caron: I will give the minister the chance to make a good move before he goes out of office, and it is only a matter of generosity on my part. I would like him