

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

elapsed so that the house and the country may have at least a modicum of information on this matter?

**Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I have been daily in touch with my officials about this matter. I am sure they are moving very expeditiously. I am very conscious of the statement I made to the house that I will report at the very earliest opportunity.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** What is the reason for the continued delay? Is it the usual custom of the government to delay?

**CANADIAN CENTENNIAL****QUEBEC—DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED  
BY CARAVAN**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. R. Keays (Gaspé):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Winters) who is responsible for Expo. In view of this morning's news to the effect that it is possible that the centennial caravan which will travel through the province of Quebec in 1967 may be encountering many difficulties, would it be possible for the minister to look into this question immediately so as to ensure that the province of Quebec will not be deprived of it next year?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sure the minister is aware of representations in this matter.

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, since I am responsible for the Centennial Commission, and not my hon. friend the Minister of Trade and Commerce, I think I should say that the Centennial Commission is very disturbed by the report that appeared in this morning's issue of the *Gazette*.

At my request they have informed me that the article is based on incomplete information and that in fact there are municipal centennial committees in 125 communities in Quebec, including all of the 114 which are to be visited by two caravans. I am told that of those, some 82 separate communities have set up their own performing arts festivals to be held at the same time. In effect the Centennial Commission is quite pleased with the improvement of the relationship of the municipalities in Quebec. The technical requirements will be as high as they are everywhere else, and only one of the municipalities had to be dropped because of the lack of an adequate site.

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

**Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill):** As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, may I ask whether the minister could ask the committee in charge of the centennial caravan to take a further look at the geography of northern Manitoba. The map which has been published would I am sure make them lose their way, if they followed the course they have advertised.

**SUPPLY**

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Batten in the chair.

**INTERIM SUPPLY**

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$371,999,-867.43, being the aggregate of—

(a) one-twelfth of the total of all of the Items set forth in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1967, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of Parliament except Items for Citizenship and Immigration, Defence Production, Forestry, Industry, Legislation, National Revenue, Post Office, Privy Council and Veterans Affairs, already provided for in Appropriation Act No. 6, 1966, and except Agriculture Item 35, Atomic Energy Item 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics Item 10, Finance Item 15, Mines and Technical Surveys Items 40 and 70, Transport Item 103, and Loans, Investments and Advances Items L40, L75 and L80, for which no proportion is granted—\$309,794,765.50;

(b) an additional three-twelfths of the total amount of Public Works Item 65 (Schedule A) of the said Main Estimates—\$4,600,000.00;

(c) an additional two-twelfths of the total amounts of National Defence Item 35, Northern Affairs and National Resources Item 20 (Schedule B) of the said Main Estimates—\$3,175,900.00;

(d) an additional one-twelfth of the total amount of Loans, Investments and Advances Item L30 (Schedule C) of the said Main Estimates—\$9,166,-666.67;

(e) one-twelfth of the total of all of the Items set forth in the Supplementary Estimates (a) for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1967, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of Parliament, except Agriculture Item 35a, Defence Production Item 20a, Finance Item 4a, Mines and Technical Surveys Item 40a and Transport Items 102a and 103a, for which no proportion is granted—\$26,276,101.92;

(f) an additional three-twelfths of the total amounts of External Affairs Item 35a and Loans, Investments and Advances Item L22a (Schedule D) of the said Supplementary Estimates—\$11,304,-250.00;

(g) an additional two-twelfths of the total amount of Secretary of State Item 40a (Schedule E) of the said Supplementary Estimates—\$713,-266.67;

(h) an additional one-twelfth of the total amounts of Finance Item 15a and Loans, Investments and Advances Item L40a (Schedule F) of the said Supplementary Estimates—\$4,716,666.67;

(i) one-twelfth of the total amount of all the Items set forth in the Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1967, laid before the House of Commons at the present