

*Supply—External Affairs*

On top of that their road into Curve lake from the main road certainly should be improved, brushed out and oiled in the summer, because in the summer time it is just a cloud of dust.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I will take note of the hon. gentleman's remarks.

**Mr. Herridge:** I just want to ask the minister a question under this item of welfare of Indians. As he knows, the last survivor of the Arrow lake band Indians who remained on the reserve died about three years ago, and that Indian went to the Okanagan reserve during her latter years. But there is one old Indian woman who was a member of that band, who married many years ago and is now a widow. Would she retain her Indian rights and have any share in any money that is left in the band funds?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** That would depend entirely on who she married, if she married an Indian.

**Mr. Herridge:** No; she married a white man.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Then she ceased to be an Indian upon her marriage.

Item agreed to.

## Education—

555. Administration, operation and maintenance—further amount required, \$605,000.

**Mr. Harkness:** This is quite a large increase in the provision for Indian education. At the outset I should like to say that I am glad to see it. However, I wondered what was the explanation of the necessity for this considerable increase. Is it due to the fact that the estimating last year was very poor, or is it due to the fact that a considerable increase has taken place in the number of Indian students over what had been anticipated? I note particularly that as far as day schools are concerned, \$237,000 more is provided for text books, materials and supplies and travel, the amount for travel being only \$20,000 of the total.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** As far as I know from the notes that have been given to me, Mr. Chairman, this is nearly entirely owing to an underestimate of the number who would be attending school. That has necessitated more teachers, more text books and more supplies. Then there were a few cases of extra drivers for vehicles where children are driven to school. We did not know there were quite as many Indian children as there turned out to be.

**Mr. Harkness:** Under the item for residential schools in the per capita grant there is an additional amount of \$267,000.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** That is entirely because of the number. It could not be anything else.

**Mr. Harkness:** I was wondering if there had been any increase in the amount of the grant, which I believe all the churches running these schools have held for a number of years to be insufficient, and I think it probably is insufficient. But has there been no increase in the amount of the grant? If there has not, the estimate as to the amount required for this item must have been very badly out, because the total number of Indian children at these residential schools is not so extraordinarily large.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** It just was a very considerable underestimate, sir; whether that was bad or good I cannot say. I always think it is a good thing to find more Canadian children than we thought there were. But it was a wrong estimate.

**Mr. Harkness:** I wonder if the minister is prepared to say what consideration has been given to this matter of the per capita grants for church schools?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I would not desire to say in the presence of the Minister of Finance that I thought they were too small, but consideration is being given to the amount of the grant now.

**Mr. Cameron (Nanaimo):** This item is not confined to the schools which are run by the denominations; it includes the ones run by your department?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Yes, and also payments to provincial and local schools attended by Indians.

Item agreed to.

## DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## B—General—

558. To provide for the Canadian government's assessment for membership in international (including commonwealth) organizations, as detailed in the estimates, including authority to pay the amounts specified in the currencies of the countries indicated, notwithstanding that the payments may exceed or fall short of the equivalent in Canadian dollars, estimated as of February, 1957—further amount required, \$2,504,336.

**Mr. Green:** Would the Minister of Finance explain this vote? In the original estimates there are votes which correspond, with some variation, to the items that are now being requested; for example, United Nations organization in the original vote was \$1,433,034 and in this vote it is, according to the details on page 14, \$1,108,904. All the other items contained in the supplementaries are approximately in the same amounts as the items contained in the regular estimates. In