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this item, as I understand it. I am referring to the proposal of the private company.

**Mr. Peters:** The connection it would have would be a fairly simple one, that you either buy it from suppliers who are not now producing uranium or you get it from the stockpiling of uranium already taking place. I would think it would have a considerable effect on the proposals that we have undertaken in regard to the stockpiling of uranium.

**Mr. McIlraith:** Mr. Chairman, a contract that may be made in the future has nothing to do with this item. This item is to clarify the wording of an item, at the request of the Auditor General, having to do with the storage of uranium bought by the government and provided for in the estimates in the usual way. What the hon. member is referring to in his remarks is negotiation going on between a private company and a foreign buyer to sell the uranium that we have. The government is not directly involved in the sale of the commodity. The government may have other concerns, but they are not directly involved in the sale. That is something that has been talked about for the future. It is not something that I can give any information about now, because it is far too anticipatory.

**Mr. Peters:** We will accept that, Mr. Chairman, but as I see the relationship, the company that has been negotiating with France is also the major producer of the uranium that is going into the stockpiling; so there is a relationship, as I see it, between the two.

Item agreed to.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

1d. Departmental administration, \$70,000.

**Mr. Nasserden:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder whether I might ask the Minister of Transport if this item of \$70,000 for travelling and removal expenses was incurred on behalf of Hal Banks?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Chairman, I am happy to say that he was never in my custody.

Item agreed to.

27d. Canadian National Railways benefit, 1964—amount required to provide for payment to the Canadian National Railway Company (hereinafter called the "company") upon applications approved by the Minister of Transport, made by the company to the Minister of Finance, and to be applied by the company in payment of the system deficit (certified by the auditors of the company) arising in the calendar year 1964, subject to recovery therefrom of accountable advances made to the company from the consolidated revenue fund, \$38,726,000.

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**Mr. McIntosh:** On March 25 the minister authorized a press release regarding new policy in respect of small community airports.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Vote No. 27d has reference to the C.N.R. deficit.

**Mr. McIntosh:** I am sorry, I am referring to the wrong item.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I may say that this is the lowest deficit the C.N.R. has had for many years.

Item agreed to.

## Civil aviation—

45d. Contributions to assist in the establishment or improvement of local airports and related facilities, \$50,000.

**Mr. McIntosh:** I am now referring to the right vote. In the minister's press release he said that particulars would be made available within a week. It is almost a week since that statement was made. I notice that the \$50,000 under this item has reference to the corporation of the town of St. Anthony, Newfoundland. In the minister's release he stated that funds would be made available, and would be increased in respect of single applications from \$50,000 to \$100,000, is that right?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** This item relates, of course, to something that was done before the new policy was announced.

**Mr. McIntosh:** Will the minister elaborate in that regard?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** This was arranged after the main estimates were brought down in which other airports were mentioned. This one was not included in those main estimates because it was done afterwards.

## [Translation]

**Mr. Laprise:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to draw the attention of the Minister of Transport to item 45d, particularly after the announcement he made last week concerning the assistance his department intended to give to the construction of airports in towns located near important centres.

The municipalities of Chapais and Chibougamau, which are in my riding, are quite distant from other centres. The municipal authorities have already prepared construction projects for small airports which could serve the population of those towns, and knowing that the minister has already received from those municipalities a request for financial assistance to improve those air-

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