

*Interim Supply*

administrator for the proposed coastguard college at Point Edward?

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** The hon. gentleman, as is not unusual, has his facts wrong. No appointment has been made to this position, because the college has not yet been established. What I did was to approve a suggestion that in the planning phase we should take advantage of the undoubted abilities of Captain Brand, who has great experience and who was the main initiator of the idea which is going to give this college to Point Edward.

**Mr. MacInnis:** I may say now to the Minister of Transport that I am not, as he tries to make out, usually wrong regarding these matters. A written announcement has appeared saying that Captain Brand has been appointed, temporarily at least, and my question was intended to find out from the department whether it was necessary, having in mind all the men in the services, particularly in the navy, who are being "cut", for the Department of Transport to go into the field of retired personnel. I am not questioning the captain's qualifications.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think the question has been stated. I do not know whether there is any further answer.

**Mr. MacInnis:** On a question of privilege—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. MacInnis:** Order has been called.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is raising a question of privilege and I should like to hear what he has to say.

**Mr. MacInnis:** I have stated before, Mr. Speaker, that since it is your duty to call order in this house I do not intend to pay any attention to yells from the other side. All I want to say on my question of privilege is this. I am permitted to ask a question here, and if the minister so wishes he can answer it. If he does not wish to answer, that is something I must accept. But I also want an opportunity to answer what was not an answer to my question but a statement by the minister in reference to the question I brought up. He never gave any answer. He got up and made his usual political attack about what is going on. He made a statement rather than an answer to the question—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member will have an opportunity after ten o'clock to debate the matter by giving notice.

**Mr. MacInnis:** I intend to do so.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I think perhaps I ought to apologize to the hon. member. If I said anything offensive to him I did not intend to do so. But I had thought that the hon. gentleman, like the other members from Cape Breton, was so pleased that this coastguard college was being established at Point Edward that he would have been very glad we took the most competent man immediately available to get on with the job as quickly as possible. It may not have been necessary, but in this particular case it seemed to me that it was advisable. I thank the hon. gentleman for showing his affection and esteem for me on my first day back in the house.

**Mr. MacInnis:** A further supplementary question. Will the minister not agree that the idea of a coastguard school in Cape Breton originated not, as he said, with an idea of Captain Brand but with a co-ordinator appointed by the Stanfield government who raised this question with the previous government as, I suggest, will be found in the hon. gentleman's files?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I do not think this is the time to go into ancient history, but I know that when I became minister Captain Brand was very keen to get on with this thing. He kept at me until action was taken and, I may say, we have got on with it.

**Mr. Graffey:** I had a supplementary question I should like to put to the Secretary of State—

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day. We are already three minutes over our time. The time was up at 3.25.

**SUPPLY**

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

**INTERIM SUPPLY**

Resolved, that a sum not exceeding \$740,710,-974.77, being the aggregate of

(a) two twelfths of the total of all of the items to be voted in the main estimates for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1965, as reduced, except finance item 15, mines and technical surveys item 25, national research council item 10, and transport items 15 and 25 for which the proportion is one twelfth and atomic energy item 5, external affairs item 20, forestry item 25 and legislation item 20 for which no proportion is being released, \$651,-829,576.84;