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a different matter, but they have not been carried so far. As a matter of fact they have not yet come before the committee. It is a question which is difficult to settle. To a certain extent it is a matter of legal opinion. What I am interested in is to expedite the business of the committee and also to see that all remarks made are relevant to the items before the committee.

It will be pretty hard to convince some hon. members that what the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra is saying now is relevant to the item under discussion. The minister has stated three times that it does not come under his jurisdiction. I would ask the hon. member to govern himself accordingly.

Mr. Green: Perhaps I can put it in this way—and, incidentally, I think the minister protests too much—that there certainly should be some jurisdiction in this department with regard to an iron and steel policy. Can the minister tell us whether the government as a whole, of which he is a part, has any iron and steel policy for Canada at this time? If so, what is that policy?

Mr. Winters: Mr. Chairman, I understand the hon. member is trying to be helpful—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Winters:—but the fact is that he has talked a good deal with respect to a matter that does not come within the ambit of these estimates. There will be opportunity under the estimates of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, which come at the moment under my acting jurisdiction, or under the estimates of the Minister of Trade and Commerce, to give adequate attention to the points he has in mind.

Mr. Drew: Mr. Chairman, I think probably the time taken in arguing this matter has equalled the time the hon. member would have devoted to the subject.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Drew: But I would suggest to those hon. members who seem so impatient in regard to the exercise of free speech in this chamber, that it is not going to facilitate procedure if they become impatient about the estimates—because these estimates are going to be dealt with, and dealt with very carefully. I do submit that there is the very sort of problem here which you, Mr. Chairman, have indicated in what you have said. There are these borderline problems. I would remind hon. members and the minister that this was one of the very difficulties I pointed out, namely the division between the Department of Resources and Development and the Department of Mines

and Technical Surveys. I said there would be some doubt as to where the border would be drawn between the two departments.

When the estimates of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys are examined it will be found that there is no provision in that department for a program of development. This program is important for the purpose of dealing with the general matter of supervising mining, the investigating and mapping of mining areas in this country, particularly in view of the fact that the supervision of mining comes under provincial governments.

In this instance I understand the hon. member seeks to discuss the development of a great resource. Even though in the opinion of the minister there may be some borderline difficulty, and even though the minister thinks it does not come under his supervision in this department, my understanding is that the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra thinks there should be a provision for a policy of this kind. I would point out to the minister that already in his department there is provision for development of forest resources and water resources in the forest areas and in the Northwest Territories, and the development of different types of resources involved there. I am suggesting that the hon. member be permitted to discuss this subject, unless it becomes apparent that it would be quite out of keeping to do so at this time.

Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce): Will you guarantee there will be no other speeches on the subject?

Mr. Drew: I will not give that guarantee, if that is what you are concerned with.

Mr. Winters: The question is whether or not we will address ourselves to the item before the committee or address ourselves to random items as they happen to occur to hon. members.

Mr. Green: That is not the situation at all.

An hon. Member: Yes, it is.

Mr. Green: The question is as to whether Canada has an iron and steel policy.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Mr. Chairman, may I—

Mr. Green: Wait until I make my statement.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): You have made it twice.

Mr. Green: There is a question which must be faced, now. This is not a matter of bringing up something at random; rather it has to do with the resources of Canada, and it certainly has to do with the development of those resources—

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Mr. Chairman—