

Q. Who are the members of the committee charged with the responsibility of making those adjustments, those capital adjustments?—A. The deputy minister of Veterans Affairs, and the director of the Veterans' Land Act.

Q. And I take it the entire \$1,000,000 provided by P.C. 1728 has been used up and that you are now on the second vote of \$850,000?—A. That is right.

Q. Are you in a position to express an opinion as to whether that will provide enough money to effect capital adjustments for all of those veterans homes on all of the projects?—A. Oh, it will be more than ample to provide for the adjustments on the contract cost, and I am reasonably hopeful that there will be enough to cover the costs of remedying defects.

Q. Can this committee have, and I should not ask for an assurance, but if you should run a little bit short, what are your personal views about coming back for sufficient money to treat everyone alike?—A. I would have no hesitation in doing so.

Q. Now, in turning to the other part of the problem, the repair of the defects, I believe I saw yesterday, a joint report of the deputy minister, the director, and Mr. Parrish. Could I have that again?

The CHAIRMAN: Here it is.

Mr. CLEAVER: Thank you.

*By Mr. Cleaver:*

Q. Mr. Murchison, who is Colonel Parrish?—A. I believe Colonel Parrish is a member of—I cannot recall the name of the construction firm in Montreal,—but he is a graduate in engineering from the University of McGill and an engineer who has had quite considerable experience in superintending construction of homes, individual homes of the luxury class, and in the construction of several hundred wartime houses in the Montreal area.

Q. Who appointed him as one of the committee of three to make the inspection of the veterans' land homes made in the spring of 1947?—A. I believe it was by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Q. In looking over this report, there are just one or two questions I would like to ask you. I am reading, Mr. Chairman, from page 19 of Colonel Parrish's report, as follows:—

After due consideration of the points mentioned above, that is about the defects, the following conclusions have been reached:—

- (a) With certain specific exceptions the houses, considering the present shortage of materials and skilled labour, are generally well built, and materials and workmanship are equal to those obtainable on to-day's market.

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I just read the summary, I did not read all the details—

the following recommendations are submitted for your consideration:—

- (a) That on sites where many basements are subject to flooding due to poor drainage, a careful study be made of this problem and work be undertaken to provide efficient drainage schemes and that this cost should not be charged to the purchaser.

Has that been done?—A. That is under way. The work has not been completed.