

Supply—Industry

largest designated area west of the Great Lakes is in my constituency, the Crowsnest Pass area, I should like to know if the government will concentrate on the establishment of new industries there. There have been two or three which have gone into the Crowsnest Pass area purely as a result of my efforts during the last two or three years. The government in the last election claimed all the credit for the establishment of these industries and I had quite a job trying to tell the people how the industries actually got there. If the government in its efforts to get new industries into this area would leave politics out, the result would be a much better program.

Mr. Winkler: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order at this stage while we are still in committee. I had a couple of contributions to make in the course of the debate. Now I want to make a plea to the committee to proceed with the business before us, and I will explain why.

Today in the question period I participated in a series of questions. One of my contributions was an inquiry made of the Minister of National Health and Welfare in regard to the recipients of old age security. At that particular time the Prime Minister suggested to us that he would proceed with this measure if there was a little more activity in the business of the house. We know that some debate is redundant and while I agree in large part with what the hon. member for Timiskaming said about designated areas I suggest that the committee pass the balance of the supplementary estimates. I am sure that the government is interested in coming forth with legislation to increase old age security pensions. I would ask the co-operation of the committee at this stage to agree to pass the balance of the supplementary estimates so that we can get a little closer to that goal.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall the item carry?

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Chairman, about vote 15e.

To provide that the amount appropriated by section 5(1) of the Area Development Incentives Act may be credited to the area development account from time to time—

I wish to call the minister's attention to that vote. The region which I represent here, that of northwestern Quebec, urgently needs help, incentives to develop industry.

[Mr. Kindt.]

As a matter of fact, in Malartic and Val-d'Or, mines will have to close their doors eventually. Two or three have already done so in the last year and 1966 does not look much more promising for the gold mines in the region.

The time has come, I think, for the government and the department to offer an incentive to encourage secondary industries to settle in that region in order to protect our people and prevent them from moving to other regions or further north or east or anywhere else. We want to keep our people and our cities.

Cities like Malartic and Val-d'Or will have to face, in a few months, economic conditions that are absolutely intolerable.

I call the minister's attention to the fact that industries must be encouraged to settle in northwestern Quebec. That would stimulate not only our region's economy but the economy of the province of Quebec and the whole of Canada.

[English]

The Deputy Chairman: Shall the item carry?

Item agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman: The estimates for the Department of Industry are now completed. We shall now take the Department of Justice.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Legal and Other Services—

1e. Administration, \$35,500

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Chairman, I do not object to what we are doing but I think it should be by understanding or arrangement and not by inadvertence. It is after six o'clock. I think the suggestion of the hon. member for Grey-Bruce that we might finish the supplementary estimates, has merit, but should it not be understood that we will rise not later than seven o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Benson: If it is agreeable to the house I would request that we do this. The Minister of Public Works is here, as I have indicated. We can get through the other estimates and he may have something to say about item 1e of the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Knowles: Is it clear, Mr. Chairman, that there is a house order that we suspend sitting between seven and eight o'clock?