

diesel railway repair shops from Cochrane immediately? This move will leave the town of Cochrane, which is mainly dependent on the railway workers, in desperate straits.

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I was not aware of the situation, but I will draw the hon. member's remarks to the attention of the management of Canadian National Railways and as soon as I receive a reply from them I will communicate it to the house.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS—OBSCENE LITERATURE —INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. L. Houck (Niagara Falls): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In the last parliament he referred to proposed legislation concerning the humane slaughter of animals and obscene literature. Does he intend to introduce bills covering these matters at this session?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, during the last parliament we gave a pretty firm commitment to reintroduce legislation dealing with the humane slaughter of animals at this session, and subject to the exigencies of the session that is still our intention.

With regard to the question of obscene literature, no commitment was given beyond saying that the matter was being studied. It is being studied and progress is being made, but I am not yet able to make a firm commitment with regard to legislation.

HOUSING

CENTRAL MORTGAGE AND HOUSING—PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erhart Regier (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. I do not imagine that he needs notice. Is the minister able to inform the house whether the supply of money granted to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation by the last parliament has been exhausted? If it has been exhausted, what is being done in the interim until further money is voted in order to ensure the continuation of the home-building program?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, the fund has not quite been exhausted; there still remains a small amount. If the hon. member will refer to *Votes and Proceedings* for today he will

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find there a resolution which will be on the order paper tomorrow providing for a further \$350 million. We hope to be able to get that through the house this week.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The house resumed, from Monday, May 12, consideration of the motion of Mr. Robert Lafreniere for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session.

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, at the beginning I should like, and in no mere formal way, to extend my congratulations to the mover (Mr. Lafreniere) and the seconder (Mr. Nielsen) of the address in reply to the speech from the throne. Under circumstances which are at best always a test of one's nerves, they acquitted themselves in a way which I am sure will commend itself to their constituents and which, I am also sure, has impressed the house with the desire to hear them again. The fact that they come from constituencies so far apart and so very different in character, experience and history underlines not only the vastness of our country but its variety of culture and development.

Quebec-Montmorency is in the very heartland of Canada, the centre of so much of our history and our traditions. While inhabited, of course, by people who are vigorous and forward looking in their activities, it also mirrors our past. It emphasizes the continuity of our growth and reflects the forces that have given that growth stability. The Yukon is astride what is, I suppose, our last physical frontier. There, new challenges are being met and new opportunities of progress are being exploited. "Go north" is now the call to adventure and achievement, as the hon. member who seconded the address so well illustrates by his own experience.

May I also, Mr. Speaker, offer my congratulations to you. I am not going to embarrass you by repeating the things I tried to say about you yesterday before you were chosen Speaker but I have not changed my mind overnight. I should also like to offer my congratulations and good wishes to the Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker), to his supporters in the house and to his party on their decisive, if from our point of view somewhat regrettable, victory on March 31. I am afraid that for us at that time it was not a question of the tides of March but the tides of March that swept over us.

I know that the Prime Minister and his colleagues in the cabinet face many and