

will be tabled. If they are not, and my hon. friend will give me a reminder, I will send him a copy if the house should not be in session.

Mr. BLACKMORE: May I tell the minister that I do not find myself in agreement with the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Church) with respect to turning the money over to the provinces. I think that for the minister to turn the money over to the provinces to be administered by them is the right course. If the provinces cannot assume the responsibility for the dominion government with respect to the care of the children of the dominion, it is time they took a course of training; they will take that if they have the responsibility thrust upon them.

What I should like to know is, why this is a \$120,000 estimate. What determines the amount which the minister is going to spend? Do the provinces apply for a certain amount? Do the municipalities apply? Do the mothers apply? Just how does the machinery work?

Mr. MITCHELL: You get the recommendation, of course, from the committees. I pointed out to my hon. friend about the local committees, and then the provincial committees, the provincial governments, and the national selective service. Then it is funnelled into my office. That may appear on the surface to be rather a slow procedure. It is not so slow as it appears to be. But I am sure my hon. friend will appreciate that first of all we have to be sure that the accommodation is the best obtainable and the conditions surrounding the nurseries are of a kind and character that would be approved by the public in general. I would rather go slowly myself and see that we did a good job thoroughly than be rushed into it hurriedly and probably receive far more criticism, and properly so, for doing it without having given due consideration to those interested organizations that I have mentioned.

With regard to the amount, \$120,000, that is merely an estimate; that is all. In war time, if the need shows itself, that amount can easily be increased and matched by the provinces.

Mr. BLACKMORE: What constitutes the local committee? How is it organized, and who determines the personnel? Is it chosen by the people or selected by the minister?

Mr. MITCHELL: We get nominations or suggestions of names from organizations interested—labour organizations or it may be farm organizations; I do not know. It depends on the nature of the locality. The provincial government picks out the provin-

cial committee. That is the way you choose people. I have endeavoured to get the best people I possibly could, people who understand and more particularly people who have some interest in whatever phase of policy it is on which I desire advice.

Mr. HARRIS (Danforth): First, may I pay a tribute to the nursery services in the eastern part of Toronto and to those public-spirited citizens who have assisted so much in the direction of the actual work and made it possible for the nursery services to have the premises in which the work can be carried on. This is not a new venture at all. To my own knowledge, for thirty years we have been giving this service to the people of Toronto. I speak for that part of the city with which I am best acquainted, and I can say that public-spirited citizens have headed the board of trustees and have seen to it that premises in which children are housed have been of a kind suitable for the purpose. I join with the hon. member for York South in paying a tribute to the personnel. My criticism is with reference to the women's voluntary services. Since the outbreak of the war they have been anxious to do something to assist in the work connected with these day nurseries; but, as the minister knows, the government in its wisdom saw fit more or less to disband this voluntary unit and to substitute a paid unit, thus dampening the enthusiasm and the ardour of these volunteers. More than that, the government has even suggested what work they might do.

I know the minister is of my own opinion, that the state should not do everything. I recognize the responsibility so far as the dominion and the provinces are concerned, and I think the provinces should be charged with the responsibility for this class of work. But for the extra day nursing facilities necessitated by the war, the responsibility is definitely on the shoulders of the dominion government. There has been no expansion to take care of that extra work occasioned by the extra number of mothers who find it necessary to participate in war industry. No direction of any consequence has been given, largely for the reason that the directors and trustees of the day nurseries were men who knew nothing of how to direct or guide war workers' children. They did not regard that as their particular job. They felt that their only job was to see to it that the assets were being used properly, that the premises were well taken care of and that the facilities were there. The personnel in the day nurseries did not feel that it was their responsibility to