

Supply—Labour

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Sevigny in the chair.

The Chairman: The house in committee of supply on further supplementary estimates: Department of Labour, vote 751, found at page 5 of further supplementary estimates, the details on page 19. Shall vote 751 carry?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Chairman, may I suggest that we revert to vote No. 750, which was the one allowed to stand last night.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Special services—

750. To provide for expenses of the special services branch including expenses for the promotion of a program for combating seasonal unemployment, the organization and use of workers for farming and related industries and assistance to the provinces under agreements entered into with the provinces by the Minister of Labour with the approval of the governor in council, and the movement, reception, supervision and welfare of workers from outside Canada to work on farms and other essential employment where Canadian labour is not available to meet the need—further amount required, \$100,000.

The Chairman: Shall vote 750 carry?

Mr. Pickersgill: Is the minister going to give the answers now?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Chairman, I was asked questions last night concerning expenditures and commitments to date in connection with the publicity program undertaken with a view to assisting in meeting the problem of seasonal unemployment in the winter, in the light of recommendations made last summer by the national winter employment conference which was convened in Ottawa. The information as to expenditures and commitments to date is as follows. The amount actually expended to March 20 is \$127,579.36. That amount was devoted to the following purposes.

Mr. Pickersgill: Can the minister just tell us what was the total of the vote?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): The total amount proposed for the item will be \$297,500. I have indicated that of that sum the amount expended to March 20 is \$127,579.36. The balance required to March 31 is estimated at \$169,920.64. I shall now give the breakdown of the amount actually expended to March 20.

Mr. Pickersgill: I am trying to get these figures accurately. If the minister would not mind an interruption, I should like to get confirmations of my understanding. He said that \$127,000 had been spent.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Yes.

as far as the civil service commission was concerned and as to the jurisdiction of the Postmaster General in connection with the mail carriers. As the newspaper says today, there will be a large meeting again in connection with the civil service commission and the salaries of the postal employees. Possibly the Prime Minister could give us an answer as to who is going to see about the matter of those grievances, and who is going to try to settle them before it is too late.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): I thank my hon. friend for the very courteous way in which he has presented a question that I should have answered the other day. However, I will let him have an answer on Monday, and I think that will satisfy him.

SHIPPING

GREAT LAKES—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO PROTECT CANADIAN INTERESTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. It is a repetition of a question I asked on February 13. The fact that he took it as notice and has not answered it might indicate that it was not urgent. However, it dealt with shipping and trade and the question of United States subsidization of ships calling at Canadian ports in this coming season. The season is very close to us. Not only one line but another line is being considered in the United States for subsidization. I would ask the minister whether any consideration has been given to protecting Canadian shipping interests against this particular kind of subsidized competition.

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I will look back at the question that was put forward on February 13. I think the matter properly lies with another department, but we will give this matter consideration.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, ETC.—CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources) moved the second reading of and concurrence in amendments made by the Senate to Bill C-26, to amend the Northwest Territories Act.

Motion agreed to, amendments read the second time and concurred in.