

2. In how many instances, with the amounts thereof in each case, to date have expenditures been (a) disallowed, and in what amounts (b) reduced, because of objections thereto taken by representatives of the Department of Trade and Commerce?

This is the answer given by the Minister of Trade and Commerce:

1. The control of expenditures exercised by the management of the Canadian World Exhibition Corporation is based on the requirements set forth in the incorporating Act and involves:

(a) the approval of the Governor in Council and the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the over-all plan for the Exhibition, setting forth the various undertakings and projects proposed by the Corporation in connection with the planning, organizing, holding and administering of the Exhibition, the estimated cost of each such undertaking or project and an estimate of the total capital costs and operating costs of the Corporation—

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I wonder whether the hon. gentleman could tell us the nature of the question of privilege before he reads at length from *Hansard*.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: I was about to suggest to the hon. Member that if he would state his question of privilege we could probably dispense with a little of the preamble.

Mr. Southam: I am almost finished. I will read the balance of it.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. Member was requested by the Chair to skip the extraneous part of the preamble. The material is on record in *Hansard* already. Perhaps he would come directly to his question of privilege in order to save the time of the House.

Mr. Southam: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question of privilege is this, and I think it will be evident to every hon. Member who will read the answer I received. This answer is completely evasive and I think is entirely misleading to Members of the House. I intend to reintroduce part of this question which was on the order paper in the hope that I may receive a complete answer.

SHIPPING

INQUIRY AS TO RESUMPTION OF SHIPBUILDING SUBSIDIES

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

Does the government intend to adopt a ship-building subsidy policy in order to promote the development of a genuine Canadian merchant marine and, at the same time, help reduce unemployment in Canada?

[*English*]

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): The hon. gentleman was good enough to send me the press clipping upon which he based his question. It raises broad matters of policy which cannot possibly be answered in response to a question asked on orders of the day.

PUBLIC WORKS

BRITISH COLUMBIA—USE OF PRISON LABOUR IN PENITENTIARY PAINTING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): I desire to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. Notice has already been sent to him. My question is of an urgent nature because the affirmation or reconsideration of the decision which is involved requires immediate attention.

I should like to ask the Minister whether he is in receipt of a telegram from the painter's union in Vancouver protesting the intended use of penitentiary inmates to do the painting work on the new—and I repeat the word "new"—multimillion dollar Federal Drug Institution being constructed in British Columbia. If so, what consideration is being given to the request of the union that on new construction—and again I emphasize the word "new"—penitentiary labour should not be used?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Public Works): I have received the telegram to which the hon. Member refers. It is true that inmates are to be used for the interior painting of a penitentiary. Whether the penitentiary is new or whether the work is to be done in connection with maintenance does not change the principle.

I must say I am a little surprised at the attitude of the union in this matter, because I think all hon. Members know that under the Department of Justice rehabilitation is an increasingly important objective of our penal institutions. In that regard this type of work and other work comprise part of the inmate training program which has been quite successful in rehabilitating inmates.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since inmates of the penitentiary are being used